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Employment

Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration, University College London

Research Fellow

Jul 2024 – Jul 2025

ROCKWOOL Foundation Berlin

Postdoctoral Fellow

Jul 2025 – Jul 2026

Education

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Ph.D. in Economics

Jul 2024

Renmin University of China

M.A., Economics

Jun 2019

B.A., Economics

Jun 2017

Research Interests

Labor Economics, Development Economics, Economics of Education

Research

Publications

Zhang, Li, Lunyu Xie, & Xinye Zheng (2023). Across a Few Prohibitive Miles: The Impact of the Anti-Poverty Relocation Program in China. *Journal of Development Economics*, 160, 102945.

Working Papers

Migration Restrictions and the Migrant-Native Wage Gap: The Role of Wage Setting and Sorting (with Naijia Guo, Rongjie Zhang, Ben Zou).

Is a Better School Better for All? Evidence from Elite Education in China (with Lunyu Xie). Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=4038574>.

- Honorable Mentions, 2021 CES Annual Conference Best Student Paper

Rural Labor Allocation, Risk Insurance, and Temporary Migration (with Yucheng Wang)

Trade Liberalization and Intergenerational Education Mobility: Evidence from China (with Jingxuan Du)

Work in Progress

Job Dynamics and Life-Cycle Wage Growth (with Naijia Guo and Ben Zou)

Effect of Technology on Migration and Social Welfare in China: A General Equilibrium Approach (with Suqin Ge, Naijia Guo, Zibin Huang, and Junsen Zhang)

Pre-Doctoral Publications (in Chinese)

Zheng, Xinye, Yucheng Wang, & Li Zhang (2019). Coordination between Government Departments and Allocation of Public Resources: Theoretical and Empirical Evidence from China. *Economic Research Journal* (10): 24-40.

Zheng, Xinye, Li Zhang, & Yangyang Zhang (2019). Global Tax Competition and China's Policy Choice. *Economics Information* (2): 31-46.

Zheng, Xinye, & Li Zhang. (2017). The Possibilities in the Impossible Trinity of Fiscal Policy. *Exploration and Free Views* (9): 108-116.

Invited Talks

2024: ROCKWOOL Foundation Berlin; Chinese University of Hong Kong

2023: Jinan University **2021:** Beijing Normal University

Conference Presentations

2024: RFBerlin-CReAM Workshop (Piemonte, scheduled); Asian Meeting of Econometric Society (Zhejiang Univ., scheduled); SOLE Annual Conference (Portland); RFBerlin Spring Workshop (RFBerlin)

2023: European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (UManchester); Hong Kong Economic Association Biennial Conference (HKU, session chair); AASLE Annual Conference (National Taiwan Univ.); The Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society (Tsinghua Univ.); China Economics Annual Conference (SCUT); WEAI International Conference (UMelbourne)

2022: AASLE Annual Conference (UTokyo)

2021: Asia Impact Evaluation Conference (HKUST); Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics (Xiamen Univ.); HCEO-CEP-CREC Virtual SSSI (virtual); The China Meeting of the Econometric Society (virtual); CES Annual Conference (virtual, session chair)

2020: AAEEA Virtual Meeting (virtual); Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty (cancelled)

2019: International Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics (CUHK Shenzhen); Sustainable Development Goals (Renmin Univ.); International Conference on China's Development Theory (Renmin Univ.); Conference on Micro-data and Economics Innovation (Jinan Univ.)

2018: Annual Conference of CESA (UTS)

Research Assistant

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Aug 2020 – Present

Supervisors: Prof. Junsen Zhang, Prof. Naijia Guo

EPIC-China

Mar 2020 – Jul 2020

Supervisors: Prof. Guojun He, Prof. Shaoda Wang	
Institute of New Structural Economics, Peking University	Nov 2016 – Sept 2018
Supervisor: Prof. Jiajun Xu	
National School of Development, Peking University	May 2016 – Jul 2016
Supervisor: Prof. Samantha Vorthems	
Center of Chinese Agricultural Policy, Chinese Academy of Sciences	Jan 2016 – Mar 2016
Supervisor: Prof. Yu Bai	

Teaching Assistant

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

ECON 3430 Public Finance	Fall 2022–23
ECON 1010 Perspectives in Economics (gave two tutorial sessions)	Fall 2021–22
ECON 3320 Asia-Pacific Economies	Spring 2020–21

Honors and Awards

The CUHK Reaching Out Award, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2023
Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, 2020 – 2024
CUHK Vice-Chancellor HKPFS Scholarship, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2020 – 2024
Outstanding Graduate, Renmin University of China, 2019
National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of the PRC, 2018, 2019
Graduate Student Grant for Overseas Academic Activities, Renmin University of China, 2018
Graduate Student Fellowship, Renmin University of China, 2017 – 2019
Meritorious Winner, Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling, 2016

Journal Reviewer

Journal of Development Economics, China Economic Review, Population Research and Policy Review

Skills and Language

Software: Stata, MATLAB, R, Python, Julia, LaTeX
Language: Cantonese (Native), Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent)