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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Associate Professor	<i>1/2026 - Present</i>
<i>School of Public Finance and Taxation, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, China</i>	
Lecturer (Assistant Professor)	<i>11/2023 - 12/2025</i>
<i>School of Public Finance and Taxation, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, China</i>	
Visiting Scholar (forthcoming)	<i>3/2026 – 3/2027</i>
<i>Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, George Washington University, U.S.</i>	
Visiting Scholar	<i>11/2021 – 12/2022</i>
<i>Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota Twin cities, U.S.</i>	
Researcher in Infrastructure Investment and Financing	<i>7/2018 – 8/2019</i>
<i>Beijing Bridata Technology Co., Ltd., Research Department, China</i>	

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Public Finance	<i>09/2019 - 10/2023</i>
<i>Dept. of Public Finance and Taxation, Central University of Finance and Economics, China</i>	
M.A. in Public Finance	<i>09/2015 - 07/2018</i>
<i>Dept. of Economics, Qingdao University, China</i>	
B.S. in Statistics	<i>09/2011 - 07/2015</i>
<i>Dept. of Economics, Qingdao University, China</i>	

EDITORIAL POSITION

2025-now **Editorial Board Member**, *Review of Policy Research* (AJG/ABS 2 rated journal) [Link](#)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (Last Five Years)

Books:

Shikun Qin. Public–Private Partnerships in China: Governance Logic and Policy Implications.
Routledge. Forthcoming, planned publication in 2026. (*in English*)

Haitao Ma, Laicheng Wen, Tangzhe Cao, **Shikun Qin.** Performance Management of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Projects: Theory and Practice. *China Financial & Economic Publishing House*, 2021. (*in Chinese*) [Link](#)

Published peer-reviewed papers (* corresponding author):

Shikun Qin, Jerry Zhirong Zhao. Public-Private or Public-Public? Exploring Factors Affecting Private Participation in China's PPPs [J]. *Review of Policy Research*, 2025. [Link](#)

Weijie Luo, **Shikun Qin**, et al. From trade to tensions: How economic interdependence shapes diplomatic hospitality, 1989–2019[J]. *The World Economy*, 2025. [Link](#)

Shikun Qin, Hui Kong, Jerry Zhirong Zhao. Spatial diffusion of public-private partnership (PPP) in China: A county-level analysis[J]. *Cities*, 2024. [Link](#)

Shikun Qin, Weijie Luo. Exploring local government financing strategies in China: A capital structure perspective[J]. *Public Performance & Management Review*, 2022. [Link](#)

Weijie Luo, **Shikun Qin***. China's local political turnover in the Twenty-First Century[J]. *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, 2021. [Link](#)

Shikun Qin, Weijie Luo, Yaling Wang. Policy uncertainty and firm-level investment: Evidence from public-private partnership market in China[J]. *Applied Economics Letters*, 2022. [Link](#)

Xiangwen Zheng, Xiaolin Li, **Shikun Qin** *. Does childhood traumatic experience affect household life insurance demand in middle and older ages? Evidence from the 1959-1961 Great Chinese Famine[J]. *Applied Economics Letters*, 2024. [Link](#)

Sin Lin, **Shikun Qin**, Li Peng, et al. Assessing geographic barriers to access long-term services and supports in Chengdu, China: A spatial accessibility analysis[J]. *Sustainability*, 2025. [Link](#)

Shikun Qin, Yaling Wang, Xiaowen Yang. Policy innovation diffusion and PPP spatial distribution[J]. *China Finance and Economic Review*, 2022. [Link](#)

Shikun Qin, Haitao Ma. The rise of livelihood expenditure in China: Evidence from tax reduction policies [J]. *China Soft Science (中国软科学)*, 2025. (in Chinese) [Link](#)

Haitao Ma, **Shikun Qin** *. Fiscal rules and local government behavior. *Modern Economic Science (当代经济科学)*, 2023. (in Chinese) [Link](#)

Haitao Ma, **Shikun Qin** *. How fiscal stress affects local welfare expenditures. *Economic Perspectives (经济学动态)*, 2022. (in Chinese) [Link](#)

Shikun Qin, Yaling Wang, Xiaowen Yang. Policy innovation diffusion and PPP spatial distribution. *Finance & Trade Economics (财贸经济)*, 2021. (in Chinese) [Link](#)

Shikun Qin. Risk identification of urban fiscal stress in China. *Journal of Central University of Finance & Economics (中央财经大学学报)*, 2020. (in Chinese) [Link](#)

Yue Liu, **Shikun Qin**, Yingzi Jia. Reflections on China's PPP information disclosure mechanism. *Fiscal Science (财政科学)*, 2020. (in Chinese) [Link](#)

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Manuscript Reviewer

Manuscripts from *Economics of Governance*, *Finance Research Letters*, *Frontiers in Public Health*, *Frontiers in Physics*, *Health Economics Review*, *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, *Journal of Technology Transfer*, *Journal of Infrastructure Policy and Development*, *Journal of Risk and Financial Management*, *International Journal of Accounting and Information Management*, *PLOS ONE*, *Public Administration and Development*, *Scientific Reports*, *Sustainability*, *Infrastructures*, *Buildings*, etc.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“*Administrative Burden and Business-State Interactions in the Digital Era: Evidence from e-*

Government Procurement”, 2026 American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) in Hollywood, CA.
(Accepted)

“Attraction of Private Capital through Public-Private Partnerships in the Transportation Sector: Evidence from China”, 2022 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM) Conference, Miami

“Debt Stress, Fiscal Decentralization, and Expenditure Cutting”, 2022 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM) Conference, Miami

“Local Government Financing Behavior Under Budget Constraints: A Test Based on the Capital Structure Theory”, The Chinese Economists Society 2021 Annual Conference, Online

PROJECTS

Digital Transformation of Government Procurement: Theoretical Logic, Policy Performance, and Mechanisms (National Natural Science Foundation of China, 2026–2028, RMB 300,000)
Role: Principal Investigator (sole PI)

Digital Transformation of Government Procurement (Fundamental Research Funds for the Central Universities, 2025–2026, RMB 20,000)
Role: Principal Investigator (sole PI)

Local Government Financing Since the New Budget Law: Evolution, Impact, and Governance
(2022 Central University of Finance and Economics Doctoral Student Support Plan, RMB 10,000)
Role: Principal Investigator (sole PI)

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Southwestern University of Finance and Economics **2023-2024**
• **Courses:** Public Economics, Study on Tax Theory and Practice, Methods and Applications of Policy Analysis

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- National Scholarship for Doctoral Students, The Ministry of Education of China, 2023 (¥ 30,000)
- Academic Star, Central University of Finance and Economics, 2023 (¥ 10,000)
- Graduate Academic Award, Central University of Finance and Economics, 2022 (¥ 5,000)
- OpenAI Researcher Access Program (\$ 4,000)

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Language: Mandarin (Native), English
- Programming language: Stata (Proficient), Python
- Tools: ArcGIS, Gephi, Pajek, Netlogo
- Statistical models: DID, IV regression, Spatial data analysis, Text analysis, Social network analysis (SNA), Agent-based model (ABM)

Member of the Association

- China-America Association for Public Affairs (CAAPA) 2024-2025