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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Lecturer (Assistant Professor) 11/2023 - Present

School of Public Finance and Taxation, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, China

Visiting Scholar 11/2021 – 12/2022

Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota Twin cities, United States

Researcher in Infrastructure Investment and Financing 7/2018 – 8/2019

Beijing Bridata Technology Co., Ltd., Research Department, China

EDUCATION

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

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

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (Last Five Years)

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](#)

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](#)

Books:

- 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](#)

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Manuscript Reviewer

Manuscripts from *Economics of Governance*, *Finance Research Letters*, *Frontiers in Public Health*, *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

- “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: project lead

Local Government Financing Since the New Budget Law: Evolution, Impact, and Governance
(2022 Central University of Finance and Economics Doctoral Student Support Plan)

Role: project lead

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