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Education

Shandong University (SDU), Bioengineering, GPA: 3.384/4.0, Rank 6/50 (Top 12%),
2023–2026 (expected)

Dalian University of Technology (DUT), Chemical Engineering, GPA: 3.52/4.0, Rank
17/230 (Top 7.4%), 2019–2021

Papers and Publications

- [1] Chen, B., Hong, D., Ji, J., **Zheng, J.**, Dong, B., Zhou, J., Wang, K., Dai, J., Wang, X., Chen, W., Zheng, Q., Li, W., Han, S., Guo, Y., & Yang, Y. (Under Review). *InterMT: Multi-Turn Interleaved Preference Alignment with Human Feedback*. Submitted to NeurIPS 2025.
<https://pku-intermt.github.io>
- [2] Khan, J., Li, Y., & Girardin, E. (Under Review). The effectiveness of Unilateral vs. multilateral Carbon adjustment mechanisms under WTO and Climate rules. *One Earth* (**contributed to data analysis, model development and visualization**).
- [3] Khan, J., Li, Y., & **Zheng, J.** (Under Review). Sectoral growth dynamics, domestic linkages, and GVC movement in Pakistan: A single and multi-regional input-output modeling approach. *Review of Development Economics*.
- [4] **Zheng, J.**, Khan, J., & Alam, Z. (Minor revision). Agglomeration economies and regional inequalities: Theory and evidence from provincial China. *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies*.
- [5] Xiao, X., Khan, J., & **Zheng, J.** (Under Review). Structural changes and sectoral linkages: Unveiling the ICT sector's role in China and India. *Telecommunication Policy*.
- [6] Khan, J., Li, Y. (2023). Linkages and Structural Changes in the Chinese Financial Sector, 1996–2018: A Network and Input–Output Approach. *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*. (**acknowledged**)
· This study highlights the significant impact of the Chinese financial sector on downstream growth, its vital intermediary role, and the internalization that followed the global financial crisis. It underscores the importance of integrated policies for managing evolving systemic risks in light of shifting intersectoral dynamics.
- [7] Crespo, R., & Rodríguez-Pose, A. (2024). Innovation and Regional Growth in Europe (Ren, J. [Ed.]). Beijing: Economic Management Press.
· This book explores the complex relationship between innovation and regional growth, applying the social filter theory. It examines how collaborations among universities, research institutions, industries, and government entities drive regional innovation. Special focus is given to Europe's mechanisms for external innovation absorption and China's distinctive innovation dynamics, including the Belt and Road Initiative and dual circulation development strategy. **Translated Chapter 3: "Geographical Accessibility and Human Capital Accumulation"**.
- [8] Li, Y., & Khan, J. (in process). Wind from the East: How the Belt and Road Initiative Connects Continents to Unleash Economic Potential. Peter Lang. (Acknowledged)

Conference Presentations

31st International Input-Output Association Conference, Malé, 2025.06 (expected)

- *Oral Presentation*: Linkages and Structural Changes in the Chinese Financial Sector, 1996–2018

The 10th International Workshop on RUSE in China, Peking University, 2023

- *Oral Presentation*: Agglomeration Economies and Regional Inequality in Provincial China

Technical Skills and Interests

Languages: Chinese (Native), English (IELTS 7)

Software: Office Suite (Advanced), Adobe Suite (Intermediate), IBM-SPSS (Intermediate), Matlab (Intermediate), C (Intermediate), OriginLab (Intermediate), Python (Intermediate), STATA (Basic), R (Basic)

Mathematical Level: Calculus I, SDU (98/100); Calculus, DUT II (92/100); Linear Algebra, SDU (90/100); Probability and Mathematical Statistics Theory, DUT (88/100); College Physics (Classical Mechanics and Optics, DUT): 98/100; College Physics (Electromagnetism and Quantum Mechanics, DUT): 100/100

Areas of Interest: Data Science, Input-Output analysis, GVCs, Large Language Models

Scholarships

IIOA Travel Grant (\$3000) 2025

National Scholarship (DUT, 8000RMB) 2020

National Encouragement Scholarship (SDU, 5000RMB) 2023

Tertiary Scholarship of Distinction (SDU, 1000RMB) 2023

Secondary Scholarship (DUT, 500RMB) 2020

Scholarship for Excellence in Character and Civic Spirit (DUT, 400RMB) 2020

Internships

Research Intern, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, China (2025.02 – 2025.05). *Data Science and Data Alignment*.

