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Research Interests

Empirical Industrial Organization, International Trade, Applied Econometrics

Positions

Post-doctoral Fellow | Institute of China Economy, HKU Business School 2025–2026

Visiting Experience

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

Education

Ph.D. in Economics | The University of Hong Kong 2020–2025
Thesis Rated Excellence, Top 10%
Main Supervisor: Hongsong Zhang; Co-supervisor: Xiaodong Zhu
Master of Economics (Theory-Stream) | The University of Hong Kong 2019–2020
Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Law (Dual-Degree) | Beijing Institute of Technology 2014–2018

Working Papers

Producer Services in China: Facts and Impact on Firm Performance 2026
Xing Hu, Ming Li, and Hongsong Zhang *(Job Market Paper)*

Returns to Scale, Productivity, and Markup: Revisit the Export Premium 2026
Xing Hu, Yating Jiang, and Hongsong Zhang *(Submitted to Econometrica)*

Market Access through Production Networks: Impact of Highway Development on Firm Performance 2026
Guojun He, Xing Hu, Shengyu Li, and Hongsong Zhang

How Reliable Is Inference in Staggered Difference-in-Differences? 2026
Xing Hu and Yannan Sun

Separating Markups from Markdowns without Material Prices 2026
Xing Hu

Publications / Revise & Resubmit

Technology, Productivity, and Markups: Model Specifications and Estimation Strategies of the Production Function 2026
Xing Hu; *Revise & Resubmit, Journal of Economic Surveys*
(CiteScore: 14.1; Journal Impact Factor: 6.6; H-index: 131)

Selected Work-in-Progress

The Rise (and Fall) of Chinese Manufacturing Firms: Efficiency versus Market Power 2026
Xing Hu, Yating Jiang, and Hongsong Zhang

Does Firm Clustering Amplify or Dampen Trade Shocks? Evidence from China's WTO Accession 2026
Xing Hu and Zexi Zhou

Conference Presentations

* *upcoming*

2026: Asia-Pacific Industrial Organization Conference (APIOC), Xiamen University, Xiamen, China, December 11–13*

2025: China Center for Economic Research Summer Institute (Beijing)

2024: Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society (Hangzhou); North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (Nashville)

2023: 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)

Referee Services

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

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, ECON4200 Senior Seminar in Economics and Finance (Undergraduate) | HKU 2026

Lecturer, IDE001 Economics (Graduate) | Lingnan University 2025

Lecturer, IDE002 Mathematics and Statistics (Graduate) | Lingnan University 2025

Scholarships & Awards

Dissertation Year Fellowship (HK$337,200) | The University of Hong Kong 2024–2025

Postgraduate Student Scholarship (HK$900,000) | The University of Hong Kong 2020–2024

FBE PhD Research Progress Award (HK$10,000) | The University of Hong Kong 2022–2023

FBE PhD Entrance Scholarship (HK$42,100) | The University of Hong Kong 2020–2021

Outstanding Student Awards (Top 10%) | Beijing Institute of Technology 2014–2018

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

Certificates

Machine Learning Specialization | DeepLearning.AI & Stanford University 2024

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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