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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

July 2023 – City University of Hong Kong  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Finance

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Yale University, 2023

M.A. Economics, CEMFI, 2016

B.A. Economics, *First Class Honours*, The University of Hong Kong, 2014

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Trade, Economic Growth

## WORKING PAPERS

"Mechanics of Spatial Growth," with Lorenzo Caliendo, Fernando Parro, Wei Xiang, 2025

"Multinational Production, Technology Diffusion and Economic Growth," with Wei Xiang, revise and resubmit, *Journal of International Economics*, 2025

## CONFERENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

2025 International SPACE Workshop at Shanghai Jiaotong University\*, NBER East Asian Seminar on Economics<sup>+</sup>\*, Singapore Management University

2024 AMSS, Chinese Academy of Sciences CityU Conference on International Economics<sup>+</sup>, China International Conference in Macroeconomics at CUHK<sup>+</sup>,

2023 Chinese University of Hong Kong, AMES Singapore, SED Cartagena, Penn State New Faces Conference, Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen), North Carolina State University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, City University of Hong Kong

2022 Peking University NSD

+ : *Discussant*; \* : *Scheduled*

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Refereeing

*Journal of International Economics*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **City University of Hong Kong**

Advanced Macroeconomics (EF8072, Ph.D. Level)

International Finance (EF4471, EF5406)

### **Yale University (Teaching Assistant)**

Introduction to Game Theory, TA for Zvika Neeman

Introduction to Data Analysis and Econometrics, TA for Guillermo Noguera

General Equilibrium Theory, TA for John Geanakoplos

Introductory Macroeconomics, TA for Samuel Kortum and Aleh Tsyvinski

International Economics, TA for Peter Schott

Monetary Policy, TA for William English

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

2019 IADB, Short term consultant

2018 Princeton Initiative

## **HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2021 University Dissertation Fellowship

2020 Nathan Hale Associates Fellow

2017-2019 Merrill G. Hastings Fellow

2016-2021 Doctoral Fellowship, Cowles Foundation Fellowship

2014-2016 Fundación ICO Scholarship

2013 C.V. Starr Scholarship

## **LANGUAGES**

Mandarin (native), English (proficient), Cantonese (fair), Spanish (fair)

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