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### CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Fellow, The Stanford Center on China's Economy and Institutions 2022 - 2023

### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston, MA 2016 - 2022  
M.A., Economics, Boston University, Boston, MA 2014 - 2016  
B.A., Economics, Fudan University, Shanghai, China 2010 - 2014

### FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development Economics, Political Economy

### PUBLICATION

SOEs and Soft Incentive Constraints in State Bank Lending, (with Raymond Fisman, Hui Lin, and Yongxiang Wang), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, forthcoming.  
Rebel on the Canal: Disrupted Trade Access and Social Conflict in China, 1650–1911 (with Shuo Chen), *American Economic Review*, (2022) 112 (5): 1555-90.

### WORKING PAPERS

“Institutional Weakness and Societal Vulnerability: Evidence from the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake”  
“Herding, Warfare, and a Culture of Honor: Global Evidence”, (with Benjamin Enke, Armin Falk, Paola Giuliano, and Nathan Nunn), NBER Working Paper No.29250

### WORK IN PROGRESS

Social Learning in Policy Diffusion  
Licensed Corruption (with Raymond Fisman and Michael Luca)

### CONFERENCES AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

University of Southern California (scheduled) 2023  
BFI-China Research Conference, University of Chicago (scheduled) 2022  
University of Maryland, virtual 2022  
University of Hong Kong, virtual 2022  
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, virtual 2022  
China Europe International Business School, virtual 2022  
ASSA Annual Meeting (poster), virtual 2022  
The Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), virtual 2021  
University of Zurich, virtual 2021  
Young Economist Symposium, Princeton University, virtual 2021  
Econometric Society China Meeting, virtual 2021  
Chinese Economists' Society Annual Conference, virtual 2021

The 9th Biennial Conference on Transition and Economic Development, Fudan University	2021
Applied Young Economist Webinar, University of Warwick, virtual	2021
Inaugural China Research Group Doctoral Symposium, USC, virtual	2021
The Fifth Quantitative China Studies Seminar, New York University, virtual	2021
AMIE 1st Workshop in Applied Microeconomics, virtual	2021
NBER Political Economy Program Meeting, virtual	2020
ASSA Annual Meeting (poster), Philadelphia, PA	2018
NBER Summer Institute, Economics of National Security	2017
The Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), MIT	2016
Research in Economic History Workshop (Economic History Tea), Harvard University	2016
The 4th International Symposium on Quantitative History, Beijing, China	2016
NBER Chinese Economy Working Group meeting, Shenzhen, China	2016
Social Science Lab Seminar Series, Department of Economics, Fudan University	2015
Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies Conference, Boston University	2015

#### **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

The Chinese Economists' Society Gregory Chow Best Paper Award	2021
Rosenstein-Rodan Prize for the Best Graduate Student Paper on Development Economics	2021
The Manual A. Abdala Fund for Economics Research Fieldwork (\$8,500)	2019
Dean's Student Fellowship, Boston University	2016–2020

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Teaching Assistant for EC204 Empirical Economics, Boston University	Fall 2019
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#### **REFEREE EXPERIENCE**

Journals: *QJE*, *AEJ:applied*, *AERI*, *REStat*, *JpubE*, *JHR*, *EDCC*, *CEQ*  
 Conferences: QCSS2022

#### **DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

Graduate Economics Association, Boston University, Officer	2018 - 2019
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#### **SKILLS:**

Language: Chinese (native), English (fluent)  
 Computer: Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, ArcGIS, Matlab and Python