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Positions

- Associate Professor, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2022—
 - Department of Economics
 - Department of Decision Sciences and Managerial Economics (by courtesy)
- Associate Director, Economic Data Laboratory at CUHK Shenzhen Research Institute, 2023—
- Co-Director, Big Data and the Digital Economy Program of the Lau Chor Tak Institute of Global Economics and Finance, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2021—

Past Positions

- Associate Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA), 2021—2022
- Associate Professor, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2020—2021
- Assistant Professor, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2014—2020

Degrees

- Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, 2014
 - Committee: Peter C.B. Phillips (chair), Donald W.K. Andrews, Yuichi Kitamura
- M.A., Economics, Peking University, 2008
- B.A., Finance, Zhejiang University, 2005

Fields of Concentration

- Econometric Theory (machine learning)

Publications

“#” marks supervised postgraduate students

- Zhentao Shi, Liangjun Su and Tian Xie (2023): “[L2-Relaxation: With Applications to Forecast Combination and Portfolio Analysis](#),” *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

- Jinyuan Chang, Zhentao Shi and Jia Zhang (2023): “[Culling the Herd of Moments with Penalized Empirical Likelihood](#),” *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 41, 791-805.
- Zhentao Shi and #Jingyi Huang (2023): “[Forward-Selected Panel Data Approach for Program Evaluation](#),” *Journal of Econometrics*, 234, 512-535.
- Wei Lin, Zhentao Shi, #Yishu Wang and #Ting Hin Yan (2023): “[Unfolding Beijing in a Hedonic Way](#),” *Computational Economics*, 61, 317–340.
- Cheng Hsiao, Zhentao Shi and Qiankun Zhou (2022): “[Transformed Estimation for Panel Interactive Effects Models](#),” *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 40(4), 1831-1848.
- Ji Hyung Lee, Zhentao Shi and #Zhan Gao (2022): “[On LASSO for Predictive Regression](#),” *Journal of Econometrics*, 229(2), 322-340.
- Stephen L. Ross and Zhentao Shi (2022): “[Measuring Social Interaction Effects when Instruments Are Weak](#),” *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 40:3, 995-1006.
- Peter C.B. Phillips and Zhentao Shi (2021): “[Boosting: Why You Can Use the HP Filter](#),” *International Economic Review*, 62(2), 521-570.
- #Kayan Cheng, Naijing Huang and Zhentao Shi (2021): “[Survey-Based Forecasting: To Average or Not To Average](#),” in Vladik Kreinovich, Songsak Sriboonchitta, Woraphon Yamaka (eds.), *Studies in Computational Intelligence: Behavioral Predictive Modeling in Economics*, vol. 897, pp 87-104, Springer-Verlag.
- #Zhan Gao and Zhentao Shi (2021): “[Implementing Convex Optimization in R: Two Econometric Examples](#),” *Computational Economics*, 58, 1127-1135.
- Zhentao Shi and Huanhuan Zheng (2018): “[Structural Estimation of Behavioral Heterogeneity](#),” *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 33(5), 690-707.
- Liangjun Su, Zhentao Shi and Peter C.B. Phillips (2016): “[Identifying Latent Structures in Panel Data](#),” *Econometrica*, 84(6), 2215-2264.
- Zhentao Shi (2016): “[Econometric Estimation with High-Dimensional Moment Equalities](#),” *Journal of Econometrics*, 195, 104-119.
- Zhentao Shi (2016): “[Estimation of Sparse Structural Parameters with Many Endogenous Variables](#),” *Econometric Reviews*, 35(8-10): 1582-1608.
- James Chu, Liping Lu and Zhentao Shi (2009): “[Pitfalls in Market Timing Test](#),” *Economic Letters*, 103(3), 123–126.
- (in Chinese): Zhentao Shi, Yuefei Zhang, and Yaoguang Chen (2006): “A Comparative Research on the Efficiency of China Mainland and Hong Kong Stock Markets,” *Journal of Financial Research*, 6, 33-40.
- (in Chinese): Zhentao Shi and Liuyong Yang (2004): “An Analysis of Long-run Gold Price Determinants,” *Journal of Statistical Research*, 6 (2), 21-24.

