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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

2007–2010 Ph.D., Economics, London School of Economics
Thesis advisors: Oriana Bandiera, Timothy Besley
Dissertation committee: Henrik Kleven, Albert Park
2005–2007 MRes., Economics with merit, London School of Economics
2003–2005 M.A., Economics with distinction, Tsinghua University
1999–2003 B.A., Economics with distinction, Tsinghua University

EMPLOYMENT

2017–present: Associate Professor, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
2010–2017: Assistant Professor, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

OTHER POSITIONS

2013–present: Faculty Associate, Institute for Emerging Market studies, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
2019 May: Visiting Research Scholar, Institute of Social and Economic Research, Osaka University

RESEARCH INTEREST

Development Economics, Public Economics, Applied Econometrics, Chinese Economy

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2008–2009: Research Studentship, London School of Economics
2008: Michio Morishima Fund for PhD Student, London School of Economics
2005–2008: Vincent Cheng Scholarship, London School of Economics
1999–2004: Scholarship for Excellent Students, Tsinghua University, China
2002: Second-class Prize in Paper Contest for Telecommunications Universal Service, the Ministry of Information Industry of China

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journals:

Yi Lu, Jin Wang and Lianming Zhu (2018), “Place-Based Policies, Creation, and Agglomeration Economies: Evidence from China’s Economic Zone Program”, forthcoming at the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.

L. Rachel Ngai, Christopher Pissarides and Jin Wang (2018), “China’s Mobility Barriers and Employment Allocations”. Discussion Paper No. 11657, Centre for Economic Policy Research, forthcoming at the *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

Xiqian Cai, Yi Lu and Jin Wang (2018), “The Impact of Temperature on Manufacturing Worker Productivity: Evidence from Personnel Data”, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, vol. 46 (4), 889–905.

Pei Li, Yi Lu and Jin Wang (2016), “Does Flattening Government Improve Economic Performance? Evidence from China”, *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 123, 18–37.

Jin Wang (2013), “The Economic Impact of Special Economic Zones: Evidence from Chinese Municipalities”, *Journal of Development Economics*, vol.101, 133–147.

Book chapters:

Mingzhi Li and Jin Wang (2009), “China's Telecommunications Industry: Transformation and Challenges”, in Peter Wilson (ed.), *Policies and Social Welfare in the 21st Century: Challenges and Responses for China and Thailand*, Singapore: Cengage Learning Asia.

Chinese publications:

Fang Wang, Shuo Chen and Jin Wang (2018), “Abolition of Agricultural Taxation, Agricultural Development and Local Government Behaviors: Evidence from County Data”, *Journal of Financial Research* (金融研究), No. 4, 112–128.

Byung-Yeon Kim, Cheng-gang Xu and Jin Wang (2014), “Private Sector as the Driving Force of Economic Development: Firm-level Evidence from Major Transition Economies”, *China Journal of Economics* (经济学报), vol.1 (3), 57–83.

WORKING PAPERS

Pei Li, Yi Lu and Jin Wang, “The Effects of Fuel Standards on Air Pollution: Evidence from China”.

Byung-Yeon Kim, Jin Wang and Chenggang Xu, “Understanding Firms in Transition Economies China and Central-Eastern Europe compared”.

Jin Wang, “Fiscal Incentive and Effort Allocation by Governments: Evidence from China.” Previously circulated as “Fiscal Incentive: Testing for China’s Sub-national Governments”.

WORK IN PREPARATION

Jing Cao, Yi Lu, Jin Wang and Lianming Zhu, “Place-based Policies, Growth and the Environment: Evidence from Chinese Manufacturing”.

Lin Lu, Yi Lu, Jin Wang and Lianming Zhu, “The Aggregate Impacts of Chinese Spatial Policies: A Structural Welfare Analysis”.

Albert Park, Jin Wang and Sangui Wang, “Is Geography Destiny?”

RESEARCH GRANTS

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, School-based Initiatives, Principal Investigator, “The Aggregate Impacts of Chinese Spatial Policies: a Structural Welfare Analysis”, HK\$65,000 (2019–2021).

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, School-based Initiatives, Principal Investigator, “The Effects of Fuel Standards Regulations on Air Pollution: Evidence from China”, HK\$42,500 (2018–2019).

Hong Kong Research Grants Council, General Research Fund, Principal Investigator, “Do Place-based Policies Work? Agglomeration, Creation and Displacement: Lessons from China's Economic Zone Program”, HK\$140,000 (2015–2017).

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Institute for Emerging Market Studies Grant, Principal Investigator, “Place-based Policies, Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from China's Economic Zones”, HK\$200,000 (2015–2016).

World Bank, Grant to the Program on Jobs and Development: Creating Multidisciplinary Solutions, Principal Investigator, “Structural Transformation in China”, HK\$100,000 (2015).

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, School-based Initiatives, Principal Investigator, “To Break the Poverty Trap: The Effects of China's Western Development Strategy on Local Economy”, HK\$68,800 (2014–2015).

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Institute for Emerging Market Studies Grant, Principal Investigator, “Understanding Firms in Emerging Transitional Economies: China and Central-Eastern Europe Compared”, HK\$125,000 (2014–2016).

Hong Kong University Grants Committee, Research Infrastructure Grant, Principal Investigator, “Productivity Difference across Transition Economies: The Role of Policy-induced Firm-level Misallocation Distortions”, HK\$50,000 (2013–2015).

