KEWEI XU

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EDUCATION

Northeastern University — Boston, US
PhD in Economics — Expected Jun. 2030

Northwestern University — Evanston, US
Master of Social and Economic Policy, Dual Degree Program — Aug. 2023 - Mar. 2025
Grading: 3.86/4.0
Core Modules: Causal Methods for Evaluating Policy, Applied data science

The Chinese University of Hong Kong — Shatin, Hong Kong
Master of Applied Economics, Dual Degree Program — Aug. 2023 - Mar. 2025
Grading: 3.5/4.0
Core Modules: Microeconomics, Econometrics, Macroeconomics

Peking University, Guanghua School of Management — Beijing, China
Exchange Student with Scholarship — Sept. 2021 - Jun. 2022
Relevant Courses: Python Foundation for Data Science, China Economy

University of Sydney, Business School — Sydney, Australia
Bachelor of Commerce, Major: Finance, Minor: Accounting — Aug. 2019 - Dec. 2022
Grading: Distinction, among the top 10% in the cohort; received honour degree offer
Awarded the University of Sydney Business School Student Exchange Travel Scholarships
Core Modules: Derivative Security, Corporate Finance, Financial Accounting, Management Accounting

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Decentralized Autonomous Organization Project, Hong Kong Polytechnic University — Kowloon, Hong Kong
Research Assistant — Mar. 2025 - July 2025
- Worked as a research assistant of Prof. Wenzhi Ding (Dave)

Guided Research Capstone Project, Northwestern University — Evanston, US
Author — Sept. 2024 - Mar. 2025
- Conducted independent research and authored a working paper *Local Leader Behavior and Economic Performance*
- Employed the BERTopic and latent Dirichlet allocation to divide local governments' behaviors
- Paper was accepted by PREDOC.org Research Conference

Early Life Disease Environment and Disability Project, Northwestern University — Evanston, US
Co-author — Sept. 2024 - Dec.2024
- Wrote literature review on Early Life Health and Cognitive Function in Old Age
- Employed PDS (post-double-selection) model to find appropriate control variables

The Smokefree Policy Project, Northwestern University — Evanston, US
Co-author — Feb. 2024 - Dec. 2024
- Worked as a co-author with Prof. Hamid Noghanibehambari and Dr. Hoa Vu
- Merged census data and cigarette tax data, conducted the fixed effect analysis, and explored mechanism in Stata
- Visualized the year of cigarette tax introduction by states using python
- Wrote literature review on smokefree policies and their impacts in America
- This paper *Clearing the Smoke: Early-Life Exposure to Cigarette Taxes and Later-Life Old-Age Disability and Mortality* is undergoing a peer review process

Recruitment Camp for Prospective PhD Students, The Chinese University of Hong Kong — Shatin, Hong Kong
Candidate — May 2024 - May 2024
- Give a presentation about my working paper: *Class composition, diversity peer effects and student achievement*

A longitudinal field experiment on work team creativity in an extreme context, Peking University — Beijing, China
Research Assistant — Dec. 2021 - Jan. 2022
- Collected data from CNKI and polished data with winsorization and tested randomization by ANOVA
- Used Latex for formatting and employed data visualization tools

- Served as research assistant for Prof. Wang Lan and provided assistance to the paper by Lan Wang, Xiao-ping Chen, & Jun Yin (2022). Leading via virtual communication: a longitudinal field experiment on work team creativity in an extreme context. *Asia Pacific Journal of Management*.

ESG Fund Analysis Project   Sydney, Australia
Honour Program   Dec. 2022 - Mar. 2023
- Rank 10% in the Finance Major and be accepted by Professor Shumi Akhtar, Dr. Wei Cui and Dr. Juan Yao as a honour student at the University of Sydney
- Did literature review on the ESG fund and its impact, including Giese, G., Lee, L. E., Melas, D., Nagy, Z., & Nishikawa, L. (2019). Foundations of ESG investing: How ESG affects equity valuation, risk, and performance. *The Journal of Portfolio Management*, 45(5), 69-83. Kelly, B., & Jiang, H. (2014) etc.
- Collected and polished data from LSEG

CONFERENCE AND SEMINARS

PREDOC.org Research Conference   Washington D.C. ,US
Presenter   July 2025
- Working paper *Local Leader Behavior and Economic Performance* was accepted

Applied Social Sciences Alliance (ASSA) Annual Conference 2025   San Francisco, US
Attendee   Jan. 2025

Fourth Annual Empirical Research Conference on Standardization   Chicago, US
Attendee   Oct. 2025

RROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Haitong Securities   Shenzhen, China
Investment Bank Intern   Mar. 2023 - Jun. 2023
- Conducted integrity check, completed Bond Annual Report of Haifa Holding Group Co., Ltd. (2022)
- Prepared the 3 prospectuses with a total value of RMB 6.4 billion independently, including the disclosure of the company's business, financial status, risk factors, etc. All prospectus was accepted by the China Securities Regulatory Commission
- Sorted out the past project experience of Haitong Securities Shenzhen Bond Financing Department and prepared bidding documents

HuanAn Securities   Shanghai, China
Equity Research Intern   Jan. 2023 - Mar. 2023
- Formed the 5 research reports including Invotech New Shares Report, Huazhong CNC Research Report, Zhejiang Heademan Research Report, and Sinoseal Holdings Research Report . Provided support for the company's stock to attract investment and boost valuation
- Participated in 2 exhibitions on the spot, organized 3 performance exchange meeting, and conducted in-depth exchanges with executives
- Used Xiumi and other software, responsible for the typesetting and updating of 5 in-depth reports and 2 weekly views on the official account "Organic Investment". Read volume reached 300

Meritco Services Management Consulting   Beijing, China
Research Analyst Intern   Mar. 2021 - June. 2021
- Participated in a China restaurant analysis for Sequoia Capital. Used python and an interior database of Merito Service to collect more than 100,000 restaurants' data and did research using PivotTable.
- Participated in the analysis project of luxury goods buyer platform. Data crawling and analysis of hundreds of brands on platforms such as SSENCE and FARFETCH, interviewed with different groups to understand their luxury consumption habits, and helped the team complete analysis reports.

Bank of Communications   Ningbo, China
Investment Bank Dept./Inclusive Finance Dept. (Intern)   Jan. 2021 - Feb. 2021
- Assisted Ningbo Physis Technology in its cross-border acquisition of Italian OSAI cnc S.R.L. automation company and completed due diligence
- Completed the prospectus of Ningbo Zhongpu Petrochemical Investment Group 2021 Green Medium Term Notes and participated in the whole process of underwriting
- Compared similar projects from various banks and prepared analysis reports and collected data on project promotion and assessed performance of different branches

SCHOLARSHIP AND HONORS

Stipended Graduate Assistantships from Northeastern University   Aug. 2025
Vice Chancellor's Global Mobility Scholarship from the University of Sydney   April. 2022
University of Sydney Business School Student Exchange Travel Scholarships   Aug. 2021

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Student Representative: Faculty Board, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia   Jan. 2021 - Jan. 2022
Languages: Mandarin (Native), Japanese (JLPT n2), English (Fluent: GRE 335)
Computer Skills: Advanced: Python, Latex, Stata, MS office, Intermediate: Wind, Bloomberg, Think-Cell, SQL, MATLAB, html, CSS