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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. **London School of Economics and Political Science**
Economic History (expected September 2020)
- Thesis: *A New Examination of Chinese Fertility, 1400-1900*
 - Supervisors: Dr. Neil Cummins and Dr. Debin Ma
- MA **Renmin University of China**
Economic History, June 2016
- GPA 3.92/4.0 (Rank: 1/45)
 - Thesis: *Socio-Economic Determinants in Demographic Transition: A Comparative Study of France, Britain and China.*
- University of California, Berkeley**
Exchange Graduate Student, Department of Economics, 2015-16
- BA **Renmin University of China**
English and Economics, June 2014
- GPA 3.80/4.0 (Rank: 3/60)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic demography, historical demography, health economics, Chinese population history, human capital formation, social stratification and social mobility in pre-industrial societies

RESEARCH

Working Papers

Survival of the Confucians: Male Fertility and Social Status in China, 1400-1900

I use the genealogical records of 35,691 men to test one of the fundamental assumptions of the Malthusian model. Did higher living standards result in increased net reproduction? For China, 1400-1900, I find a positive status-fertility relationship. The gentry scholars, the Confucians, produced more than twice as many sons as the commoners. The social gradients were However, this status effect on fertility disappears once I control for the number of wives. Reproductive success in Imperial China was driven by the upper class's advantage in having more wives. The results also shed light on understanding the persistence of Confucianism in Chinese society.

Descendants over Half a Millennium: Marital Fertility in Five Chinese Lineages, 1400-1900

The paper studies the marital fertility of five Chinese lineages in Southeast China from 1400 to 1900. By exploiting new genealogical data and studying more than 20,000 individuals in the five lineages, a unique Chinese marital fertility pattern is demonstrated. On the one hand, contrary to conventional wisdom on Chinese fertility, the results show that the marital fertility rates in the period were much lower compared to those of Northwest Europe in similar periods. On the other hand, in line with the classic ideas, the paper finds no clear signs of parity-dependent controls within marriages. The results suggest that imperial China was still largely a "natural fertility" regime, only with some "controlled" characteristics.

Work in Progress

The Beckerian and the Darwinian trade-off of children in Chinese families: transmission of fertility across generations in China, 1400-1900.

PUBLICATIONS

Translation (from English to Chinese)

A Culture of Growth: Origins of the Modern Economy, by Joel Mokyr (published by Princeton University Press). Beijing: Renmin University Press, 2019.

Book Review

Hu, Sijie. 2019. Review of “The Chinese Economy: Adaptation and Growth. By Barry Naughton” *Economic History Review*, 72: 794-795.

PRESENTATIONS

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| 2020 | European Social Science History Conference, Leiden (upcoming) |
| 2019 | LSE Asia Economic History Seminar, London (upcoming)
Economic and Social History Graduate Workshop, Cambridge (upcoming)
LSE Graduate Seminar in Economic History, London (upcoming)
Oxford/LSE/Warwick Economic History Workshop, London (upcoming)
European Historical Economics Society Conference, Paris
7th International Symposium on Quantitative History, Yantai, China
British Postgraduate Network for Chinese Studies Annual Conference, Cambridge
PopFest Population Studies Annual Conference, London
Economic History Society Annual Conference, Belfast
10th Demographic Conference of “Young Demographers”, Prague |
| 2018 | LSE Asia Economic History Seminar, London
British Society of Population Studies Annual Conference, Winchester
World Economic History Congress, Boston (Poster)
LSE Graduate Review Committee Workshop, London |
| 2017 | LSE Graduate Review Committee Workshop, London |

GRANTS AND PRIZES

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| 2019.10 | Best Research Paper (First Prize), 7th International Symposium on Quantitative History |
| 2019.8 | Radwan Travel and Discovery Fund |
| 2019 | LSE Postgraduate Travel Fund |
| 2019.4 | Economic History Society Annual Conference Bursary |
| 2018.9 | British Society for Population Studies Annual Conference Bursary |
| 2018.7 | World Economic History Congress Travel Fund |
| 2016-2020 | LSE Ph.D. Studentship, LSE |
| 2014-2016 | Scholarship of Academic Excellence (First Prize), Renmin University of China |
| 2013.12 | National Scholarship of Academic Excellence, Ministry of the Education of the PRC |

EXPERIENCE

Teaching Experience

London School of Economics and Political Science, 2017-18

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Economic History

- Taught three seminars for the one-unit undergraduate course “The Making of an Economic Superpower: China since 1850” for Dr. Debin Ma

Research Experience

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China, 2013-14

Research Assistant, Bureau of Disease Prevention and Control

- Conducted research on public health history in China after 1949
- Assisted with the writing of the book *China's Sixty-year Disease Prevention and Control*

Centre for Disease Control and Prevention of Jiangsu, China, 2012-13

Research Assistant, Non-Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control Institute

- Assisted research professionals in Jiangsu CDC in analysing metabolic syndrome in Jiangsu Province

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Graduate Course "Living Conditions and Demographic Change in Pre-industrial Societies"

Centre for Economic Demography, University of Lund, September 2019

Quantitative History Summer School

Co-organized by University of Hong Kong, Tsinghua University and Renmin University of China, July 2019

"Demography with R", Barcelona Summer School of Demography (BSSD)

Centre for Demographic Studies (CED), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, July-August 2018

ACADEMIC SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

Co-organizer, Asia Economic History Graduate Seminar, LSE 2018-2020

MEMBERSHIPS

Economic History Society, European Historical Economics Society, European Economic Association, Population Association of America, The British Society for Population Studies

LANGUAGES

Chinese (native language), English (fluent), French (basic reading competency)

REFERENCES

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