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Curriculum Vitae

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	B.Sc. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics 2014 - 2018 B.Ec. in Finance 2014 - 2018 Renmin University of China, Beijing, China		
	International Exchange 2016 - 2017 University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA		
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Research Fields	Development Economics, Political Economy		
Working Papers	Government Audits and Talent Allocation (Job Market Paper) <i>Abstract:</i> Does political corruption shift talent allocation across public and private sectors? I answer this question by exploiting a randomized anti-corruption audit program in Brazil together with rich micro-data on educational and labor market outcomes of college students. Using a generalized difference-in-difference research design, I find that students in audited municipalities are less likely to choose majors that are more tailored toward public sector careers, such as business administration and law. Moreover, tracking students to the labor market demonstrates that audits lead to a lower share of high-ability students working as civil servants. Finally, I provide evidence that the effects of audits on equilibrium talent allocation can be attributed to dampened perceptions of rent-seeking as well as motivation crowding out. Taken together, these findings highlight an understudied negative consequence of corruption on the economy: the distortion of a society's talent allocation towards rent-seeking in the public sector.		
Selected Work in Progress	Economic Integration and Political Dispute Across the Taiwan Strait (with Chi Man Cheung and Tzu-Ting Yang) <i>Abstract:</i> Does economic integration foster political affinity, or can it trigger a backlash? We approach this question by investigating an unconventional type of “China		

shock” in the context of the Taiwanese export surge to mainland China. Applying a shift-share design with newly delineated commuting zones in Taiwan, our preliminary findings suggest that an interquartile change in China export exposure leads to a 1.2% increase in pro-independence vote shares during 2000-2016. Individual data from socioeconomic surveys reveals similar effects on pro-independence attitudes. We do not, however, find evidence of export exposure affecting inclination toward a more exclusive Taiwanese versus Chinese identity. To understand the mechanisms behind the political backlash of trade integration, we plan to disentangle the potential roles of labor market adjustments to trade versus a direct political deterrence effect from overall economic dependence.

Immigration and Assimilation of the Chinese Diaspora in Indonesia

Abstract: This paper studies the effects of state-enforced assimilation policy on immigrant integration. I focus on the Chinese diaspora in Indonesia when long-lasting anti-Chinese legislation during the New Order (1966-1998) was revoked after the fall of Suharto. I exploit across-regency differences in ethnic Chinese shares prior to the revoke as a proxy for the intensity of out-group exposure. The difference-in-difference estimates suggest the revoke of the legislation fostered cultural assimilation of Chinese Indonesians, as measured by language use and religious affiliation. Additional data collection is in process to study the impacts on economic and political assimilation, as ethnic Chinese are perceived as economic insiders and political outsiders in Indonesia. All in all, this study aims to contribute to understanding how state policy affects immigrant integration in the context of south-south migration.

Conferences and Seminars (*Scheduled)	2023 NEUDC (*Harvard)	
	2022 CAGE Summer School (Warwick), ACES Political Economy Summer School (LSE)	
Teaching Experience	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Mathematics (Graduate), CEMFI Fall 2022	
	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Uncertainty and Information (Graduate), CEMFI Winter 2021, 2023	
Relevant Positions	<i>Research Assistant</i> , Dr. Yarine Fawaz, CEMFI	2021 - Present
	<i>Research Assistant</i> , Prof. Manuel Arellano, CEMFI	2020 - 2021
	<i>Research Assistant</i> , Prof. Monica Martinez-Bravo, CEMFI	2019
Grants, Awards, and Honors	<i>Maria de Maeztu</i> Research Grant (€2000)	2023
	CEMFI Ph.D. Scholarship	2020-2024
	CEMFI Master in Economics and Finance Scholarship	2018-2020
	Presidential Scholarship for International Exchange, RUC	2016-2017
	China National Scholarship	2015 & 2016
	China National Petroleum Corporation Scholarship	2014
Short-term Visits	<i>INEP</i> , Ministry of Education Brasilia, Brazil	Apr. 2023
Citizenship	Chinese	
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