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Research Interests

Macroeconomics, Consumer Finance, Financial Intermediation, Family Economics

Positions

July 2023 —	Assistant Research Fellow of Economics, Academia Sinica
2022 — 2023	Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow, European University Institute
2015 — 2017	Economic and Financial Analysis Specialist, Central Bank of Taiwan

Education

2017 — 2022	Ph.D. in Economics, University of Mannheim
Spring 2020	Visiting Ph.D. Student, Yale University
2012 — 2015	M.A. in Economics, National Taiwan University
2007 — 2012	B.A. in Economics & B.S.S. in Bio-Industry Communication and Devel-
	opment, National Taiwan University

Working Papers

"The Payday Loan Puzzle: A Credit Scoring Explanation," (with Jan Sun), Reject & Resubmit, Review of Economic Studies

"Consumer Bankruptcy: the Role of Financial Frictions," *Reject & Resubmit, European Economic Review*

"The Role of Marital Status for the Evaluation of Bankruptcy Regimes," (with Jan Sun)

"Central Bank Communication in the Wake of Trump's Tariffs" (with Federico Innocenti)

"Medical Expenditure Risk: Evidence in the MEPS 1996-2019"

Work in Progress

"Explaining Trust in Information Providers," (with Giacomo Ferraro and Federico Innocenti)

Published Papers

"Credit card and payday loan borrowing: Evidence in the SCF 2010–2019," *Economics Letters*, December 2022, Vol. 221

"Identifying and Evaluating Domestic Systemically Important Banks in Taiwan," (in Mandarin Chinese, with Nan-Kuang Chen and Yu-Ning Hwang), *Quarterly Bulletin, Central Bank of R.O.C. (Taiwan)*, December 2017, Vol. 39(4)

Presentations

2025 — Joint Japan-Taiwan Public Economics Workshop (Taipei), National Chung Cheng University (Chiayi), National Dong Hwa University (Hualien), Annual Conference of the Population Association of Taiwan (Taipei), 5th World Congress of Taiwan Studies (WCTS) (Taipei), University of Verona (Verona), Max Weber Fellows Conference (Florence, Italy), 24th Annual Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET) Conference (Ischia), International Conference on Survey Methodology, Application, and New Developments (Taipei), 8th Lindau Nobel Meeting in Economic Sciences (Lindau), 8th HenU/INFER Workshop on Applied Macroeconomics (Kaifeng), 1st Workshop of the East and South-East Asian Macroeconomic Society (WESEAMS) (Tokyo), Microeconomics Workshop: Theory and Application (Xiamen), *National Cheng Kung University (Tainan), *City University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong), *National Chengchi University (Taipei)

2024 — Graz Schumpeter Winter School (Graz), 1st Tokyo-Taipei-Seoul Macroeconomics Network Workshop (Tokyo), Fu Jen Catholic University (New Taipei), National Central University (Taoyuan), 7th HenU/INFER Workshop on Applied Macroeconomics (Zhengzhou), AS-NTU Young Economists Workshop (Taipei), NTU-AS Symposium on Macroeconomics and Resilience (Discussion) (Taipei), 18th International Symposium on Econometric Theory and Applications (Taipei), 9th CEAFE/MWET (Rennes), National Cheng Kung University (Tainan), 6th China International Conference in Macroeconomics (CICM) (Hong Kong), International Society for Bayesian Analysis World Meeting (Venice), International Economic Policy in Complex Environments (EPOC) Conference (Milan), Taiwan Economics Research (Taipei), National Chengchi University (Taipei), Kobe University (Kobe), Osaka University (Osaka), Taiwan Econometric Society Annual Conference (Taipei), Workshop of the Australasian Macroeconomics Society (WAMS) & UCSB Laboratory for Aggregate Economics and Finance (LAEF) (Perth), Deakin University (Melbourne), Econometric Society Australasian Meeting (Melbourne)

2023 — 17th Max Weber Fellows Conference (Florence), EEA-ESEM (Barcelona), 3rd SASCA Ph.D. Conference in Economics (Sassari), National Taiwan University (Taipei), National Tsing Hua University (Hsinchu), Macroeconometric Modelling Workshop (Taipei), Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics Conference (Taipei), 48th SAEe (Salamanca), Soochow University (Taipei)

2022 — 15th RGS Doctoral Conference in Economics (Online), 26th Spring Meeting of

Young Economists (Orleans, France), 4th QMUL Economics and Finance Workshop (London), ENTER Jamboree (Discussion) (Barcelona), EEA-ESEM (Milan), 2nd SASCA Ph.D. Conference in Economics (Venice), 2nd Bank of Lithuania Invited Lecture Series/Conference (Vilnius), 2nd Ventotene Macro Workshop (Poster) (Ventotene), CEPR European Conference on Household Finance (Ispra), Konstanz Doctoral Workshop on Quantitative Dynamic Economics (Konstanz)

Before 2021 — Warwick Economics PhD Conference (Online), CES Annual Conference (Online), ENTER Jamboree (Online), 11th GESS Research Day (Online), TEA Annual Conference (Online), National Taipei University (Online), 46th SAEe (Barcelona), Academia Sinica (Online), Bonn-Mannheim PhD Workshop (Online)

Grants

Taiwan National Science and Technology Council (NSTC): "The Macroeconomics Effects and Policy Implications of Consumer Finance and Default," Oct 2023 - Sep 2025 (PI, 112-2410-H-001-099-MY2)

Academia Sinica Grand Challenge Program Seed Grant: "Linking Economic Shocks to Long-Term Birthrate Decline—Revisiting Negative Education-Fertility Relationship," Jul 2024 - Jun 2026 (CO-PI, AS-GCS-113-H07)

Taiwan NSTC: "The Roots of Discrimination: An Experimental Analysis," August 2024 - July 2025 (PI, 113-2410-H-001-059)

Taiwan NSTC: "On the Role of Behavioral Heterogeneity in Macroeconomics: Debt Literacy, Debt Rollover, and Misperceived Borrowing Cost" October 2025 - September 2028 (PI, 114-2410-H-001-100-MY3)

Academic Supervision

Shen-Hsun Liao (external committee, M.A. Economics, National Taiwan University, 2023) Ta-Chun Chang (external committee, M.A. Economics, National Taiwan University, 2025) Hui-Wen Ma (co-supervisor, M.A. Economics, National Taiwan University, ongoing) Cheng-Yun Chen (former RA, Ph.D. Economics, National Taiwan University, in progress)

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