

QINGROU ZHAO

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EMPLOYMENT

London School of Economics | LSE Fellow in Economic History | London Sep 2026 – Present
University of Edinburgh | Guaranteed Hours Tutor | Edinburgh Sep 2022 – Aug 2026

EDUCATION

University of Edinburgh | PhD in Economic and Social History | Edinburgh Sep 2022 – Dec 2026

- Thesis title: Counting In, Counting Out: A History of Census-Making in Shanghai, 1840s–1949
My SGSSS ESRC-funded project studies census-making in Shanghai’s International Settlement, French Concession, and Chinese jurisdictions. It examines both the perspectives of administrators and the responses of the enumerated.
- Supervisors: Dr Felix Boecking, Professor Emile Chabal, Dr Paul Kosmetatos

École normale supérieure (ENS) de Lyon | Overseas Institutional Visit | Lyon May 2025

- SGSSS ESRC-funded overseas institutional visit to explore potential postdoctoral project.
- Academic Mentor: Professor Philippe Rygiel

University of Oxford | MPhil in Economic and Social History | Oxford Oct 2020 – Jun 2022

- Classification: Distinction (Average 79%, Dissertation 82%)
- Supervisor: Professor Stephen Broadberry

Peking University | Bachelor in Finance, Dual Bachelor in International Politics | Beijing Sep 2016 – Jun 2020

- Outstanding Graduate of Peking University in the 2020 Cohort (15% of graduates)
- Advisor: Professor Se Yan

PUBLICATION

Zhao, Qingrou. 2026. “Greener on the Other Side? The Motivations for Chinese Migration to the Shanghai International Settlement, 1853–1943”. *Revista De Historia Industrial — Industrial History Review* 35 (96) *New Perspectives in Global Economic History (II)* : 23-62. <https://doi.org/10.1344/rhi-ih.48095>.

SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIZES, AND AWARDS

2022 – 2026 Scottish Graduate School of Social Science ESRC DTP PhD Studentship (£72,730 for 3.5 years)

2025 – 2026 Economic History Society Bursary Scheme for PhD Students (£5,000, one of five total awards)

2025 Scottish Graduate School of Social Science Overseas Institutional Visit Grant (£2,961)

2025 University of Edinburgh Student Experience Grant (£5,000, joint application for undergraduate teaching project)

2024 Scottish Graduate School of Social Science Overseas Field Work Grant (£4,960)

2019, 2018 Peking University Guanghua School of Management Award of Academic Excellence

2018 Peking University May Fourth Scholarship (university’s top annual scholarship for academic excellence, £1,300)

2018 Santander Scholarship (£2,650) and Erasmus+ Scholarship (£2,540, both awarded for study abroad semester)

2016 Freshman Scholarship (awarded £530 for top 0.03% of Beijing in college entrance exam for humanities students)

Edinburgh University Student Association Teaching Award (student nominations, 2022 – 23, 23 – 24, 24 – 25, 25 – 26)

People of College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Award (colleague nomination, 2024 – 25)

QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Advance HE Associate Fellowship (awarded November 2025)

Royal Historical Society; Economic History Society; Social History Society; British Association for Chinese Studies

TEACHING

Department of Economic History, London School of Economics

EH4A1: Historical Analysis of Economic Change (2026 – Present) (seminar, graduate)

EH237: Research Methods in Economic History (2026 – Present) (class, undergraduate)

Research dissertation in Economic or Social History (2026 – Present) (supervision, undergraduate and graduate)

School of History, Classics & Archaeology, University of Edinburgh

HCA Writing Centre (2024 – 26) (one-to-one tutorial, undergraduate and graduate)

The Historian's Toolkit (2023 – 26) (tutorial, undergraduate)

The History of Edinburgh (2025 – 26) (tutorial, undergraduate)

Britain, Ireland, and Empire (2024 – 25) (tutorial, undergraduate)

The Global Economy since 1750 (2022 – 24) (tutorial and assisting in lecture writing, undergraduate)

School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh

Introduction to Political Data Analysis (2022 – 25) (tutorial and course organisation as senior tutor, undergraduate)

Exeter College, University of Oxford

History Aptitude Test Workshop (2021) (access and outreach programme)

History Graduate Mentor for undergraduate students on Exeter Plus (2021) (access and outreach programme)

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Counting In, Counting Out: Practical and Ideological Considerations Behind Shanghai Settlement Census-Making

History of Science/European Society for the History of Science Conference | Presentation | Edinburgh 12 – 16 Jul 2026

Involution and Revolution: PKU Conference on Information in 19th Century China | Presentation | Beijing 14 Jun 2025

Scottish Global History Network Workshop | Poster | Glasgow 27 Sep 2024

Oxford International History of East Asia Seminars | Presentation | Oxford 23 Oct 2023

To Know, or To Be Ignorant? Developments of Shanghai Settlement Census-Making from 1865 to 1910s

Society for Global Nineteenth-Century Studies Biennial Symposium | Individual Paper Talk | Paris 17 – 19 Jun 2026

Concepts and Clarity in Studies of the Chinese Past | Presentation | Cambridge 14 Apr 2026

Emulation, Cooperation, and Friction: Census-making in the Shanghai Trinity, 1920s–1937

Association for Political History Conference: Dynamizing and Decentring Empires | Paper | Münster 11 – 13 Jun 2026

Greener on the Other Side? The Motivations for Chinese Migration to the Shanghai International Settlement, 1853–1943

Economic History Society Annual Conference | New Researcher Paper | London 10 – 12 Apr 2026

Economic History Society Residential Training Course | Workshop | Coventry 29 Nov – 2 Dec 2023

Enculturating Britishness in Shanghai: Children's Columns in *The North China Herald*, 1891–1894

Children's History Society Conference 2024 | Presentation | Newcastle 4 – 6 Jul 2024

The 1882–1883 Shanghai Financial Crisis Revisited: An Analysis from the Perspective of Self-Strengthening Enterprises

CEPR The Chinese Economic History in the Long Run Conference | Poster | Manchester 21 Oct 2022

Organisational Work

Centre for Global History Graduate Workshop | Co-convenor | Edinburgh Biweekly, Jul 2023 – May 2024

Economic and Social History Graduate Seminar | Co-convenor | Oxford Weekly, Oct 2021 – Jun 2022

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Investment Banking Summer Intern Analyst at HSBC Hong Kong Jun 2019 – Aug 2019

Investment Analyst Intern at Ardian, a Paris-headquartered global private equity fund, in Beijing Jan 2019 – Jun 2019

LANGUAGE AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages other than English (speaking, reading, writing): Chinese (Native proficiency) | French (C1) | Polish (A2)

Stata, ArcGIS, R, Microsoft Office