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Position

Assistant Professor, Renmin University of China, 2025-now

Education

Ph.D. Economics, KU Leuven, Belgium, 2019-2025

Committee: Johannes Van Biesebroeck, Jan De Loecker, Frank Verboven, Allan Collard-Wexler, Hong-song Zhang

Visiting Scholar, Duke University, U.S., 2024 Spring

M.A. Economics, Zhejiang University of Finance & Economics, China, 2016-2019.

B.S. Economics, Zhejiang University of Finance & Economics, China, 2012-2016.

Research Fields

Industrial Organization, Energy and Environmental Economics, Development Economics

Working Papers

Death by Market Power: The Production-Safety Tradeoff in the Coal Mining Industry
(Job Market Paper)

Imperfect (Re)allocation in Imperfect Markets: Evidence from China's Pilot Carbon ETS
with Johannes Van Biesebroeck

Competition, Management, and Productivity: Evidence from the German Coal Mining Industry
([Reinhard Selten Award 2025](#))
with Kai Fischer

Export Market Entry of Chinese SMEs: The Role of Scale Economies and Outstanding Trade Credit,
International Journal of Industrial Organization, Accepted.
with Johannes Van Biesebroeck

Work in Progress

Concrete Collusion

with Julian Hidalgo and Ruozi Song

Embracing the Sun: Subsidized Entry of Solar Power Plants in China

with Wenquan Hu

Financial Frictions and Labor Market Power

with Jin Cao and Tong Zhao

Trade Dynamics in the Ownership Network

with Jiewei Fang and Philipp Ludwig

Pre-Doctoral Publications

Estimation of Lorenz Curves Based on Dummy Variable Regression, 2019, *Economics Letters*.

with Zhengxin Wang and Hailun Zhang

Measurement and Comparison of Export Sophistication of the New Energy Industry in 30 Countries During 2000-2015, 2019, *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*.

with Zhengxin Wang

Decomposition of the Factors Influencing Export Fluctuation in China's New Energy Industry Based on a Constant Market Share Model, 2017, *Energy Policy*.

with Tong Jin, Lingling Pei, and Zhengxin Wang

Seminars and Conferences (*scheduled)

2025: CEPR STEG (Oxford), WU (Vienna), CRESSE (Crete)

2024: NUS AESW (Singapore), CEPR-IO Gathering (Online), Public/IO Lunch Seminar (Duke), IO Group Seminar (Leuven)

2023: APIOC (Hong Kong), EARIE (Rome), IIOC (Washington D.C., Rising Star Session), IO Group Seminar (Leuven)

2017: 40th International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE) Conference (Singapore)

Teaching Experience

T.A. for *Global Value Chain*, KU Leuven, 2021-2024

for Johannes Van Biesebroeck and Liza Archanskaia

T.A. for *Economic Development of China*, KU Leuven, 2023

for Johannes Van Biesebroeck

Master Thesis Supervision, KU Leuven, 2020-2024

for Johannes Van Biesebroeck and Jan De Loecker