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RESEARCH FIELDS & INTERESTS

FIELDS: Economic History, Public Economics

INTERESTS: Public Finance; State Capacity and Governance; Institutional Transitions and Economic Growth; Political Economy of Modern and Contemporary China

EDUCATION

2017-2021	Department of Economic History, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK <i>PhD in Economic History</i> Dissertation: 'The Making of Regional Fiscal States in China: Striving Paths to Modernization, 1850s-1930s' Expected Completion Date: 30 SEP 2021 Supervisors: Prof. Kent G. Deng; Prof. Debin Ma
2016-2017	Department of Government, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK <i>MSc in Political Science and Political Economy</i> (with Distinction)
2011-2016	Department of Finance, School of Management, Fudan University, China <i>BSc in Financial Management</i> (with GPA 3.68/4.00, top 5%)
2014-2015	ESADE Business School, Spain <i>Exchange Program in Management</i> (with GPA 94/100)

COMPLETED PAPERS

'Reexamine the Restoration: Fiscal Capacity and Industrialization in Modern China, 1860s-1930s' (Ready for Submission to *Journal of Economic History*)

This article contributes to the Great Divergence debate by providing an institutional narrative on the onset of China's industrialization. It constructs a novel dataset, employs the Taiping Rebellion as an instrument variable and finds that the autonomous local fiscal capacity led to the pervasive and persistent local industrialization.

'The Merit of Misfortune: Taiping Rebellion and the Rise of Indirect Taxation in Late Imperial China, 1850s-1900s' (Ready for Submission to *The Economic Journal*)

This article revisits the role of war in state development but goes beyond the scope of Western European nation states. It offers fresh views on the positive relationship between indigenous political disorder and fiscal capacity (in commercial taxation) by studying an influential Late Qing rebellion with an original dataset.

'Fiscal Decentralization, Historical Legacy and Economic Performance: Empirical Evidence from Coastal Prefectures in China, 2010-2015'

This article studies the effect of fiscal decentralization on economic growth, one of key empirical issues on fiscal federalism. It establishes a panel dataset and considers historical linguistic and social division as an instrumental variable for today's degree of fiscal decentralization, as the first attempt to overcome endogeneity in the literature.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Papers in Progress

- ‘New Policies, New Elites: The Rise of Public Welfare during China’s Constitutional Reform, 1901-1911’
 ‘Pragmatism or Nationalism? Foreign Borrowing, Domestic Financing and China’s Infrastructure, 1880s-1910s’
 ‘A Comparative Case Study: Warlords and Regional Fiscal States during a National Disorder, 1916-1927’

Monography in Progress

- ‘The Making of Regional Fiscal States in China: Striving Paths to Modernization, 1850s-1930s’ (PhD Dissertation)

HONORS, AWARDS & FUNDING

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| 2017-2021 | Full Scholarship by the Chinese Scholarship Council of the Ministry of Education, P. R. of China for the PhD Program in the London School of Economics and Political Science |
| 2020 | Radwan Travel and Discovery Fund |
| 2020 | LSE Undergraduate Teaching Award Nomination |
| 2019 | Conference Travelling Bursaries (EHES Annual Conference, UK EHS Annual Conference) |
| 2019 | Specially Nominated Prize for Academic Poster, UK EHS Annual Conference |
| 2017 | LSE Prize for Best Academic Performance at MSc in Political Science and Political Economy |
| 2016 | Tier-1 Undergraduate Scholarship of Senior Class in Fudan University |
| 2016 | Shanghai City Excellent Undergraduate of Senior Class |
| 2014 | Tier-1/National Undergraduate Scholarship |

TEACHING

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| 2017- | Department of Economic History, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
<i>Undergraduate Seminar Teacher</i> (with average student feedback: 4.6/5.0)
Teaching two second-year undergraduate courses for four consecutive years:
EH207: ‘The Making of an Economic Superpower: China since 1850’
EH240: ‘Business and Economic Performance since 1945: Britain in International Context’
Number of students: 29 for 2017, 61 for 2018, 43 for 2019, 84 for 2020 |
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SEMINARS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| 2020 | Economic History Graduate Seminar, London School of Economics, UK (online, upcoming)
Economic Research Institute Workshop, Hitotsubashi University, Japan (online)
The 4 th Peking-Fudan Forum for State Governance, Fudan University, China (online)
LSE Annual Research Festival, London School of Economics, UK |
| 2019 | ‘Understanding State Capacity’ Conference, University of Manchester, UK
Asia Economic History Seminar, London School of Economics, UK
European Historical Economics Society Annual Conference, Paris School of Economics, France
Frontier of Chinese Economy: GIS and Economic History Studies, Fudan University, China
UK Economic History Society Annual Conference, Queen’s University Belfast, UK
Graduate Review Committee Year-Two Workshop, London School of Economics, UK |
| 2018 | The 6 th Asian Historical Economics Conference, University of Hong Kong, China
The 6 th International Symposium on Quantitative History, Tsinghua University, China
Graduate Review Committee Year-One Workshop, London School of Economics, UK |
| 2017 | Summer School for Chinese Political and Economic Studies, Università di Torino, Italy |

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION & ACADEMIC SERVICES

2020-	LSE Digital Solutions for TAs during COVID-19, <i>Convenor</i>
2018-	LSE Departmental Teaching Assistant Training Scheme, <i>Trainer</i>
2018-	Asia Economic History Seminar (Monthly), London School of Economics, <i>Co-founder and Organizer</i>

REFEREEING

Economic History Review

MEMBERSHIPS

Economic History Society (UK), Economic History Association (US), European Historical Economics Society

NON-ACADEMIC WRITINGS

- A Book Review of Wang, D., *Violence and Order on the Chengdu Plain: The Story of a Secret Brotherhood in Rural China, 1939-1949* (书评: 《袍哥: 1940 年代川西乡村的暴力与秩序》), *South Reviews* (南风窗), 2019, 12: 105.
- A Book Review of Rosenthal, J. and Wong, R. B., *Before and beyond Divergence: The Politics of Economic Change in China and Europe* (书评: 《大分流之外: 中国和欧洲经济变迁的政治》), *South Reviews* (南风窗), 2019, 9: 112.

OTHER WORKING EXPERIENCE

2018-2020	Xiuhe Academy (Undergraduate Summer School for Social Sciences), Nanjing, China, <i>Lecturer</i>
2013-2016	Center for Japanese Studies in Fudan University, China, <i>Part-time Research Assistant</i>
2016	School of Management, Fudan University, China, <i>Part-time Research Assistant in Corporate Finance</i>
2015	Ernst & Young Hong Kong, China, <i>Summer Intern for Financial Services</i>
2014	Bain & Company Shanghai, China, <i>Part-time Assistant for Strategic Consulting</i>

SKILLS

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent)

Computer Skills: Proficiency in software for statistics (STATA and R), geography (QGIS and ArcGIS) and Microsoft Office

REFERENCES

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