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Research Interests

- General Interests: Empirical IO, International Trade, Applied Econometrics
- Special Focus: Productivity, Markup, Input Price, Firm Dynamics

Academic Positions

Institute of China Economy, HKU Business School **2025 – 2026**
Post-doctoral Fellow *Hong Kong SAR, China*

Visiting Experience

Business School, University of New South Wales **2025**
Sydney, Australia

Education

The University of Hong Kong **2020 – 2025**
Doctor of Philosophy in Economics (Thesis Rated Excellence, Top 10%) *Hong Kong SAR, China*

The University of Hong Kong **2019 – 2020**
Master of Economics (Theory-Stream) *Hong Kong SAR, China*

Beijing Institute of Technology **2014 – 2018**
Bachelor of Economics, Bachelor of Law (Dual-Degree) *Beijing, China*

Working Papers

"Producer Services in China" *(Job Market Paper)* **2026**
Xing HU, Ming LI, and Hongsong ZHANG

"Returns to Scale, Productivity, and Markup: Revisit the Export Premium" *(Submitted)* **2026**
Xing HU, Yating JIANG, and Hongsong ZHANG

"Market Access and Firm Performance: Evidence from China" **2026**
Guojun HE, Xing HU, Shengyu LI, and Hongsong ZHANG

"How Reliable Is Inference in Staggered Difference-in-Difference" **2026**
Xing HU and Yannan SUN

"Separating Markups from Markdowns without Material Prices" *(Draft available upon request)* **2026**
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Selected Work in Progress

"The Rise (and Fall) of Chinese Manufacturing Firms: Efficiency versus Market Power" **2025**
Xing HU, Yating JIANG, and Hongsong ZHANG

Conference Presentations

China Center for Economic Research Summer Institute (Beijing) **2025**
Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society (Hangzhou), North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (Nashville) **2024**
Hong Kong Economic Association Biennial Conference (Hong Kong SAR), Annual Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association and Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society (Bogotá), China Opening and Development Research Forum (Wuhan) **2023**

Referee Services

Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, International Journal of Industrial Organization, China Economic Review, Pacific Economic Review

Teaching Experiences

IDE001 Economics (Graduate-level), Lingnan University **2025**
Lecturer

IDE002 Mathematics and Statistics (Graduate-level), Lingnan University **2025**
Lecturer

ECON4200 Senior Seminar in Economics and Finance (Undergraduate-level), HKU **2026**
Teaching Assistant

Scholarships & Awards

Dissertation Year Fellowship *(HK$337,200)* **2024 - 2025**
The University of Hong Kong *Hong Kong SAR, China*

Postgraduate Student Scholarship *(HK$900,000)* **2020 - 2024**
The University of Hong Kong *Hong Kong SAR, China*

FBE PhD Research Progress Award *(HK$10,000)* **2022 - 2023**
The University of Hong Kong *Hong Kong SAR, China*

FBE PhD Entrance Scholarship *(HK$42,100)* **2020 - 2021**
The University of Hong Kong *Hong Kong SAR, China*

Outstanding Student Awards *(Top 10%)* **2014 - 2018**
Beijing Institute of Technology *Beijing, China*

Special Prize in Student Academic and Technological Works Competition *(Top 1%)* **2015**
Beijing Institute of Technology *Beijing, China*

Certificates

Machine Learning Specialization **2024**
DeepLearning.AI & Stanford University

Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education **2020**
Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, The University of Hong Kong

Others

Programming: STATA, MATLAB, R, Python, ArcGIS, C#
Languages: English (fluent), Mandarin (native)

References

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