

# HAIKUN ZHAN (CHARLOTTE)

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## EMPLOYMENT

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Department of Economics, The University of Auckland  
Assistant Professor (Lecturer), 2022-present

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Economics, The University of Melbourne, 2017 to 2022  
Master of Economics, The University of Melbourne, 2016  
Bachelor of Commerce (Honours), The University of Melbourne, 2015

## FIELDS

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Political Economics; Development Economics; Economic History

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Do Perceptions of Economic Well-Being Predict the Onset of War and Peace?**, w/ Eik Swee and Nattavudh Powdthavee, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 95, 101765

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Central Administration and the Rise of Local Institutions: Evidence from Imperial China**

*This paper has been awarded (i) the Best Paper Prize at the 34th Ph.D. Conference in Economics & Business; (ii) the Best Paper Prize at the 16th Australasian Development Economics Workshop*

**Hidden Costs of War: Evidence from Nepal's Maoist Insurgency**, *SSRN Working Paper 3677836*, *R&R at the World Bank Economic Review*

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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2023	Department of Economics Nominee, Chancellor's Prize for Excellence in the PhD thesis
2022	Research Development Fund, University of Auckland
2021	Best Paper at the 16th Australasian Development Economics Workshop
2021	Best Paper at the 34th Ph.D. Conference in Economics & Business
2019	Australasian Development Economics Workshop Travel Grant
2019	Faculty of Business and Economics Travelling Research Scholarship
2017	Dean's Honours List
2017	Eric J. Ingram Prize in Microeconomics
2017-2022	Research Training Program Scholarship
2016-2022	Faculty of Business and Economics Doctoral Program Scholarship
2015	Australian Finance Conference Prize for Economics of Financial Markets
2011-2014	International Undergraduate Academic Merit Scholarship

## PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

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2024	University of Otago
	Econometrics Society Asian Meeting (Zhejiang University)
	University of New South Wales
	The Annual Royal Economic Society Conference (Queen's University Belfast)
	Social Conflict and Political Economy Workshop (The University of Sydney)

- Victoria University Wellington
- 2023 WEAI Conference (The University of Melbourne)  
Australasian Public Choice Conference (The University of Western Australia)  
Reconciliation, Opportunities for, and Wellbeing of First Nations Peoples: Yarning and learning together Workshop (University of Sydney \*coauthor)
- 2022 Asian Historical Economics Conference (Chulalongkorn University)  
Singapore Economic Review Conference (Nanyang Technological University)  
Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (University of Toronto)
- 2021 Virtual Historical Political Economy Workshop  
YSI-EHES Economic History Graduate Webinar  
8th Annual Workshop on Natural Experiments in History: Development, Health, and Labour  
16th Australasian Development Economics Workshop (Monash University)  
34th Ph.D. Conference in Economics and Business (The University of Queensland)  
Australasian Cliometrics Workshop (The University of Melbourne)  
Ph.D. Brown Bag  
Department of Economics Brown Bag
- 2020 Ph.D. Brown Bag
- 2019 15th Australasian Development Economics Workshop (The University of Western Australia)  
Singapore Economic Review Conference (Nanyang Technological University)  
The Conflict and Economic Development Workshop (Deakin University, \*co-author)  
Ph.D. Brown Bag
- 2018 Australasian Public Choice Conference (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology)  
Ph.D. Brown Bag

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Instructor/Lecturer: The University of Auckland (2023- )  
Economics of Development; Introduction to Econometrics
- Teaching Assistant: The University of Melbourne (2014-2022)  
Economic Development; Introductory Microeconomics; Applied Microeconometrics Modelling; Econometrics 2; Macroeconomics; International Finance
- Guest Lecturer: The University of Melbourne (2021)  
Honours Economics Research Essay; Special Topics in Economics 2

## THESIS SUPERVISION

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- PhD: Yuqi Huang (ongoing, co-supervise with Sholeh Maani)  
Honours/Masters: Jiayi Chen (2024) Yongxiao Yi (2023)

## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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- University Service: Undergraduate Director / Major Lead (2024- )  
Departmental Seminar coordinator (2023- )  
Ph.D. Confirmation Committee (×5) (2023)  
Faculty Equity Committee (2023)  
Junior Hiring Committee (2023)
- Journal Referee: Journal of Conflict Resolution  
Labour Economics  
The Economic Record  
The World Bank Economic Review  
Journal of Peace Research (×2)

Coordinator: Political Economics Reading Group (2017-2019)  
Research Assistant: Dr. Eik Swee (2016-2017); A/Prof. Leslie Martin (2020); Dr. Nicolas Salamanca (2020); A/Prof. Reshad Ahsan (2022)