- Engaged in data science and data alignment, collaborating with Jiaming Ji and Boyuan Chen (Peking University) for NeurIPS 2025.

Community Leader on Secondment, Tian Village, Weihai City, Shandong Province, China (2024 – present).

- Assisted in various community activities, including after-school tutoring for elementary students, daycare services, and science popularization efforts. Additionally, provided education on emergency first aid techniques, such as CPR and the Heimlich maneuver, and raised awareness about the prevention and treatment of AIDS and tuberculosis. This role was part of a university social practice program organized by Shandong University (Weihai) to promote communication and interaction between university students and the community, and to address real-world social issues.

Research Assistant, The Bartlett School of Sustainable Construction, University College London (Online Project, 2024.04 – 2024.08). *Supervisor: Prof. Zhifu Mi, Dr. Haoran Zhang*.

- Participated in the project “The analysis of the references of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Assessment Reports”.

Research Assistant, Institute of International Studies, Shandong University (2023 – present). *Supervisor: Prof. Yuan Li and Postdoc Jamal Khan*.

- Participated in the construction of the Regional and Country-specific Big Data Center at Shandong University, responsible for programming, visualization, and laboratory maintenance. The research topics include data science, machine learning and natural language processing.

Management Trainee of Marketing Department, Golden Education, Weihai (Summer 2023).

- Organized, planned, promoted, and implemented high-interest and high-value campus brand activities.
- Expanded personal network through online new media and social channels, established connections with more students, and provided financial certificate consultation for students in need.
- Assisted in developing the campus market and completing team tasks.

Personal Projects

MCM/ICM – Leader of Team (2020, 2021, 2023).

- Mathematical modeling contest, responsible for modeling and paper writing.
- Successful Participant (65%) P.S. I consider myself less proficient, as I have never received an Honorable Mention or a higher accolade. :(

APMCM – Leader of Team (2020, 2022, 2024).

- Mathematical modeling contest, responsible for modeling and paper writing.
- Third Prize (25%) P.S. I have consistently received third-place awards, despite my efforts in studying mathematical modeling, and have never attained higher accolades. :(

iTooth with a Smooth Tongue – Leader of Team (2022).

- Leader. Case Competition. To enhance public awareness of oral health and provide an Internet-based solution for dental well-being.
- Second Prize in the 13th National College Students "EINNOVATION/CREATIVITY/ENTREPRENEURSHIP" Competition.

iLoveNoEmo – Leader of Team (2023).

- Leader. Case Competition. Focusing on the mental health of young individuals, disseminating knowledge about psychological issues, and delivering a digitized solution for emotional well-being through a WeChat account.
- The Project of The 10th China International College Students' 'Internet+' Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition.

TEACH FOR CHINA (#Bilibili) – Volunteer Teacher (2023).

- TEACH FOR CHINA program, ensuring all children in China, regardless of their background, have access to equitable and high-quality education.
- Record lessons for students in poor rural areas to promote educational equity.

Positions of Responsibility

Vice President, SDU – 'Shanghai' Political Observation Club (School of Marxism) (2024-2025).

Head of External Relations, SDU – 'Shanghai' Political Observation Club (School of Marxism) (2023-2024).

Secretary, SDU – Department of Students Rights and Mental Health (2022-2023).

Vice Minister, DUT – New Media Studio of Art Troupe of Youth League Committee (2020-2021).

Vice-president, DUT – Department of Literature and Art, School of Chemistry (2019-2020).

Secretary, DUT – 'Yin Ji Guang Ying' New Media Studio (2019-2020).

Head, DUT – College Housing Committee (2019-2021).

Memberships

International Input-Output Association (IIOA).

Chinese Society of Optimization, Overall Planning, and Economical Mathematics.

Beijing Society of Image and Graphics.

References

Jamal Khan, Ph.D.

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Yuan Li, Ph.D.

Ph.D. in Economics from Graduate School in the Economics and Finance of Public Administration (DEFAP),
Catholic University of Milan
Executive Dean of Institute of International Studies, Shandong University
Distinguished Young Scholar in Shandong University (First Level)
Former Professor at University of Duisburg-Essen (W2)
Former Assistant Professor at Stockholm School of Economics
Former President of the Chinese Economic Association (UK/Europe)
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