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Current Position

Associate Professor, Sep. 2021 – Present
Department of Accountancy, Economics and Finance (AEF), Hong Kong Baptist University

Associate Head (Research), Jan. 2023 – Present
Department of Accountancy, Economics and Finance (AEF), Hong Kong Baptist University

Associate Director, Jan. 2025 – Present
Centre for Sustainable Development Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University

Past Experience

Associate Director, Jan. 2023 – 2025
Centre for Business Analytics and the Digital Economy, Hong Kong Baptist University

Assistant Professor, July 2018 – Aug. 2021
Department of Economics, Hong Kong Baptist University

Postdoctoral Fellow, July 2016 – June 2018
Bendheim Centre for Finance, Princeton University, joint with CUHK (SZ)

Postdoctoral Fellow, July 2015 – June 2016
Division of Social Science, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Education

Ph.D. Social Science, Sep. 2011 – June 2015
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong

Mphil. Social Science, Sep. 2009 – Aug. 2011
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong

MA. Social Science, Sep. 2008 – Aug. 2009
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong

B.A. Sociology, Sep. 2004 – Aug. 2008
Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou

Editorial Services

Board of Editor of *American Economic Review*, July 2026 – June 2029

Associate editor of *Pacific Economic Review*, Sep. 2022 - Present

Associate editor of *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, Sep. 2022 – Present

Fields of Interest

Development Economics, Political Economy, Economic History

Research

Publication Records

- Chen, Ting and James Kai-sing Kung. 2024. "The Rise of Chinese Communist Party". Accepted at *Journal of the European Economic Association*.
- Chen, Zhiyang, Ting Chen, Yatang Lin, and Jin Wang. 2025. "Building Tall, Falling Short: An Empirical Assessment of Chinese Skyscrapers". *Journal of Urban Economics*, 145: 103731.

3. Chen, Ting, Yizhen Gu, and Ben Zhou. 2024. "China's Commuting-based Metropolitan Areas". *Journal of Urban Economics*, 144: 103715.
4. Chen, Ting, James Kai-sing Kung, Li Han, and Jiaxin Xie. 2023. "Trading Favours through the Revolving Door: Evidence from China's Primary Land Market". *The Economic Journal*, 133(649): 70–97.
5. Bo, Shiyu, Ting Chen, and Cong Liu, 2022. "Powering China: Trade Shocks and Electrification in the Early Twentieth Century". *The Journal of Comparative Economics*, 50(3): 732-749.
6. Chen, Ting, James Kai-sing Kung. 2022. "War Shocks, Migration, and Historical Spatial Development in China". *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 94, 103718.
7. Daniel Mattingly and Ting Chen. 2022. "The Missionary Roots of Nationalism: Evidence From China". *The Journal of Politics*, 84(3): 1638-51.
8. Chen, Ting, James Kai-sing Kung, and Chicheng Ma. 2020. "Long Live *Keju*! The Persistent Effects of China's Imperial Examination System". *The Economic Journal*, 130(631): 2030-2064.
The paper was awarded the Royal Economic Society Prize for the best paper published in 2020 and Youth Achievement Award (Hong Kong and Macao) of the Ninth Award for Outstanding Research Achievements in Higher Education Institutions (Humanities and Social Sciences) in 2024.
9. Chen, Ting and Jean Ji Yeon HONG. 2020. "The Enemies Within: Loyalty, Faction and Elite Competition under Authoritarianism". *Political Science Research and Methods* (official journal of the European Political Science Association), 9(3), 599-614.
10. Chen, Ting and James Kai-sing Kung. 2019. "Busting the 'Princelings': The Campaigns against Corruption in China's Primary Land Market", *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 134(1): 185-226.
11. Chen, Ting, Zhenyu Gao, Jiabao He, Wenxi Jiang, and Wei Xiong. 2019. "Daily Price Limit and Destructive Market Behavior", *Journal of Econometrics* 208(1): 249-264.
12. Chen, Ting and James Kai-sing Kung. 2016. "Do Land Revenue Windfalls Create A Political Resource Curse? Evidence from China", *Journal of Development Economics* 123: 86-106.

