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## Academic Position

Peking University, HSBC Business School, China  
2018– Assistant Professor of Economics

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## Education

University of California, Berkeley, USA  
2018 Ph.D., Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics  
Concentration: International Economics, Development Economics  
2013 M.S., Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics  
Yale University, USA  
2012 M.E.Sc., Environmental Economics  
Shantou University, China  
2008 B.S., Electrical Engineering  
University of Virginia, USA  
2007 Semester at Sea Program (Spring)

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## Research Interests

International Economics, Development Economics

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## Publications

- 2020 “Inferring Informal Risk-sharing Regimes: Evidence from Rural Tanzania” (with E. Ligon), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 177: 941–955.
  - 2020 “What Do Private Firms Do after Losing Political Capital? Evidence from China” (with L. Cheng), *Journal of Corporate Finance*, 60: 101551.
  - 2019 “The Long-Run Effects of Government Spending on Structural Change: Evidence from Second World War Defense Contracts” (with D. Koustas), *Economics Letters*, 178: 66-69.
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## Working Papers

- 2021 “Scale and Scope: A Property Rights Approach” (with T. Tong and M. Xu).
  - 2021 “Local Effects of Global Capital Flows: A China Shock in the U.S. Housing Market” (with L. Shen and C. Zhang).
  - 2020 “Political Connections, Competition, and Innovation: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Chinese Firms” (with L. Cheng). R&R, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.
  - 2018 “Structural Transformation in China: The Roles of Trade and Migration Cost Reductions.”
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## Other Publications

### Op-Eds

- 2017 “China Must Rethink Free Float for the Yuan, as US Border Tax Looms” (with W. Zhong), *South China Morning Post*, March.
- 2016 “China Needs Reform Not Another Investment Splurge” (with W. Zhong), *Financial Times*, February.
  - Translated version in Chinese appeared in *FTChinese*.

### Old Stuff on Environmental Science

- 2011 “An Application of Behavioral Modeling to Characterize Urban Angling Decisions and Values” (with Bingham et al.), *North American Journal of Fisheries Management* 31: 257-268.
- 2011 “An Empirical Evaluation of the Accuracy of the Hartley and Rao (1962) Variance Approximation Following PPS Systematic Sampling” (with T. Gregoire), *Pakistan Journal of Statistics* 27(4): 555-566.

Note: The work for these papers was done while I was a master’s student at Yale University.

## Grants and Awards

### Grants

- 2019 Centre of Excellence for Development Impact and Learning Small Projects (Co-I)
- 2019 Innovations for Policy Action Peace & Recovery Program, Pilot Study (Co-I)
- 2018 Giannini Foundation Mini-Grant, University of California
- 2017 Giannini Foundation Mini-Grant, University of California
- 2014 Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley
- 2013 Travel Grant, UC Berkeley
- 2012 Jubitz Family Endowment for Research Fund, Yale University

### Awards

- 2020 Faculty Excellence Award, Peking University HSBC Business School
- 2019 Faculty Excellence Award, Peking University HSBC Business School
- 2019 Overseas High-Caliber Personnel, Shenzhen Municipal Government
- 2012 Student Marshall, Yale University
- 2008 First Prize Winner in “21<sup>st</sup> Century Cup” National English Speaking Competition, China Daily
- 2008 Li Ka Shing Foundation University Medal Nominee, Shantou University
- 2006 Li Ka Shing Foundation Semester at Sea Scholarship, Shantou University

## Teaching

### Peking University HSBC Business School, Instructor

- International Economics (PhD), 2019–2020
- Research Methodology (MA), 2019–2020, 2020–2021
- Advanced Macroeconomics II (MA), 2018–2019, 2020–2021
- Applied Microeconomics (MA), 2018–2019, 2019–2020

### UC Berkeley, Graduate Student Instructor

- Macroeconomic Theory (undergraduate), 2017–2018
- International Trade (undergraduate), 2015–2016, 2016–2017
- Development Economics (undergraduate), 2014–2015, 2015–2016
- Macroeconomics in the Global Economy (undergraduate), 2014–2015

### Stanford University Pre-Collegiate Summer Institutes, Instructor

Introduction to Economics (Methodist Girls' School, Singapore), Summer 2015

Note: All courses are taught in English unless noted otherwise.

## Conference Papers

2021	American Finance Association Annual Meeting (online)
2020	American Economic Association Annual Meeting (San Diego)
2020	Pacific Conference for Development Economics (Berkeley)
2020	Northern Finance Association Annual Conference (online)
2019	Urban Economics Association Meeting (Philadelphia)
2019	China Conference on Growth and Development (Wuhan University)
2019	PHBS Workshop in Macroeconomics and Finance (Peking University HSBC Business School)
2019	New Structural Economics Symposium (Peking University Institute of New Structural Economics)
2018	International Monetary Fund and Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Workshop "China in the Global Economy" (Washington D.C.)
2017	UC Berkeley Trade Workshop
2017	UC Berkeley GEMS Conference
2015	Chinese Economist Society Conference (Guangzhou)
2012	American Economic Association Annual Meetings (Chicago)

## Invited Seminars

Harbin Institute of Technology–Shenzhen (School of Economics and Management), Peking University HSBC Business School, UC Berkeley ARE Seminar, UC Berkeley Economics Seminar

## Referee Activities

*Journal of Public Economics, China Economic Review, Journal of Transport Economics and Policy*

## University Service

Peking University HSBC Business School

PhD Supervisor (2020–present), Master's Supervisor (2018–present), PhD Committee (2019–2021), Seminar Coordinator (2019–2020)

University of California, Berkeley

ARE PhD Admissions Committee (student member, 2015–2016), Trade Workshop Coordinator (Spring 2016)

## Media

### Interviews

China Global Television Network, Global Watch program on Shenzhen's economy, Aug 25, 2020

### Coverage

"Jon Sindreu on Global Financial Flows and the Balance of Trade," *Macro Musings*, Aug 3, 2020.

"A Developing Story," *National Affairs*, Mar 25, 2019.

## Professional Experience

2008–2010 Associate Analyst, Veritas Economic Consulting, Cary, North Carolina, USA

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## Miscellany

Languages: Cantonese, Mandarin, English

References available upon request

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