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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, School of Economics, Zhejiang University, China	2022 - present
Temporary positions, Department of Finance, Ministry of Finance, China	2024 - 2025

AFFILIATIONS

Research Associate, CAGE, University of Warwick, UK	2022 - present
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EDUCATION

M.Res/Ph.D. in Economics, University of Warwick, UK	2016 - 2022
M.Phil. in Economics, University of Bologna, Italy (<i>cum laude</i>)	2014 - 2016
B.A. in Economics, Fudan University, China	2010 - 2014

Additional Education

RES Easter Training School, The Royal Economic Society, UK	Apr. 2021
Kiel Institute Summer School, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany	Jun. 2018

PUBLICATIONS

1. "Relocation from China (with Chinese Characteristics)" (with Jason Garred), *Journal of Development Economics*, 2025
2. "The Cultural Origins of Family Firms" (with Jian Xie), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 2025
3. "Malaria and Chinese Economic Activities in Africa" (with Matteo Cervellati, Elena Esposito and Uwe Sunde), *Journal of Development Economics*, 2022
4. "Demographic Shocks and Women's Labour Force Participation: Evidence from the 1918 Influenza Pandemic in India" (with James Fenske and Bishnupriya Gupta), *Journal of Economic History*, 2022

WORKING PAPERS

1. "Private Returns to Bureaucratic Appointments: Evidence from Financial Disclosures in India" (with Amit Chaudhary)

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. "Flatten the Curve: Effect of Geotagging on Weibo Hashtags" (with Ao Wang and Jianghao Wang)
2. "Measuring Chinese Migration in Africa" (with Tobias Heidland and Linda Maokomatanda)
3. "Keep Calm and Carry On: Natural Disasters and Political Turnover in China" (with Xian Xu)

GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Zhejiang Provincial Natural Science Foundation, China	2025-2026
Fundamental Research Funds for the Central Universities	2023-2026
Tsang Hin-chi International Exchange Foundation Grant at Zhejiang University	2023
International Partnership Fund (IPF), University of Warwick	2022-2023
Research Grant, Center for Real Estate Investment Studies at Zhejiang University	2022-2023
Best Microeconomics-Paper Award, Newcastle Economics Research and Development Conference	2022
Chancellor's International Scholarship, University of Warwick	2018 - 2022
Research Fellow, Quantitative and Analytical Political Economy Research Centre, Warwick	2021
Carnevali Small Research Grant, Economic History Society	2018
Department Scholarship, Department of Economics, University of Warwick	2016 - 2018
Unibo Azione 2 (Full Scholarship for International Students), University of Bologna	2014 - 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Zhejiang University

Public Economics
Government Budget Management
Mesoeconomics
Chinese Industrial Economics

University of Warwick, Teaching Assistant

Mathematical Techniques A
Development Economics (Macroeconomics)
Development Economics (Microeconomics)

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2025	Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics (Chengdu), China Economics Study Group Workshop (Warwick), International Conference of China Development Studies (Shanghai), Asian Economic Development Conference (Beijing), World Congress of the Econometric Society (Seoul), Duke Kunshan University
2024	Peking University, Renmin University, Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society (Hangzhou), Chinese Economists Society Annual Conference(Hangzhou), CCER - NCER Economics Conference (Beijing)
2023	CEPR Paris Symposium, NEUDC (Harvard), University of Southampton, Peking University, CSAE Conference (Oxford), CAGE Economic History Workshop (Warwick), Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society (Beijing), CCER Summer Institute (Hebei), Xiamen University, China Financial Research Conference (Beijing), Asian Economic Development Conference (Tokyo)
2022	Meeting of the Young Political Economists in Europe Researchers Network (Wengen), Economic History Society Annual Conference (Cambridge), RES Annual Conference (Warwick), Economic History Conference (Manchester), Laboratory for the Economics of Africa's Past Webinar (Stellenbosch), North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (Miami), The 5th International Conference of China Development Studies (Shanghai), Asian Historical Economics Conference Bangkok, AFR Zhejiang University
2021	16th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (ISI Delhi), European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society 2021 (Barcelona), OWL Workshop in Economic History (Oxford, Warwick & LSE), NEUDC (Boston), CSAE Annual Conference (Oxford), CAGE-AMES Seminar (Warwick), CfP-LSE Graduate Economic History Seminars (LSE), RES Annual Conference

2020	China's Economic Engagement with the African Continent Conference 2020 (Oxford), Warwick Business School, European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society 2020 (Nottingham)
2019	CAGE-AMES (Warwick), European Historical Economics Society Conference (Paris) , Jinan University (China), Sichuan University (China)
2013 - 2016	China Disaster Economics Conference (Fudan), Young Scholars Conference (UC San Diego)

REFEREEING

Journals Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Population Economics, Economic Inquiry, Review of Development Economics, Journal of Asian Economics, Applied Economics, China & World Economy, Economic Modeling

Conferences Royal Economic Society Junior Symposium of Researchers, Warwick Ph.D. Conference

SERVICE

Coordinator, Internationalization Development Committee at the School of Economics, Zhejiang University
2025 - present
Co-organizer of Brown Bag Workshop, Zhejiang University
2022 - present
Co-organizer of CAGE-AMES Workshop Series, University of Warwick
2019 - 2021

SKILLS

Software: Stata, Matlab, R, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX

Language: Chinese (native), English

Last updated: October 2025