Working Papers

1. Chen, Ting, Chong Liu, Shuang Shi, and Yuling Zhu. 2026 "The Intellectual Origin of Legal Institution and Modern Banking". Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Public Economics*.
2. Bo, Shiyu, Cong Liu, Ting Chen, Cong Liu, and Yan Zhou. 2026. "Railroads and Industrial Development in China, 1858-1936". Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Development Economics*.
3. Chen, Ting, Chong Liu, and Sen Ma. 2022. "The Impact of the Three Gorges Dam: Differentiated Adaptations of Rural Households to Local Climate Change". Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*.
4. Chen, Ting, Jijia Gu, L. Rachel Ngai, and Jin Wang. 2026. "Sowing Seeds of Mobility: The Gendered Impact of Land Reform".
5. Chen, Ting and Robin Kaiji Gong. 2025. "Political Segregation in Innovation Collaboration: Evidence from the 2016 Presidential Election".
6. Chen, Ting, Jiayi Hou, Yankun Kang, Chang Liu. 2026. "Flick, Click, and Sick: Mental Health Risks of Short-video Platforms".
7. Chen, Ting, Ziyang Chen, and Qiyao Zhou. 2025. "Barriers in the Sky".
8. Chen, Ting, Jianan Li, Chong Pang, and Yuan Zi. 2025. "A Thirst for Silver: Trade Disruption, Currency Shortage, and the Institutional Cause of Riots".

9. Chen, Ting, Zhaoguang Wang, and Yifan Zhang. 2025. "Digital Footprints and Policing: The Socioeconomic Impacts of Mobile Payment Reform on China's Sex Industry".
10. Bo, Shiyu, Ting Chen, and Cong Liu. 2024. "Going Native: Foreign Firms' Responses to Domestic Boycotts".
11. Chen, Ting and James Kai-sing Kung. 2022. "Commercial Revolution in Medieval China".
12. Chen, Ting, Han Qi, and Jin Wang. 2022. "Railways, Telegraph and Technology Diffusion: Evidence from Diffusion of American Cotton in Early 20th Century China".

Funded Research and Grant Participation

- Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC), General Research Fund (GRF), PI, "Populism and Multinational Corporation", HKD 687,836 (Ref. No. 12502724, 2025.01-2027.12).
- Hong Kong RGC, GRF, PI, "Clan Organizations, Village Elections, and Grassroots Governance in China", HKD 646,500 (Ref. No. 12500423, 2024.01-2026.12).
- Hong Kong RGC, Areas of Excellence (AoE) Project, Co-PI, "Quantitative History of China: Historical Roots of Recent Success and Future Development", HKD 74.8M (HKD 2.5M + 0.319M allocated to the Co-PI).
- Hong Kong RGC, GRF, PI, "Measuring China's Technological Changes in the 20th Century, One Book at a Time", HKD 455,393 (Ref. No. 12503222, 2023.01-2025.12).
- Hong Kong RGC, Early Career Grant, PI, "Telegraph, Railway Network, and the Adoption of Agricultural Technology", HKD 549,720 (Ref. No. 22502819, 2019.06-2021.12).
- HKBU, Tier-2 Start-up Grant, PI, "The Causes and Consequences of the Low-quality Patent Filing in China", HKD 441,892.80 (2020.09-2023.09).
- HKBU, Tier-1 Start-up Grant, PI, HKD 100,000.
- Hong Kong RGC, GRF, Co-I, "From the New World: Sanctions and the Votes of Immigrants", HKD 100,000 (Ref. No. 16508524, 2025-2027).
- Hong Kong RGC, GRF, Co-I, "The Rise of Communism in China", HKD 100,000 (Ref. No. 17505519, 2019-2022).

Awards

- **Youth Achievement (Hong Kong and Macau)**
The 9th Outstanding Achievement Award for Scientific Research in Higher Education (Humanities and Social Sciences), the Ministry of Education of the P. R. China, 2024.
- **The RES prize for the best paper**
Royal Economic Society, 2020.
- **Faculty/School/the Academy of Visual Arts Performance Award as Young Researcher**
Hong Kong Baptist University, 2019/2020.
- **School of Business Young Researcher Award**
School of Business, Hong Kong Baptist University, 2019/2020.

Editorial Services

American Economic Review, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of International Economics, Management Science, Journal of Human Resource, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, The Economic Journal, Review of Finance, The Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Politics, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Comparative Political Studies, Chinese Economic Review

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