Da Gong

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Research Interests

Political Economy, Labor Economics, Development Economics Applied Machine Learning, Economic History

Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Economics	Sep. 2018 – Present
UC Riverside	Riverside, CA

M.A., History

Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)

Sep. 2015 – Jun. 2018

Beijing, China

B.A., Business AdministrationSep. 2011 – Jun. 2015
Hunan University
Changsha, China

Working paper

Cost of Zero-Covid: Effects of Anti-contagious Policy on Labor Market Outcomes in China

with Andong Yan and Jialin Yu

this paper study the effect of the zero-Covid policy on labor outcomes in China, and further explore spillover effects and heterogeneous effects across different groups.

Formation and Evolution of Beliefs: Famine Experience and Trust in Neighbors

with Zhian Hu and Chuanchuan Zhang

This paper examines how a traumatic experience across differential cultural configurations, can shed light on norms of risk sharing and community cultural persistence, in the context of Great Chinese Famine (1959-1961)

Work in progress

Politicians, Media and COVID

This paper focuses on how politician's public opinions, provided by local media, shape people's belief and behavior related to COVID. To be specific, We will use natural language processing algorithm such as LDA and sIBP to categorized information provision and use COVID-Bert and Crowdbreaks Streamer to get measures of opinion toward COVID.

Research Assistant China Gazetteer Project

Mentor: Richard B. Freeman, Harvard University Feb. 2017 – Dec. 2017 Interviewed with gazetteer compilers and conducted qualitative research in the statistic criteria at county level.

Established a database of population and agriculture policies in China from 1949 to 2000.

Human Capital Transfers and Rural Enterprise Development

Mentor: Jie Bai, Harvard Kennedy School Oct. 2017 – Jan. 2018 Studied urban-rural migration shock during the Chinese sent-down movement between 1968 to 1976. A 2sls model is used to explore the impact on on rural human capital and local firm performance.

Fellowship

Dean's Distinguished Fellowship, UC Riverside Sep. 2018

Talks Applied Brownbag May. 2021

UC Riverside Riverside, CA

Seminar in China Economy Dec. 2017 Harvard University Cambridge, MA

Skills Programming

STATA, Python, R, ArcGIS