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## Employment

### ROCKWOOL Foundation Berlin

Postdoctoral Fellow

Jul 2025 – Jun 2027

### Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration, University College London

Research Fellow

Jul 2024 – Jun 2025

## 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). Revision requested by *American Economic Review*. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=5092829>.

Growing without Divergence: The Impact of Innovation on Low- and High-skilled Migration in China (with Suqin Ge, Naijia Guo, Zibin Huang, and Junsen Zhang). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=5329631>.

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

Trade Liberalization and Intergenerational Education Mobility: Evidence from China (with Jingxuan Du). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=5274377>.

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

### Work in Progress

Co-Ethnic Networks, Ethnic-Specific Amenities, and Wages of Immigrants (with Christian Dustmann)

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

### 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:** AASLE Annual Conference (Bangkok); RFBerlin-CReAM Workshop (Piemonte); Asian Meeting of Econometric Society (Zhejiang Univ.); 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:** AAEA 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)

## 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

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Development Economics, Labour Economics, Journal of Development Studies, China Economic Review, Population Research and Policy Review

## Skills and Language

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