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## EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D. in Economics</b> University of Zurich	2019 - present
<b>Visiting Student</b> Northwestern University	2023
<b>M.Phil. in Social Science</b> ( <i>Economics Track</i> ) Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	2018
<b>M.A. in Economics</b> ( <i>with Distinction</i> ) Vanderbilt University	2016
<b>B.A. in Finance</b> ( <i>with Honor</i> ) Renmin University of China	2014

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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Development Economics, Public Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Political Economy

## WORKING PAPER

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### **"Reshaping Partition into Partnership: Forced Diversity and Development in Rural China" (JMP)**

- What is the impact of ethnic diversity on cooperation and development? This paper provides micro-level evidence from Communist China's rural forced integration campaign during the 1950s-1980s, which brought together farmers from diverse ethnic backgrounds to live and work collectively in agriculture and public goods projects. Using a regression discontinuity design, the findings reveal that institutional context shapes the effects of ethnic diversity on cooperation and development. During the campaign, forced ethnic diversity had a negative impact on interethnic marriage rates and GDP per capita. However, after the campaign ended, these effects shifted to positive. In the long run, the experience of ethnic diversity due to the forced integration campaign led to increased voluntary participation in interethnic farmer cooperatives, which grew larger and more efficient in production. The positive effects are attributed to strengthened interethnic networks and reduced inequality in human capital accumulation. Marketization, as a key institutional change, played a crucial role in transforming the impact of ethnic diversity from negative to positive. This paper highlights the importance of institutions in shaping the effects of ethnic diversity.

### **"Coeducation, Female Human Capital, and the Evolution of Gender Norms" (with Yuchen Lin)**

### **"Place-based Policy, Vertical Competition, and Resource Misallocation: Evidence from China's Special Economic Zones" (with Jidong Yang), Submitted.**

### **"Fiscal Pressure and the Market Structure of Government-controlled Factors" (with Kai Liu, Jidong Yang), Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Economics & Management Strategy*.**

## PUBLICATION

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"Impact of the US-China Trade War on Resource Allocation: Evidence from China's Land Supply" (with Jidong Yang, Qijing Yang, Yulong Zhou), *China Economic Review*, Dec 2022.

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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RES PhD Conference (2024), Tübingen Econ History Winter School (2024), ASREC Europe Conference (2024), DEM Workshop in Culture and Comparative Development (2024), PSE Doctorissimes Conference (2024), ACES Political Economy Summer School (2023), Northwestern Economic History Lunch (2023), MPSA Annual Conference (2023), International Symposium on Quantitative History (2023), EHS Annual Conference (2023), LSE Chinese Economic and Social History Workshop (2023), International Conference on China Development Theory (2023), NYU Quantitative China Studies Seminar (2021), Zurich CIS Workshop in Empirical Political Economy (2020), Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis (2019), MPSA Annual Conference (2018), China Conference on Organizational Economics (2016)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Zurich

Global Poverty and Economic Development (20Fall, 21Fall, 23Fall) - master level  
Econometrics for Development Economics (21Spring, 22Spring) - master level  
Seminar in Recent Developments in Competition Policy (21Fall) - master level

### HKUST & HKU

Introduction to Economics (17Spring) - bachelor level  
Economic Development in China (17Fall) - master level  
Quantitative Data Analysis (18Spring) - master level  
Empirical Analysis of China (19Spring) - master level

## OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

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Research Assistant at Department of Economics, University of Hong Kong	2018 - 2019
- Full-time RA for Prof. James Kai-sing Kung	
- Primary responsibility: chapter contributions to <i>Cambridge Economic History of China</i>	

## SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

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Doc.Mobility Fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation	2022
PhD Scholarship, University of Zurich	2019 - present
Postgraduate Studentship, HKUST	2016 - 2017
Academic Excellent Graduate, Vanderbilt University	2016
James S. and Rosemary Worley Award, Vanderbilt University	2015
Tuition Scholarship, Vanderbilt University	2014-2015
Excellent Undergraduate Graduate, Renmin University of China	2014

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native), Cantonese (native)  
**Software:** STATA (proficient),  $\text{\LaTeX}$ (proficient), ArcGIS (proficient), Python (intermediate), R (basic)

## REFERENCE

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