

Curriculum Vitae: Zeyu CHEN

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Education

M.A. in Economics, School of Economics, Renmin University of China	2022–2025
B.A. in Economics, School of Economics, Renmin University of China	2018–2022

Relevant Experience

Research Assistant (full-time) for Professor Deyu Rao, Department of Economics, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	2025–Current
Research Assistant (part-time) for the “Dr. Yang Cheng-The Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure Cooperative Research Project ‘Occupational Structure of 18th–19th Century China,’” Renmin University of China & University of Cambridge	2023–2025
Research Assistant (part-time) for Professor Huayi Yu, School of Public Administration and Policy, Renmin University of China	2020–2023

Research Interest

Spatial Economics; Innovation and Economic Development; Public Policy; Applied Microeconomics

Publication

1. [“Window Dressing: Changes in Atmospheric Pollution at Boundaries in Response to Regional Environmental Policy in China”](#) (with Liyuan Cui, Yanfen Huang & Huayi Yu) 2024
Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Volume 125 (May)

Working Paper and Selected Work in Progress

1. “Segmented Empire, Integrated Regions: Multilayered Administrative Boundaries and Labor Market Fragmentation in Late Imperial China” (with Cheng Yang, Yuankai Jin & Xin Fan) 2025
2. “The ‘Demons’ in Demonstration: Unintended Consequences of Superstar-oriented R&D Subsidy Policy in China” 2025
 - Developed from my Master’s thesis, recipient of the “Outstanding Master’s Thesis” distinction, Renmin University of China, 2025
 - “Outstanding Paper” distinction, The 50th Beijing Camphor Economic Circle (CEC) Seminar, 2025
3. “Land Titling Reform and Spatial Redistribution: Mitigating Effects of Urban Construction Land Allocation” 2023
 - “Outstanding Paper” distinction, The 1st Economic Thought Theory and Practice Forum, 2023
4. “Lineage Ties and Migration Dynamics: Clan Strength, Policy, and Demographic Divergence in Qing China” (with Cheng Yang, Yuankai Jin & Xin Fan) In progress
5. “Local Governance and Environmental Regulation: Evidence from China’s Urbanization” (with Mengwei Lin & Deyu Rao) In progress

Seminar and Conference Presentation

The 50th Beijing Camphor Economic Circle (CEC) Seminar, Beijing, China	2025
The 1st Economic Thought Theory and Practice Forum, Zhejiang, China	2023
The 21st China Youth Economists Forum, Beijing, China	2023
The 3rd Political Economy of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the New Era Forum, Fujian, China	2023

Workshop on Political Economy of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics, Renmin University of China	2022
China's Economic Transition Workshop (CETW), Renmin University of China	2020–2024

Other Activity

Reviewer: *Energy Economics; Journal of Happiness Studies*

Teaching Assistant:

- Economic Issues in Contemporary China (UG), Renmin University of China (Spring 2025)
- Principles of Political Economy (UG), Renmin University of China (Fall 2023 & Fall 2024)
- Political Economy of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics (UG), Renmin University of China (Spring 2023 & Spring 2024)

Skill

Language: Mandarin (native), English (fluent)

Programming/Software: Python, Stata, MATLAB, L^AT_EX, QGIS

Award and Scholarship

National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China	2024
Hu Naiwu Academic Young Talent Scholarship, Professor Hu Naiwu Memorial Educational Fund	2024
The First Prize Academic Scholarship, Renmin University of China	2024
National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China	2023
The First Prize Academic Scholarship, Renmin University of China	2023
Merit Student, Renmin University of China	2023
The First Prize Master's Freshman Academic Scholarship, Renmin University of China	2022
Outstanding Graduate, Renmin University of China	2022
The Third Prize Excellence in Learning Scholarship, Renmin University of China	2021
Merit Student, Renmin University of China	2020
The First Prize Excellence in Learning Scholarship, Renmin University of China	2020
Kwang-Hua Scholarship, Kwang-Hua Educational Foundation	2019

Personal

Nationality: Chinese

Date of birth: May 23, 2000

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