Working Papers

- “On LASSO for High Dimensional Predictive Regression,” with #Ziwei Mei, 2023.
- “Implicit Nickell Bias in Panel Local Projection,” with #Ziwei Mei and Liugang Sheng, 2023.
- “Boosted HP Filter Is More General Than You Think,” with #Ziwei Mei and Peter C.B. Phillips, 2023.
- “Forecast Combination in Cryptocurrency Realized Volatility,” with Yue Qiu, Yifan Wang and Tian Xie, 2022.
- “Asset Prices and China’s Inflation Forecast: Based on Individual Stock Return and Machine Learning Algorithm,” with Naijing Huang, Yuqing Qi and Jie Liu, 2022
- “A Structural Network Pairwise Regression Model with Unobservable Heterogeneity,” with Xi Chen, 2016.

Grants Awarded

- **Principle investigator:** the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, “Generalizing L2-Relaxation,” HKD 452,308, 2024-2026
- **Co-investigator:** the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong No. 14501821, “Identifying the Latent Pattern in Impulse Responses,” HKD 479,993, 2022-2024
- **Principle investigator:** the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong No. 14500118, “A Machine Learning Approach to Combination Weights,” HKD 247,520, 2018-2021
- **Principle investigator:** the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong No. 24614817, “Boosting Methods in Time Series and Panel Data,” HKD 353,000, 2017-2019
- **Principle investigator:** Social Science Faculty, the Chinese University of Hong Kong Direct Grant No. 4052081, “College Roommate Peer Effect on Academic Achievement”, 2015-2017

Professional Services

- **External reviewer:** The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen, China), Central University of Finance and Economics (Beijing, China), Research Grants Council of Hong Kong
- **Session organizer:** International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics, 2018
- **Scientific committee:** International Association of Applied Econometrics Conference, 2017; 15th Annual Society of Financial Econometrics (SoFiE) Conference, 2023
- **Referee** for *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society (Series B)*, *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Econometrics*, *Econometric Theory*, *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, *Journal of Financial Econometrics*, *Econometric Review*, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, *Computational Economics*, *International Journal of Forecasting*, *Journal of Time Series Analysis*, *Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, *Journal*

of Statistical Planning and Inference, China Economic Review, Empirical Economics, Journal of Business Cycle Research, Journal of Productivity Analysis

Supervision

- **Ph.D.**
 - Jingyi Huang (2018, Barclays Capital Asia Limited)
 - Ziwei Mei (in progress)
 - Yishu Wang (in progress)
 - Liao Chengwang (in progress)
- **M.Phil.**
 - Hongqi Chen (2017, Ph.D. program at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)
 - Zhan Gao (2018, Ph.D. program at University of Southern California)
 - Jinan Lin (2018, Ph.D. program at University of California Irvine)
 - Yang Chen (2019, Ph.D. program at Chinese University of Hong Kong)
 - Ka Yan Cheng (2021, Ph.D. program at Emory University)
- **Full-time Research Assistants**
 - Shu Shen (2024, Ph.D. program at Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- **Part-time Research Assistants**
 - Zhan Gao (2018, M.Phil. program at Chinese University of Hong Kong)
 - Cheuk Hei Yip (2019, MSc program at London School of Economics and Political Science)
 - Ka Yan Cheng (2019, M.Phil. program at Chinese University of Hong Kong)
 - Qiyu Dai (2023, M.Phil. program at Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Invited Talks

- 2023: University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, Peking University
- 2022: London School of Economics and Political Science, Macquarie University, University of California Riverside
- 2021: University of Illinois, Emory University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, University of Wisconsin, Tsinghua University
- 2020: Georgia Institute of Technology, City University of Hong Kong
- 2019: Michigan State University, University of Maryland, Texas A&M University, Rice University, Zhejiang University, Yonsei University, Shandong University
- 2018: Fudan University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, the Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen)
- 2017: University of Illinois, Korea University, Xiamen University, Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2016: Academic Sinica (Taipei), Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
- 2015: Zhejiang University, University of Hong Kong
- 2014: Rutgers University, Toulouse School of Economics, Michigan State University, Peking University, the Chinese University of Hong Kong