

# Yunyu Shu

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## EMPLOYMENT

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### Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SUFU)

Assistant Professor, School of Economics

2025 - present

## EDUCATION

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### Brown University

Ph.D. in Economics

2025

*Advisors:* Andrew Foster (main), Louis Putterman, Neil Thakral

M.A. in Economics

2020

### Renmin University of China

M.A. in Economics

2019

### University of California, San Diego

Exchange Program in Economics

2018

### Zhongnan University of Economics and Law

B.A. in Economics (*with honor*)

2016

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Informed Climate Adaptation: Input and Output Subsidies for Shaded Cocoa” with Jiayue Zhang [[Link](#)] [[Development Impact Blog](#)]

“Credit and Demand for Green Energy: Evidence from Small Firms in Kenya” with Jiayue Zhang and Wycliffe Oluoch [[PEDL Research Note](#)]

“Intergenerational Impact of Land Property Rights: Evidence from Land Certification Reform in China”

“Local Favoritism and Environmental Regulation: Evidence from China” with Xiaowei Zhang and Tiemeng Ma [[EPG 2024 Best Poster Prize](#)]

“Family planning, son preference and domestic violence: evidence from the “Later, Longer, Fewer” campaign in China” with Maëlys De la Rupelle and Xiaowei Zhang

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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“Less is More; Worse is Better” with Ming Li, Jia Xiang and Jiayue Zhang

“Local Knowledge or Misallocation: Efficiency Costs of Discretion in Regulatory Enforcement” with Ruozhi Song and Bing Zhang

## CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

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**2025:** BeSA, Peking University\*; Fudan University\*; Beijing Normal University\*; Advances with Field Experiments (AFE), U Chicago<sup>†</sup>; Chinese Economist Society (CES) Meeting, Guangzhou; LSE Environmental Camp, London; Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC), UIUC; CSAE Conference, Oxford

**2024:** Duke Kunshan University; All-IGC Talk; AERE Summer Conference, Washington DC; Environmental Politics and Governance 10th Annual Conference, Québec City; ISSER Seminar, University of Ghana; PAA 2024, Columbus

**2023:** Behavioral Breakfast, Brown; Sloan/Berkeley Energy and Environmental Economics Summer Camp, UC Berkeley; International Conference on Development Economics (ICDE), PSE; Theoretical & Applied Economics Seminar, CY Cergy Paris Université; PEDL Young Scholars Matchmaking Workshop, Oxford

## GRANTS

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2025–2026	PEDL Scale-up Grant (£33,700) ( <i>Green Energy Adoption</i> )
	PEDL Scale-up Grant (£27,788) ( <i>Cocoa Trading and Adaptation</i> )
	International Growth Centre (IGC) Small Projects Facility (£19,880) ( <i>Cocoa Trading and Adaptation</i> )
2024–2025	IGC Research Grant (£29,920) ( <i>Green Energy Adoption</i> )
2023–2024	PEDL Exploratory Research Grant (£39,996) ( <i>Green Energy Adoption</i> )
	IGC Research Grant (£39,622) ( <i>Farmers' Climate Change Adaptation</i> )
	PEDL Seed Research Grant (£5,000) ( <i>Climate Change and the Gender Earnings Gap</i> )
2022–2023	PEDL Exploratory Research Grant (£39,919) ( <i>Farmers' Climate Change Adaptation</i> )
2022–2024	PDBF Research Fund, Orlando Bravo Center for Economic Research (\$15,160)
	Brown University Travel Grants (\$5,800)
2023	Research Training and Travel (RTT) Award, IBES, Brown University (\$5,000)
2022–2023	Graduate Program in Development Summer Funding, Watson Institute (\$2,000)

## SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

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2024	Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG) 2024 Best Poster Prize
	Department Travel Fellowship, Brown University
2023	Global Mobility Research Fellowship, Brown University
2022	Graduate Student Fellowship, Brown University
2020–2021	Summer Fellowship (×2), Brown University
2019	Graduate Student Fellowship, Brown University
	Outstanding Graduate, Renmin University of China
2017–2019	First-level Scholarship (×3), Renmin University of China
2018	President's Scholarship (\$33,495, top 3), Renmin University of China
2013–2014	National Scholarship (×2), China's Education Ministry

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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New York University Abu Dhabi, Social Science Division	
<i>Research Assistant for Morgan Hardy</i>	2022–2023
Brown University, Department of Economics	
<i>Research Assistant for Jesse Shapiro</i>	2021–2022
<i>Research Assistant for Brian Knight</i>	2020

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Brown University, Department of Economics	
<i>Head Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Econometrics (undergraduate)</i>	Spring 2025
<i>Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics II (Ph.D.)</i>	2021, 2022
New York University, Accra	Winter 2023
<i>Guest Lecturer, Research Design, Fieldwork &amp; Analysis for Development Economics</i>	

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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REFEREE: *Journal of Development Economics, World Development, Journal of Asian Economics*

AFFILIATION: Graduate Affiliate, Institute at Brown for Environment and Society (IBES)  
Graduate Program in Development Fellow, Watson Institute, Brown University  
S4 Fellow, Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences, Brown University  
Predoctoral Trainee, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University

## OTHER

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*Skills:* Python, Stata, R, ArcGIS, QGIS, SurveyCTO, and LaTeX

*Languages:* Chinese (native) and English (fluent)