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## POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Economics, The University of Hong Kong (June 2025-present)

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston, MA, May 2025  
M.A., Econometrics and Quantitative Economics, Boston University, Boston, MA, 2019  
B.S., Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, 2017

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

Econometrics, Labor Economics, Digital Economics, Optimization

## WORKING PAPERS

“[Unconditional Randomization Tests for Interference](#),” November 2024. **Job Market paper.**  
“[Convexity Not Required: Estimation of Smooth Moment Condition Models](#),” (with Jean-Jacques Forneron), September 2024, **Revise and Resubmit**, *Review of Economic Studies*.  
“[COPPAcalypse? The Youtube Settlement's Impact on Kids Content](#),” (with Garrett Johnson, Tesary Lin, and James Cooper), April 2024, **Revise and Resubmit**, *Management Science*.  
“[Racial Screening on the Big Screen? Evidence from the Motion Picture Industry](#),” (with Angela Crema, and M. Daniele Paserman), *NBER Working Paper No.33186*.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Contextual Bandit Mechanism: Optimal Delegation in the Experimentation Cycle” (with Zixian Liu)

## PRESENTATIONS (\*: CO-AUTHOR PRESENTS)

**2025:** Peking University HSBC, The University of Hong Kong, City University of Hong Kong, University of Alabama, University of Tennessee, Toronto Metropolitan University, Southern Methodist University, Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen), CES China Annual Conference, World Congress of the Econometric Society  
**2024:** Midwest Econometrics Group Conference; Greenline Workshop in Econometrics; 19th Economics Graduate Student Conference; NBER SI 2024 Digital Economics and Artificial Intelligence; Boston University Econometrics Seminar  
**2023:** New York Camp Econometrics (Poster Session); University of Rochester Simon Business School\*; Columbia Business School\*  
**2022:** SOLE Annual Meeting; WEAI Annual Conference\*; United States Military Academy West Point\*; EEA-ESEM Congress\*

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

August 2025

Doctoral Fellowship, Boston University, 2019-2024  
Optimization-Conscious Summer School Travel Grant, University of Chicago, 2023  
IED Travel Grant, Boston University, 2022-2024  
MA Prize for Best Paper, Boston University, 2019  
Distinction in the MA Comprehensive Examination, Boston University, 2018

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **ACADEMIC**

Research Assistant for Prof. Kevin Lang, Boston University, 2024  
Research Assistant for Prof. Jean-Jacques Forneron, Boston University, 2021-2023  
Research Assistant for Prof. Hiroaki Kaido, Boston University, 2020-2022  
Research Assistant for Prof. Adam Guren, Boston University, 2018  
Research Assistant for Prof. Raymond Fisman, Boston University, 2018

### **NON-ACADEMIC**

Summer Associate, Analysis Group, Boston, MA, 2022

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, INSTRUCTOR**

Econometrics (MA-level), Department of Economics, Fall 2025

### **BOSTON UNIVERSITY, TEACHING FELLOW**

Econometrics (MA-level), Department of Economics, Spring 2021, Spring 2024  
Advance Econometrics II (2<sup>nd</sup> year Ph.D), Department of Economics, Fall 2023  
Microeconomic Theory (MA-level), Department of Economics, Fall 2020

## **REFeree EXPERIENCE**

*Journal of Econometrics*

**LANGUAGES:** English (Fluent), Mandarin (Native)

**COMPUTER SKILLS:** C, MATLAB, R, Python, JULIA, STATA(MATA), Version Control(git)

## **REFERENCES**

### **Professor Hiroaki Kaido**

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