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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

August 2020 – Present    Assistant Professor, School of Economics, University of Nottingham  
July 2018 – June 2020    Postdoctoral Fellow, Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University

## EDUCATION

2012 – 2018            University of California, Los Angeles, Ph.D. in Economics.  
2011 – 2012            Michigan State University, Ph.D. coursework.  
2007 – 2011            Tsinghua University, B.A. in Economics.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Trade, development, urban.

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

### Publications:

“International Trade Liberalization and Domestic Institutional Reform: Effects of WTO Accession on Chinese Internal Migration Policy”, forthcoming at the *Review of Economics and Statistics*.  
“Social Learning Along International Migrant Networks”, with Maria Esther Caballero and Brian Kovak, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, March 2022, 195, pp. 103-121.  
“The Safest Time to Fly: Pandemic Response in the Era of Fox News”, with Maxim Ananyev and Michael Poyker, *Journal of Population Economics*, July 2021, 34(3), pp. 775-802 (lead article).  
“Killer Cities: Past and Present”, with William Walker Hanlon, *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, 2015, 105(5), pp. 570–575.

### Working papers:

“Trade-Induced Urbanization and the Making of Modern Agriculture”, with Junjie Xia and Rudai Yang.  
“Trade Disruptions Along the Global Supply Chain”, with Alejandro Graziano.  
“In the Network: Gift Exchanges and Migration”, with Junjie Xia.

### Works in progress:

“Migration Restrictions and Economic Misallocation”, with Brian Kovak.  
“Shape of Jobs and Urban Wage Premium”, with Junjie Xia.

### Book chapters:

“Covid-19 and the Media”, with Maxim Ananyev and Michael Poyker, prepared for the Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics, K.F. Zimmermann (ed.).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATION AND SEMINARS (\* indicates scheduled)

2024: STEG\*(Abu Dhabi).  
2023: CITP seminar; Trade and Development Workshop (KCL, London); Trade, Value Chains and Financial Linkages in the Global Economy (Bank of Italy, Rome); CUHK trade workshop (Hong Kong)\*; Loyola Marymount University\*.  
2022: Oxford; BSE Summer Forum Geography, Trade, and Growth (Barcelona); Econometric and Big Data Analyses of Global Economy, Financial Markets and Economic Policies (Liverpool); ESM Econometric Society (Milan); UEA (DC); Aarhus University; Fudan University; Geneva Graduate Institute (GTDW workshop); Birmingham University.  
2021: Royal Economic Society Conference; The Third International Workshop on Market Structure and Spatial Economics; 18th Midwest International Economic Development Conference; European UEA; 2021 SUFE&PKU Trade Workshop; SED; NBER SI ITI; Kobe University Summer Cooling Workshop; 14th AFD-World Bank Migration and Development Conference; INSEAD; LSE/CEP; HKU.

2020: Nottingham University; Ryerson University; Queen's University; SHUFE; HKUST; Jinan University, IESR; World Congress Econometric Society; NBER SI Development; EEA; University of Zurich.

2019: Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade (Banff); NASM Econometric Society (Seattle); UEA (Philadelphia); EWM Econometric Society (Rotterdam).

2018: NYU Shanghai; Peking University, INSE; UNSW; 11th International Conference on Migration and Development (Stanford); Nanyang Technological University; Carnegie Mellon University; UEA (New York); EWM Econometric Society (Naples); Peking University, INSE Winter Meeting (Beijing).

2017: AEA (Chicago); All California Labor Conference, poster (Stanford); Midwest Trade Conference (Dallas); EWM Econometric Society (Barcelona); SAEe (Barcelona).

2016: NASM Econometric Society (Philadelphia).

2015: EWM Econometric Society (Milan).

Postponed: CEPREMAP India-China Conference (Namur).

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for *American Economic Journal, Applied*; *American Economic Journal, Policy*; *European Economic Review*; *International Economic Review*; *Journal of Development Economics*; *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*; *Journal of Economic Geography*; *Journal of Health Economics*; *Journal of International Economics*; *Journal of Population Economics*; *Journal of Regional Science*; *Labour Economics*; *Quantitative Economics*; *Quarterly Journal of Economics*; *Review of Economics and Statistics*; *Review of International Economics*; *World Economy*; Research Grants Council of Hong Kong.

Co-organizer of the Globalization and Economic Policy (GEP) seminar series 2022–2023.

Co-organizer of the 19th and 20th GEP/CEPR Annual Postgraduate Conference.

Junior recruiting interview panelist, Nottingham Economics, 2020, 2022.

## TEACHING

Nottingham (master) Trade Analysis and Policy, Spring 2021, 2022, 2023;

(undergraduate) Economic Integration II, Spring 2021, 2022, 2023; Advanced International Trade I, Fall 2022.

UCLA (undergraduate) International Finance, Spring 2018; Introduction to Economics, Spring 2017.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

ESRC Centre for Inclusive Trade Policy 2022-2026, Investigator.

British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant SRG 2020-2021 Round, PI.

UCLA Graduate School Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2017.

Ziman Center's UCLA Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Program in Real Estate, Finance and Urban Economics, Research Grant, 2015.

Honored Pass in Econometrics Field, UCLA, 2014.

Graduate Office Fellowship in Economics Department, Michigan State University, 2011.

Award for Undergraduate Thesis, Tsinghua University, 2011.

Tsinghua University-Tianyi Comprehensive Performance Scholarship, 2010.

Tsinghua University-Morgan Stanley Scholarship, 2010.

Tsinghua University Secondary Freshmen Scholarship, 2007.

## MEDIA COVERAGE

Vox-EU, Faculti.net.

## SKILLS

Language skills: English – fluent; Chinese – native.

Computer skills: STATA, Matlab, R, ArcGIS, Python.