

# Wen Liu

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## EDUCATION

2023.09–Present	<b>Jinan University</b> Institute for Economic and Social Research (IESR)	<b>Ph.D. in Regional Economics</b> Advisor: Prof. Shiyu Bo
2020.09–2023.06	<b>Henan University</b>	<b>M.A. in Applied Economics</b> Advisor: Prof. Zhicheng Xu
2014.09–2018.06	<b>China University of Petroleum (East China)</b>	<b>B.E. in Energy and Power Engineering</b>

## RESEARCH FIELDS

**Primary Fields:** Development Economics, Health Economics, Law and Economics

**Dissertation:** *Regional Economic Shocks and Local Judicial Behavior: Evidence from Large-Scale Corporate Court Verdicts*

## PUBLICATIONS

Wen Liu and Zhicheng Xu. (2025). "Lost in Translation: Dialect Distance, Social Assimilation and Immigrant Crimes in China." *China Economic Review*, 91, 102410.

## WORKING PAPERS

† Equal Contribution

"From Trade Protectionism to Legal Protectionism: How the Trump Trade War Harms US Firms in China," with Shiyu Bo. *Revise & Resubmit, Journal of Development Economics*.

"Investing in Patient Knowledge: The Effect of Health Literacy on Medical Litigation," with Shiyu Bo, Menghao Li, and Tingting Li. *Under Review*.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

"Fishing for Fines: Local Government Fiscal Stress and Cross-Jurisdictional Enforcement in China," with Shiyu Bo.

"Procurement as Defensive Practice: Litigation Risk and Hospital Behavior in China," with Shiyu Bo, Yaxuan Mei, and Zichen Wang.

"Erasing Borders to Erase Crime? Evidence from China's Jurisdictional Consolidation," with Shiyu Bo and Yi Wang.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025.10 The 11th Camphor Economics English Seminar (GDUFS, Shenzhen)  
2025.07 The 11th Quantitative History Workshop  
2022.12 China Economics Annual Conference (South China University of Technology)  
2022.12 Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) 2022 Conference  
2022.09 The 21st Quarterly Meeting of the China Labor Economists Forum (DUFU)  
2022.07 The 5th Camphor "Sapling" Program (Acceptance Rate: 12.6%)  
2022.04 Camphor Economics Annual Conference (DUFU)

## HONORS & AWARDS

- 2025 National Scholarship (Doctoral Level)

## RESEARCH GRANTS & PROJECTS

- 2024.01–Present **Participant**, National Natural Science Foundation of China (General Program): "Government Hierarchy Reform and the Spatial Distribution of Economic Activities: A Quantitative Spatial Economics Framework" (PI: Shiyu Bo)  
2021.10–2022.06 **Principal Investigator**, Kaifeng Philosophy and Social Science Planning Project: "Promoting High-Quality Economic Development through County Governance"

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistant**, Jinan University

- Fall 2025 Regional Economic Theory and Policy (PhD Core), Instructor: Prof. Shiyu Bo  
Spring 2025 Development Economics (Undergraduate), Instructor: Prof. Shiyu Bo

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Referee:** *Journal of Happiness Studies*

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2018.07–2018.10 **Sennuo Technology Co., Ltd.**  
Assistant Thermal Engineer  
2014.12–2015.02 **Western Public Welfare Alliance**  
Volunteer Teacher (Ningxia Southern Mountain Area)

## SKILLS

**Software:**

Stata, Python, ArcGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

**Methodology:**

Text Analysis, Machine Learning, Large Language Models (LLM)