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## EDUCATION

- 9/2016 – 6/2021 Ph.D. Student in Economics, National School of Development, Peking University  
(Advisor: Yang Yao)
- 8/2019 – 8/2020 Visiting Scholar, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University  
(Advisor: Nancy Qian)
- 9/2012 – 6/2016 B.A. in Economics, School of Economics, Central University of Finance and Economics  
(Advisor: Binkai Chen & Chuanchuan Zhang)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Primary Development Economics, Political Economy
- Secondary Economic History, Public Economics

## PUBLICATIONS

1. Zhang, Chuanchuan, Yaxian Li, and Zhian Hu, 2017, “Social Pension, Old-Age Support and the Sex Ratio Bias”, *China Economic Quarterly* 16(2): 749-770. (in Chinese)  
*Covered on ChinaRKB (Zhongguo Renkou Bao)*
2. Chen, Siyu, Zhian Hu, and Binkai Chen, 2016, “Technology and Culture: How Does the Internet Change Individual Values”, *Economic Perspectives* 4: 37-47. (in Chinese)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. Yao, Yang, and Zhian Hu, 2018, “History Returns: Intergenerational Mobility of Education in China in 1930-2010”, *The Pacific Trade and Development (PAFTAD) Conference Series*, Volume 39, Chapter 7.

## WORKING PAPERS

1. “Social Proximity, Local Accountability and China’s Great Famine”, with Yang Yao and Wuyue You. *Job Market Paper*  
**Abstract:** *Informal connections between officials and local citizens serve as an important mechanism ensuring political accountability when elections are absent. We test this proposition in the context of China’s Great Famine during 1959-1961. Using a county level dataset of government officials and death rate, we document that officials appointed to home province performed much better, measured as a lower famine mortality, than outside officials. Home officials implemented agricultural procurement policy more flexibly, expended more on social welfare such as calamity relief during the Great Leap Forward and engaged less in political repression during the Anti-Rightism Campaign.*

2. “Short-term Gains, Long-term Loss: Unintended Consequences of China’s Land Reform on Education and Labor Market Outcomes”, with Wei Huang, Wuyue You and Chuanchuan Zhang. An earlier version available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3504733>.  
*Presented at Peking University, Renmin University of China, Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, South China Normal University.*
3. “Does the ‘Rustication Movement’ Improve Rural Development? Evidence from Education of the Rural Population”, with Chuanchuan Zhang and Wei Huang. (*in Chinese*)  
*Presented at University of International Business and Economics, Nanjing Audit University, Peking University.*
4. “Uncertainty and Bribery”, with Zhimin Qiu. Revise and Resubmit at *China Journal of Economics*. (*in Chinese*)  
*Presented at Sun Yat-sen University.*
5. “Disasters, Risk Preference and Household Portfolio Choice”, with Chuanchuan Zhang. (*in Chinese*)
6. “How Long Can the Elderly Work? Research on the Additional Work Capacity of China’s Retired Population”, with Chuanchuan Zhang, Qiuchi Li and Yahui Wei. Submitted. (*in Chinese*)

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

1. “Names, Revolutions and Nation Building”, with Yiqing Xu and Shundong Zhang.
2. “Does Working Less Always Lead to Better Health? Evidence from China’s Working Days Reform”, with Chang Liu.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

1. Teaching Assistant, Advanced Econometrics, Spring 2018, National School of Development.
2. Teaching Assistant, Development Economics, Fall 2018, National School of Development.

### **CONFERENCES**

2019: Sun Yat-sen University Public Economics and Social Security Seminar, Peking University CCER Summer Institute; 2018: The 5<sup>th</sup> Xiangzhang Economics Seminar, the 7<sup>th</sup> Peking University NSD Seminar; Before 2017: Peking University NSD Seminar in Memory of Runsheng Du, the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Finance Seminar, the 15<sup>th</sup> China Economics Annual Conference

### **SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS**

2017: ICBC Scholarship (Grand Prize), Merit Student of Peking University  
 2016: Outstanding Graduate of Beijing  
 2013: National Scholarship

### **Referee**

*China Economic Quarterly, Economic Science*