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, School-based Initiatives and Hong Kong Research Grants Council, Direct Allocation Grant, Principal Investigator, “The Effects of Ownership and Business Environment on Firm Performance: Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries versus China”, HK\$75,000 (2012–2014).

Hong Kong Research Grants Council, Direct Allocation Grant, Principal Investigator, “The Impact of Special Economic Zones on Regional Economy: Micro-evidence from China”, HK\$103,300 (2010–2014).

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2019: Jinan University; Fudan University; The University of Hong Kong.

2018: China Econometric Society Meeting; Australasian Development Economics Workshop, Australian National University.

2016: Peking University; Hong Kong Baptist University; Tsinghua University; Jinan University; Asian Econometric Society Meeting, Kyoto.

2015: Conference on Urbanization, Structural Change, and Employment, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Asian Development Bank.

2014: Pacific Rim Conference 3, Hawaii; China Meeting of the Econometric Society, Xiamen; Asian Econometric Society Meeting, Taiwan.

2013: Seoul National University; China Meeting of the Econometric Society, Beijing; Asian Econometric Society Meeting, Singapore; Asian Development Bank Institute Summer Research Seminar; The 5th TED conference, Fudan University; Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

2012: The 8th Australasian Development Economics Workshop, Australia; The 2012 International Workshop on Chinese Productivity, Beijing.

2011: Seoul National University; The North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, St. Louis; The International Economics Association Sixteenth World Congress, Beijing; The Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Seoul; Lingnan University, Hong Kong.

2010: Royal Economic Society Conference, UK; The University of Oxford; The Shanghai University of Finance and Economics; The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; The Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

2009: London School of Economics.

2008: Stanford Institute of Theoretical Economics summer workshop, Stanford University; Public Economics of the UK Conference, Warwick University; London School of Economics; The University of Hong Kong; The Chinese University of Hong Kong; The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association (AEA), Econometric Society (ES)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Ad Hoc Reviewing for:

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Economic Journal, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Regional Science and Urban Economics, China Economic Review, The China Quarterly, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Regional Studies, Urban Geography, Journal of International Development, Seoul Journal of Economics.

Discussant for:

Conference on Urbanization, Structural Change, and Employment, Hong Kong, 2015: “Urbanization and FDI: The Case of China vs. India” by Chu Ping Lo (National Taiwan University).

Workshop on Comparative Studies of Regional Governance in China and Russia, Hong Kong, 2015: “Declining Labor Shares and Heterogeneous Firms” by Daniel Berkowitz (University of Pittsburgh).

Sharing ADB’s Knowledge and Experts through Enhanced Partnerships and Platforms, Asian Development Bank, Manila, 2015: “Special Economic Zones, Cluster and Economic Corridor Development” by Peter Warr (Australian National University), Masami Ishida (Institute of Development Economics, Japan External Trade Organization), Rajat Kathuria (Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations) and Zhenshan Yang (Chinese Academy of Sciences).

ADB Seminar for Young Promising Researchers in Asia, Tokyo, 2013: “Should Japanese Tax System Be More Progressive?” by Shun-Ichiro Bessho (Keio University).

China Meeting of Econometric Society, Beijing, 2013: “Trade Closure, Capital Goods Imports, and Investment Prices: Evidence from the Sino-Soviet Split” by Peter Zeitz (National University of Singapore).

Symposium on Economic Governance in China and the Developing World, Hong Kong, 2013: “Leader Turnover and Economic Outcomes: Evidence from China” by Li-an Zhou (Peking University).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

2010–present, SOSC5720 Economic Development in China, postgraduate level,

2010–present, SOSC1420 Poverty, undergraduate level,

Teaching assistant

2006–2009, EC102 Introductory Economics, undergraduate level,
London School of Economics, for Professor Alwyn Young

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

Division level

Member, the undergraduate committee (2010–2011)
Member, the postgraduate committee (2011–2012, 2017–2018)
Member, search committee, research committee (2018-2019)
Member, MPhil/PhD thesis examination committee (2010–present) to: Qian WANG, Jiyun XIN, Sen MA, Feng YANG, Runze ZHENG, Taifeng SHEN, Zeyang YU, Mengyu LIU, Siqin KANG, Zeming ZHONG, Bin HUANG (MPhil); Bing LI, Titi ZHOU, Jiaxin XIE (PhD)

School level

Thesis supervisor, SHSS 4991 capstone project, Global China Studies Program (2014–2018)
Supervisees: Hok King YAU, Hyungwon JIN, Hiu Yung WU, King Yui WONG (Bsc)

University level

Research Travel Grant Faculty Review Committee (2017–2018)
Committee on Student Affairs (2018–2019)
Selection Committee for the 2018 Common Core Teaching Excellence Award (2018-2019)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

PhD Thesis Examination Committee Chairperson for Department of Electronic and Computer Engineering and Division of Life Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
PhD Thesis Examination Committee Member, Division of Environment and Sustainability, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
PhD External Examiner, Division of Humanities, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
PhD External Examiner, Department of Economics, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (×2 times)
PhD External Examiner, Department of Economics, University of Hong Kong
PhD External Examiner, Department of Economics, National University of Singapore (×2 times)
PhD External Examiner, Department of Real Estate, National University of Singapore

LOCAL EVENTS CO-ORGANIZED

Conference on Urbanization, Structural Change, and Employment, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 2015

COMPUTER AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

Stata, Latex and Scientific WorkPlace
Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent), Cantonese Chinese (fluent)