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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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

### EDUCATION

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

### EDITORIAL POSITION

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

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (Last Five Years)

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#### 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](#)

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## 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.

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## 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**

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**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**

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*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**

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- 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**

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- 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**

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