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Current Position

- [09/2021 – present] Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Hong Kong Baptist University
- [07/2018 – 08/2021] Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Hong Kong Baptist University
- [11/2018 – present] Associate Director of the Centre for Business Analytics and the Digital Economy, School of Business, HKBU

Past Experience

- [07/2016 – 06/2018] Postdoctoral Fellow, Bendheim Centre for Finance, Princeton University, joint with CUHK (SZ)
- [07/2015 – 06/2016] Postdoctoral Fellow, Division of Social Science, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Education

- [09/2011 – 06/2015] Ph.D. Social Science, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong
- [09/2009 – 08/2011] Mphil. Social Science, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong
- [09/2008 – 08/2009] MA. Social Science, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong
- [09/2004 – 08/2008] B.A. Sociology, Sun Yat-Sen University, China

Fields of Interest

Political Economy, Economic History, Development Economics

RESEARCH

Publication Records

1. Chen, Ting, James Kai-sing Kung, Li Han, and Jiaxin Xie. 2020. "Reaping Corruption Gains through the Revolving Door". *The Economic Journal*, forthcoming.
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. 2020. "Historical Spatial Development in China: Perspective from Two Millennia". *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 94, 103718.

4. Daniel Mattingly and Ting Chen. 2020. "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. 2019. "Long Live *Keju*! The Persistent Effects of China's Imperial Examination System". *The Economic Journal*, 130(631): 2030-2064. The paper was awarded the winner of the Royal Economic Society Prize for the best paper published in the Economic Journal in 2020.
6. Chen, Ting and Jean Ji Yeon HONG. 2019. "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. 李兵, 岳云嵩, 陈婷. 2016. "出口与企业自主创新: 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.
11. 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 and James Kai-sing Kung. 2022. "The Rise of China Communist Party".
2. Chen, Ting, Han Qi, and Jin Wang. 2022. "Railways, Telegraph and Technology Diffusion: Evidence from Diffusion of American Cotton in Early 20th Century China".
3. Chen, Ting and James Kai-sing Kung. 2022. "Commercial Revolution in Medieval China".
4. Chen, Ting, Chong Liu, and Sen Ma. 2022. "The Impact of the Three Gorges Dam: Differentiated Adaptations of Rural Households to Local Climate Change".
5. Chen, Ting, Yizhen Gu, and Ben Zhou. 2022. "Delineating China's Metropolitan Areas Using Commuting Flow Data".
6. Chen, Ting, Zhiyang, Chen, Yatang, Lin, and Jin Wang. 2022. "Subsidizing High-Rises for Growth or Vanity? An Empirical Assessment of Chinese Skyscrapers".
7. How COVID-19 Affects Democracy Discourses in China: Evidence from Weibo and Zhihu
8. 薄诗雨, 陈婷, 刘丛. 2022. "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". *Revision at 经济学 (季刊)*

Funded Research and Grant Participation

- Hong Kong Research Grants Council, Areas of Excellence (AoE) Project, Collaborator, "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

- Royal Economic Society Prize for the best paper in 2020.
- Faculty/School/the Academy of Visual Arts Performance Award as Young Researcher, 2019/2020.
- School of Business Young Researcher Award, 2019/2020.

Teaching Experience

- [2022 Fall] Econ3096 Causal Inference: Capturing Cause-and-Effect Relationships with Data.
- [2022 Summer] Text as Data, Workshop at the Liaoning University.
- [2022 Summer] Text as Data, Summer Camp Course at the Beihang University.
- [2021 Winter] Data Visualization, Summer Course at the HKU Business School.
- [2021 Summer] Econ3097 Data Visualization for Economic Storytelling.
- [2020 Summer] Data Analytics Skill and Applications, Summer Course at the School of Economics, PKU.
- [2020 – present] ECON7930 Analytics for Spatial, Textual and Social Network Data.
- [2019 – present] ECON3005 Applied Econometrics.
- [2019 – present] ECON4016 Advanced Data Analytics with Business Applications.
- [2019 Spring] "Workshop on GIS Application for Economist" at Social Science Division, HKUST.
- [2018 Nov] "Workshop on the Use of Data Analytics Skills for Business and Economic Research" at IESR, Jinan University.

Conference & Seminar Presentations

[June 14, 2022] Seminar presented “*Subsidizing High-Rises for Growth or Vanity? An Empirical Assessment of Chinese Skyscrapers*” at the Department of Economics Seminar, Fudan University, Shanghai China.

[Oct. 12, 2019] Seminar presented “*Foreign Military Aggression and Revolution: The Rise of Communism in China*” at Social Science Division, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

[Sep. 17, 2019] Seminar presented “*Real Estate Boom and Misallocation of Capital in China*” at the Department of Economics Seminar, Fudan University, Shanghai China.

[May 29, 2019] Seminar presented “*The Impact of the Three Gorges Dam: Differentiated Adaptations of Rural Households to Local Climate Change*” at the Development Economics Seminar of the School of Economics, Peking University, Beijing China.

[May 28, 2019] Seminar presented “*Why China? The Rise of a Merchant Class and the Emergence of Meritocracy*” at the Brownbag Seminar of the Center for Social Research, Peking University, Beijing China.

[May 22, 2019] Presented “*Reaping Corruption Gains through the Revolving Door*” at the School of Government “转型与治理” conference, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou China.

[May 17-18, 2019] Presented “*Why China? The Rise of a Merchant Class and the Emergence of Meritocracy*” at “*经济学研究与中国叙事*”, Fudan University, Shanghai China.

[May 7, 2019] Attended the 2019 CEIBS Economics Symposium at the China Europe International Business School (CEIBS), Shanghai China.

[May 11-12, 2019] Presented “*Why China? The Rise of a Merchant Class and the Emergence of Meritocracy*” at 2019 Growth Theory Conference, Brown, Rhode Island, U.S.

[Feb. 8-9, 2019] Conference presented “*Railway, Telegraph and Technological Diffusion: Evidences from Adoption of American Cotton in Early 20th Century China*” at Joint APEBH 2019 and All-UC Group in Economic History Conference, Caltech, Pasadena, U.S.

[Nov. 22, 2018] “*Workshop on the Use of Data Analytics Skills for Business and Economic Research*” at the Institute for Economic and Social Research, Jinan University, Guangzhou China.

[Oct. 16, 2018] “*Workshop on the Use of Data Analytics Skills for Business and Economic Research*” at School of Business, The Hong Kong Baptist University.

[Spring 2018] “*Workshop on GIS Application for Economist*” at School of Economics, Peking University, Beijing China.

[Spring 2018] “*Workshop on GIS Application for Economist*” at Social Science Division, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

[Spring 2018] Seminar presented “*Busting the ‘Princelings’: The Campaigns against Corruption in China’s Primary Land Market*” at School of Global Policy & Strategy, UC San Diego.

[Fall 2017] “*Workshop on GIS Application for Economist*” at School of Economics, Shandong University, Jinan China.

Refereeing and Editorial Contributions

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)

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