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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), University of Exeter Business School, University of Bath (BABB), University of Bonn (Law and Economics), DWI Berlin, Kiel Institute, Singapore Management University, Nanyang Technological University

**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), Asian & Australasian Society of Labor Economists (AASLE 2022, UTokyo)
- 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)

### RESEARCH GRANTS (ALL AS SINGLE PI UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE)

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*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

<b>Referee</b> : Quarterly Journal of Economics (x1), World Development, Economics & Human Biology		
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

<sup>\*</sup> Postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19

Visiting Researcher, AKATIGA, Indonesia,

Visiting Junior Researcher, SMERU Research Institute, Indonesia

Research Assistant for R. Arunachalam & A. Shenoy, University of Michigan, MI

Communications & Research Intern, Centre for Microfinance, India

Non-Commissioned Officer, Singapore Armed Forces, Singapore

2018

Summer 2015, 2016

Summer 2013

Summer 2012

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**

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