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EDUCATION

New York University, Stern School of Business, New York, USA

Aug 2026 –

PhD in Economics

New York University, Stern School of Business, New York, USA

Jul 2025 – May 2026

M.S. in Quantitative Economics

The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China

Sep 2023 – Jun 2024

M.Econ. (with Distinction; Dean's Honors List)

University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, China

Sep 2019 – Jun 2023

B.Econ. in International Business and Trade

RESEARCH ARTICLES

The Past is Not Even Past: Boxer Rebellion and Contemporary Nationalism in China

Joint with Heiwai Tang and Yuetong Li, Working Paper.

[Available upon request]

Constructs a novel county-gazetteer-based measure of Boxer memory and uses pre-1900 natural disasters as an instrument to identify its persistent effects on contemporary nationalism and local governance.

How the Civil Wars Won? The Persistent Effects of Ming–Qing Social Conflicts

Joint with Manxue Qu and Guoguang Lv.

[Link]

Identifies the causal impact of Ming–Qing peasant uprisings on modern human capital investment using solar eclipses as an instrument and micro-level education data.

The Legacy of War: The Persistent Effects of Social Conflicts in Ming and Qing Dynasties

Undergraduate Thesis (Advisor: Dr. Xiaojia Zheng). *Best Undergraduate Thesis Award of UIBE; Lynne-Doti Graduate Student Best Paper Award of EBHS Annual Conference.*

[Link]

Finds that historical social conflicts fostered higher modern exports through improved governance, risk aversion, and human capital accumulation.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITIONS

Research Assistant to Prof. **Petra Moser**, NYU Stern

Sep 2025 – Jun 2026

Research Assistant to Prof. **Heiwai Tang**, Asia Global Institute, HKU

Aug 2024 – Jul 2025

Research Assistant to Dr. **Harry Haishi Li**, HKU Business School

Apr 2024 – Jul 2024

Research Assistant to Prof. **Manxue Qu**, UIBE School of Banking & Finance

Apr 2022 – Apr 2023

POLICY ESSAYS AND NOTES

Four Takeaways from London's Experiences for Hong Kong's Economic Transformation

Joint with Heiwai Tang, *Hong Kong Economic Journal*, Jun. 2025.

[Link]

Draws policy lessons from London's post-industrial transformation to inform Hong Kong's path toward high-value, innovation-driven economic restructuring.

The Flying Geese Paradigm 2.0 in the Era of Deglobalization

Joint with Heiwai Tang and Shuyi Long, *Hong Kong Economic Journal*, Feb. 2025.

[Link]

Revisits the flying-geese model of East Asian development under today's fragmented global value chains and rising geopolitical frictions.

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- **2025** Econometric Society World Congress (Seoul); Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (Birmingham); Economic and Business History Society Annual Conference (Alabama); Camphor Economic Annual Conference (Wuhan).
- **2024** Economic and Business History Society Annual Conference (York).
- **2023** Economic and Business History Society Annual Conference (Porto); New Era China Youth Economic Forum (Beijing); International Conference on Cultural Economics (Bloomington); Economic and Management Undergraduate Thesis Seminar (Chengdu).
- **2022** Camphor Young Economists Program (Beijing, Remotely)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- NYU Stern David Backus Scholarship (USD 20,000), 2025
- HKU Business School Dean's Honors List, 2024
- Fellow of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, 2024
- HKU Business School Master of Economics Scholarship (HKD 216,000), 2023
- UIBE Undergraduate Best Thesis Award of Class 2023
- Lynne-Doti Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, EBHS Conference, 2023
- Best Presentation Award, 5th Economic and Management Undergraduate Thesis Seminar, 2023

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Computer: Stata, R, Python, Matlab, Julia, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX, Origin

Languages: Mandarin (native), English (fluent)

Topics of Interest: Economic History; Institutional Economics; Political Economy; Applied Micro

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