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## Current Position

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

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

**Associate Director,** Jan. 2023 – Present  
Centre for Business Analytics and the Digital Economy, School of Business, Hong Kong Baptist University Science

## Past Experience

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

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

**Postdoctoral Fellow,** July 2016 – June 2018  
Division of Social Science, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

## Education

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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

## Fields of Interest

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Political Economy, Development Economics, Economic History

## Research

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### Publication Records

1. Chen, Ting, James Kai-sing Kung, Li Han, and Jiaxin Xie. 2023. "Reaping Corruption Gains through the Revolving Door". *The Economic Journal*, 133(649): 70–97.
2. 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.
3. Chen, Ting, James Kai-sing Kung. 2022. "War Shocks, Migration, and Historical Spatial Development in China". *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 94, 103718.
4. Daniel Mattingly and Ting Chen. 2022. "The Missionary Roots of Nationalism: Evidence From China". *The Journal of Politics*, 84(3): 1638-51.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 薄诗雨, 陈婷, 刘丛. 2024. "电力扩张对工业发展影响的因果评估: 来自近代中国的证据". *经济学(季刊)*, 2024(01): 189-204.
11. 李兵, 岳云嵩, 陈婷. 2016. "出口与企业自主技术创新: 来自企业专利数据的经验研究", *世界经济(The Journal of World Economy)*, 39(12): 72-94.
12. 陈硕, 陈婷. 2014. "空气质量与公共健康: 以火电厂二氧化硫排放为例", *经济研究(Economic Research Journal)*, vol.49 no.562(08): 158-169.

#### *Working Papers*

1. Chen, Ting, Zhiyang, Chen, Yatang, Lin, and Jin Wang. 2024. "Subsidizing High-Rises for Growth or Vanity? An Empirical Assessment of Chinese Skyscrapers". Conditional Accepted at *Journal of Urban Economics*.
2. Chen, Ting, Yizhen Gu, and Ben Zhou. 2022. "Delineating China's Metropolitan Areas Using Commuting Flow Data". Conditional Accepted at *Journal of Urban Economics*.
3. Chen, Ting and James Kai-sing Kung. 2024. "The Rise of China Communist Party". Revision at *Journal of the European Economic Association*.
4. Chen, Ting, Jianan Li, Chong Pang, and Yuan Zi. 2004. "Money Supply Shock and Social Conflicts: Evidence from 19th Century China".
5. Bo, Shiyu, Ting Chen, and Cong Liu. 2004. "Going Native: Foreign Firms' Responses to Domestic Boycotts".
6. Bo, Shiyu, Ting Chen, Cong Liu, and Yan Zhou. 2004. "Railroads and Industrial Development in China, 1858-1936".
7. Chen, Ting and Yan Zhou. 2004. "Library and Human Resource".
8. Chen, Ting, Chong Liu, and Sen Ma. 2022. "The Impact of the Three Gorges Dam: Differentiated Adaptations of Rural Households to Local Climate Change".
9. Chen, Ting, Han Qi, and Jin Wang. 2022. "Railways, Telegraph and Technology Diffusion: Evidence from Diffusion of American Cotton in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century China".
10. Chen, Ting and James Kai-sing Kung. 2022. "Commercial Revolution in Medieval China".
11. How COVID-19 Affects Democracy Discourses in China: Evidence from Weibo and Zhihu

## Funded Research and Grant Participation

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- Hong Kong Research Grants Council, General Research Fund, Principal Investigator, "Populism and Multinational Corporation", HKD 687,836 (Ref. No. 12502724, 2025.01-2027.12).
- Hong Kong Research Grants Council, General Research Fund, Principal Investigator, "Clan organizations, village elections, and grassroots governance in China", HKD 646,500 (Ref. No. 12500423, 2024.01-2026.12).
- Hong Kong Research Grants Council, 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 is proposed to allocate to HKBU and HKD 0.319M matching grant from HKBU).
- Hong Kong Research Grants Council, General Research Fund, Principal Investigator, "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 Baptist University, Tier-2 Start-up Grant, Principal Investigator, "The Causes and Consequences of the Low-quality Patent Filing in China", HKD 441,892.80 (2020.09-2023.09).
- Hong Kong Research Grants Council, Early Career Grant, Principal Investigator, "Telegraph, Railway Network, and the Adoption of Agricultural Technology", HKD 549,720 (Ref. No. 22502819, 2019.06-2021.12).
- Hong Kong Research Grants Council, General Research Fund, Co-investigators, "The Rise of Communism in China" (Ref. No. 17505519, 2019-2022).
- Hong Kong Baptist University, Tier-1 Start-up Grant, Principal Investigator, HKD 100,000.

## Awards

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- **Youth Achievement (Hong Kong and Macau)**  
The 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Refereeing and Editorial Contributions

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*Management Science, Journal of Human Resource, Journal of Public 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 Economics and Statistics, 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*

Associate editor of *Pacific Economic Review* (2022-25)

Associate editor of *Regional Science and Urban Economics* (2022-25)

August, 2024