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EDUCATION

PhD candidate in Economic History

10/2011-present

London School of Economics and Political Science

- My thesis examines how did Shanxi piaohao, a type of Chinese traditional financial institution, discipline and incentivise their distant employees in a weak legal environment in protecting shareholders' ownership in the late 19th century.
- Echoing their appearance, the hasty disappearance of these piaohao within a century is also intriguing. Therefore, my thesis analyses the historical change of their business and their relationship with the government.

MSc in Economic History

09/2010-09/2011

London School of Economics and Political Science

- Grade: Good Merit
- Got a distinction grade for the dissertation which compares the business of the HSBC bank with the Chinese Shanxi piaohao in the late 19th century.

BSc (Hons) in Economics

09/2006-06/2010

Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE)

- GPA: 3.35/3.5 and resulted in top 10 ten students in the department.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

'How did the Chinese Shanxi piaohao survive in the late 19th century? A study of the relationship between the Shanxi piaohao and the Qing government', the **Economic History Society 2015 Annual Meeting**, poster session, University of Wolverhampton, UK, 27 -29th March 2015

'How did the Shanxi bankers solve the agency problem in their long distance business?' the **Fourth Asia Historical Economics Conference**, Istanbul, Turkey, 19-20th September 2014

'Governance structure of the Chinese Shanxi piaohao, 1823-1917', the **Economic History Association 2014 Annual Meeting**, poster session, Ohio, US, 12th- 14th September, 2014

'A Study of the management and incentive mechanisms of the Chinese Shanxi piaohao', the **European Business History Society 2014 Annual Conference**, Utrecht, Netherlands, 21st-23rd August, 2014

‘Weak commercial law and strong private orders: Governance structure in the Chinese Shanxi piaohao’, the **Kent FRESH Program**, Kent, UK, June 5th, 2014

‘Incentive mechanism: how did the Chinese Shanxi piaohao unite shareholders and employees’ interests together in the 19th century?, the **39th Annual Economic and Business History Society Conference**, Manchester, UK, 29th-31st May, 2014

‘Management structure in the Shanxi piaohao’ **Centre for Economic and Business History Workshop, University of Nottingham**, 18-19th April 2013

COMMISSIONED CONFERENCE DISSCUSSANT

Jiansheng Liu, ‘The main merchant groups in the Sino-Russian border trade in the Qing dynasty’ **The Second Eurasia Trade Conference**, l'École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris, France, 28-30th November.

INTERNSHIP AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Bilingual Administrator Immigration Department 09/2014-04/2015
Henry's Solicitors (UK)

- Worked one day per week, I developed English language skills by providing Chinese e-English translation service with solicitors and clients.
- Designed leaflets, posters and blogs to enlarge company's market among Chinese clients.

Team Assistant Medical Apparatus Department 06/2010-09/2010
Siemens Ltd (China) Corporation

- Worked as a team member, I arranged weekly and interim meetings for department managers and sales.
- Handled clients' requests and questions on medical apparatus and instruments.

Organiser Beijing Liantian Rescue Team 04/2010-05/2010
Chinese Red Cross Society

- Worked as a team leader, initialled and organised donation events for the Chinese Qinghai Yushu earthquake in university.
- Assisted Chinese Red Cross Society to deliver all the donations from Beijing to Qinghai.

Cashier Retail Banking Department 07/2009-09/2009
China MinSheng Banking Corporation Ltd

- Cultivated practical banking knowledge and skills by promoting financial products to bank clients.
- Assisted customers with their financial transactions such as deposit, withdrawal and money transfer.

Translator Olympic Media Village

07/2008-09/2008

Beijing Organising Committee for the Olympiad

- Provided English translation service to BBC journalists and photographers.
- Performed in Olympic galas as a dancer.

AWARDS AND FUNDS

- Economic History Society PhD bursary in 2015-2016
- LSE Radwan Travel and Discovery Fund in 2014-2015
- LSE Postgraduate Research Scholarship in 2014-2015
- LSE Radwan Travel and Discovery Fund in 2011-2012
- Distinguished Undergraduate Graduate of the Universities in Beijing in 2010
- CUFE Academic Scholarship, Top Award, continuously for 2006-2009
- CUFE Excellent Student Union Leader in 2006-2007

SKILLS

English [Fluent], Chinese [Standard Modern and Classical: Native]

SOFTWARE

Proficient in using GIS and stata