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Publications

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Working papers

- 1. Out of Male-land: imbalanced sex ratios and migration. 2023. [Slides].
- 2. Sex ratio imbalance and trends on returns to education. 2023. [Slides].
- 3. Educational inequality in a risk society: risk attitudes and parental educational investments (with Lei Zheng). 2023. [Slides].
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## Conferences

2025

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