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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Visiting Assistant Professor (Sabbatical Leave), VSE, University of British Columbia, Jan - June 2024

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 Proximity and Politics: Evidence from Malaysia (joint with Chun Chee Kok)
- [3] Choice Overload, Salience, and Deservingness in Altruistic Decisions: Evidence from an Online Charitable Platform (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 and Abu Siddique)
- [2] Language, Nation-Building, and Economic Development: Evidence from Indonesia (joint with Arya Gaduh and Chun Chee Kok)
- [3] Historical Migration, Long-Run Development and Trade Links (joint with Sebastian Ellingsen and Quoc-Anh Do)
- [4] Transportation Networks and Inter-Ethnic Contact (joint with Thomas Gautier and Alex Rothenberg)

INVITED SEMINARS

2023-2024 (incl. scheduled) Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, University of British Columbia (Economic History Seminar), Tufts, Brown (Growth Lab Seminar)

2022-2023 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

2023 ASREC Australasia (Monash), Korean Economic History Association (Seoul), American Political Science Association Meeting (LA)

2022: NBER Development Fall '22, 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)

* Postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19

RESEARCH GRANTS (ALL AS SINGLE PI UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE)

University of Hong Kong (HKU) Faculty Incentive, *Language, Nation-Building, and Economic Development (joint with Arya Gaduh and Chun Chee Kok)* 2023 US\$ 19,572 2023

Hong Kong Research Grants Council, General Research Fund, *Language, Nation-Building, and Economic Development (joint with Arya Gaduh and Chun Chee Kok)* 2023-2026 HK\$ 661,558 / US\$ 84,445 2023-2026

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* HK\$ 883,986.82 / US\$ 112,728 2021-2024

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	2020-2021
Instructor, University of Hong Kong	2020-present
Development Economics (Undergraduate)	
Applied Econometrics (Master's)	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> (x1), <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> (x1), <i>World Development</i> , <i>Economics & Human Biology</i> , <i>Journal of Economics & Behavioral Organization</i>	
Discussant: Southeast Asia Research Group, Singapore Management University	2023
Departmental Service: Seminar Organizing Committee	2020-2023
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
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/RESEARCH ASSISTANTS)

Youqing Lin	Master's in International and Development Studies, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, 2022
Yuxin Hu	Economics Tripos (Part IIB), Cambridge University, 2022

LANGUAGES:

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

REFERENCES

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