

Ruihan Shi

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OBJECTIVE

I am passionate about **political economy, international economics and cultural economy**, particularly interested in how democratic institutions, cultural values, and global economic flows shape public policy, long-term development and national preference. Through graduate study, I seek to explore the institutional foundations of prosperity and contribute to evidence-based policymaking in an increasingly interconnected world.

EDUCATION

• Sun Yat-sen University

B.A. in Business Administration (CGPA: 3.7/4.0)

Sept. 2022 - Jun. 2026

Shenzhen, China

- **Courses Included:** Advanced Maths, Probability and Statistics, Linear Algebra, Micro/Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Managerial Econ, Behavioral Econ, Health Econ, Population Econ, Stata, Python, etc.
- **Certified self-courses:** [Political econ](#), Intermediate microecon(China Mooc), Intermediate macroecon(XuetangX)

SKILLS AND PERFORMANCE

- **English:** Excellent GRE:330(V162+Q168), IELTS:7.5(L8, R9, W7, S6.5)
- **Software:** Stata, Python, Overleaf Latex, Markdown, MS Office
- **Major-related:** Quantitative/ Qualitative methods, Business/Consumer/Industry Research, Data Analysis/Collection/Visualization, Financial Analysis, etc.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

• Research on Optimization of Business Environment Driven by Modern IT

Research Assistant

Jul. 2024 - Aug. 2024

Prof. Xianxiang Xu, SYSU

- I went to several cities in NINGXIA Hui Autonomous Region in person for realistic and firsthand field research. I participated in team discussions, assisting in the formulation of research frameworks, methods, and plans. I interviewed entrepreneurs, analyzed government policies, institutions, collected data from authority and industry. I completed tasks and wrote 6000+ words field reports related to government performance and people's views.

• Research on Guangdong Individual Industrial and Commercial Household Status

Research Assistant

Oct. 2024 - Nov. 2024

Prof. Xianxiang Xu, SYSU

- I contacted 50+ merchants all over Guangdong Province to visit and get first-hand data. I assisted project team in data collection and analysis, I made data summarized and combined under guidelines.

• Innovative Science Training Program: China and the Global Economy

Ranked top, score 96.3 with RP about CN-Africa investment and African preference on China

Oct. 2024 - Jan. 2025

Prof. Allen Carlson, Cornell University

PAPERS

- [1] Ruihan Shi. (2025). **Battling for Housing Value? The Nexus Between U.S. Presidential Elections and County-Level Housing Market Prices**. working paper (under supervisory review of Prof. Zhanyu Dong)
- [2] Ruihan Shi, Pinxian Chen (2024). **Confucianism and corporate risk-taking**. Honorable Award Paper for SYSU Business School 2nd Undergraduate Thesis Competition

SELECTED RESEARCH-TRACK INTERNSHIPS

• The Guangzhou Institute of GBA[[Official web](#)]

Research Intern (political economy and policy analysis)

Dec. 2024 - Present

Guangzhou, China

- I participated in many large-scale academic annual meetings, political and economic forums and wrote relevant reports.([2024 Guangzhou Forum exp.](#)) I also attended 3+ research projects, Collected dynamic data and produced visual charts for analysis. I also reviewed and proofread 80000+ words of Chinese and English academic lecture manuscripts, standardized and retouched them.

• Guangzhou Hualu Information Technology co., ltd.

Research Intern (Policy analysis on real estate)

Nov. 2022 - Jan. 2023

Guangzhou, China

SCHOLARSHIPS AND SELECTED AWARDS

- SYSU Second-class Scholarship Nov. 2024
- Honorable Award, SYSU Business School 2nd Undergraduate Thesis Competition Apr. 2025
- Semi-Finalist, Kapok Cup British Parliamentary (BP) Debate Competition Mar. 2024
- Champion, 2023 SYSU Business-Tourism School Badminton Tournament MD May. 2023

SELECTED VOLUNTEERING, INTERESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFO.

Volunteering: pen-pal volunteer with Tibetan students giving advice and encouragement

Interests: Traveling, English Debate, Films, Postcards, monitoring elections, etc.

Societies, Industry Internships and selected participation: SYSU English Debate Team, SYSU Bschool Chinese Debate Team | Fin. Intern@ China Everbright Bank, MKT Intern@Golden Education Group | SYSU Shanzheng Cup Chinese Debate Competition, FDU China's Governance: National Case Analysis Competition for College Students

Extra Academic Courses : Introduction to Asian History, Prof. Takeshi Hamashita, IASH, SYSU(Oct. 2022- Dec.2022))