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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Assistant Professor of Economics, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Hong Kong,  
August 2020-

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Development, Political Economy, Economic History

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, 2014-2020

Dissertation Title: *Essays on Development Economics*

Dissertation Committee: Samuel Bazzi, Dilip Mookherjee and Robert A. Margo

B.Soc.Sci. Economics, *First Class Honors*, National University of Singapore, 2011-2014

### **WORKING PAPERS**

- [1] "Local Elites, Land Rents and Incentives for Development: Evidence from Village Chiefs in Indonesia"
- [2] Ethnic Segregation and Politics: Evidence from Malaysia (joint with Chun Chee Kok)
- [3] Transportation Networks and Inter-Ethnic Contact (joint with Thomas Gautier and Alex Rothenberg)
- [4] The Determinants of Altruism: Evidence from a Field Experiment on Choice Overload and the Deservingness of Beneficiaries (joint with Yohanes Eko Riyanto and Masyhur Hilmy)

### **SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS**

- [1] Inter-Group Contact and Nation-Building in Southeast Asia (joint with Chun Chee Kok)
- [2] Ethnic Minority Networks, Development and Nation-Building:  
Evidence from Historical Chinese Migration to Indonesia (joint with Arya Gaduh  
and Chun Chee Kok)

### **INVITED SEMINARS**

**2022-2023** (incl. scheduled): University of Manchester (Applied Economics Lunch)

**2021-2022**: National University of Singapore (Political Science), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Applied Economics), Australian National University (ACDE Seminar)

**2020-2021**: Northwestern (Equality Development and Globalization Studies)

### **INVITED CONFERENCES**

**2022** (incl. scheduled): ASREC Europe (London)

- 2021:** Joint Hong Kong Empirical Microeconomics Workshop (HKU & HKUST), Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (Virtual), Virtual Historical Political Economy Workshop (Virtual), 3rd International Conference on Globalization & Development (Gottingen, Germany. Virtual)
- 2020:** Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (MIT. Virtual), IEA World Congress (Bali, Indonesia)\*, 17th Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Purdue. Virtual), CSAE Conference 2020: Economic Development in Africa (Oxford, UK. Virtual), PacDev: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (UC Berkeley. Virtual)
- 2019:** Northeast Universities Development Conference (Northwestern), Economic History Association Meeting (Atlanta, GA. Poster Session), Southeast Asia Research Group N.A. Meeting (University of British Columbia. Poster Session)
- 2018:** 17th Nordic Conference on Development Economics (UNU-WIDER. Helsinki, Finland)
- 2017:** Summer School in Development Economics (Prato, Italy)
- \* Postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19

## RESEARCH GRANTS (ALL AS PI)

- University of Hong Kong (HKU) Faculty Incentive, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building* US\$ 26,272 2021
- Hong Kong Research Grants Council, Early Career Scheme, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building* 2022-2024
- HKU Start-Up Research Grant, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building* US\$ 38,500 2020-2022
- Manuel Abdala Gift Grant, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building* US\$ 8,000 Spring 2020
- Boston University (BU) Initiative on Cities Seed Funding, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building* US\$ 9,000 Fall 2018
- BU Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship (Short-Term), *Why Pay the Chief? Land Rents and Political Selection in Indonesia* US\$ 9,000 Fall 2018
- BU Economics Department Summer Research Grant, *Why Pay the Chief? Land Rents and Political Selection in Indonesia* US\$ 5,000 Summer 2018
- BU GDP Center Summer in the Field, *Why Pay the Chief? Land Rents and Political Selection in Indonesia* US\$ 4,000 Summer 2018

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE & GRANTS

- Undergraduate Teaching Reward Scheme (Top 20th Percentile) US\$ 3,200 2020-present
- Instructor, University of Hong Kong 2020-present
- Development Economics (Undergraduate)
- Applied Econometrics (Master's)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Referee:** *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (x1), *World Development*
- Departmental Service: Seminar Organizing Committee 2020-
- Departmental Service: Master's in Economics Admission Committee 2021
- Scientific Committee: Asian & Australasian Society of Labor Economics Conference 2022
- Conference Organizer: Joint Hong Kong Empirical Microeconomics Workshop 2021
- Conference Organizer: Applied Economics Workshop, Asia 2021-

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- Research Assistant for S. Bazzi, Boston University, 2015-2019
- Visiting Researcher, AKATIGA, Indonesia, 2018
- Visiting Junior Researcher, SMERU Research Institute, Indonesia Summer 2015, 2016

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Research Assistant for R. Arunachalam & A. Shenoy, University of Michigan, MI	Summer 2013
Communications & Research Intern, Centre for Microfinance, India	Summer 2012
Non-Commissioned Officer, Singapore Armed Forces, Singapore	2009-2011

#### **ADVISING & PLACEMENT (UNDERGRADUATE)**

Youqing Lin (Master in International and Development Studies, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, 2022)

#### **LANGUAGES:**

English (native), Mandarin Chinese (native), Bahasa Indonesia (intermediate)

#### **REFERENCES**

##### **Professor Samuel Bazzi (Chair)**

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