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- RESEARCH *Special focus:* Input Prices, Quality, Productivity, Trade, Industry Dynamics
INTERESTS *General interests:* Industrial Organization, International Trade.
- EMPLOYMENT Associate Professor, School of Economics, UNSW Sydney, January 2026 – present.
Senior Lecturer, School of Economics, UNSW Sydney, July 2020 – December 2025.
Lecturer, School of Economics, UNSW Sydney, July 2018 – June 2020.
Assistant Professor in Economics, Business School, Durham University, August 2014 – June 2018.
- EDUCATION Ph.D., Economics, The Pennsylvania State University, May 2014.
M.A., Economics, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, June 2009.
B.A., Economics and Mathematics (with distinction), Wuhan University, June 2007.
- PROFESSIONAL Associate Editor, China Economic Review, 2025 – present
ACTIVITIES Co-founder and co-organizer, Firm and Industry Dynamics Workshop, 2023 – 2026
- PUBLICATIONS “Output Quality, Productivity, and Demand: Evidence from the Chinese Steel Industry”, with Jing Li and Hongsong Zhang, 2025. Accepted by *RAND Journal of Economics*.
- “Fiscal Policy Volatility and Capital Misallocation: Evidence from China”, with Sai Ding, Wei Jiang, and Shang-jin Wei, *European Economic Review*, Volume 167, August 2024.
- “Input Prices, Productivity and Trade Dynamics: Long-run Effects of Liberalization on Chinese Paint Manufacturers”, with Paul Grieco and Hongsong Zhang, *RAND Journal of Economics*, Volume 53, Issue 3, Autumn (Fall) 2022.
- “Does External Monitoring Improve the Performance of State-Owned Enterprises?”, with Hongsong Zhang, *Economic Journal*, Volume 132, Issue 642, February 2022.
- “Non-Exclusive Dealing with Retailer Differentiation and Market Penetration”, with Rong Luo, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, Volume 70, May 2020.
- “Government Assistance and Total Factor Productivity: Firm-level Evidence from China”, with Richard Harris, *Journal of Productivity Analysis*, Volume 52, December 2019.
- “A Structural Model of Productivity, Uncertain Demand, and Export Dynamics”, *Journal of International Economics*, Volume 115, November 2018. EARIE Young Economists’ Essay Award, 2014.
- “What Drives Home Market Advantage?”, with Kerem Cosar, Paul Grieco, and Felix Tintelnot, *Journal of International Economics*, Volume 110, January 2018.
- “Production Function Estimation with Unobserved Input Price Dispersion”, with Paul Grieco and Hongsong Zhang, *International Economic Review*, Volume 57, May 2016.
- WORKING PAPERS “Productivity and Quality of Multi-product Firms”, with Mauro Caselli and Arpita Chatterjee,

2026, Working Paper, R&R at *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*.

“Environmental Regulation, Heterogeneous Firms, and Industry Performance”, with Liang Chen and Mohan Zhou , 2026, Working Paper.

“Factor Bias and Heterogeneous Output Quality in Multiproduct Production”, with Yi Lee and Mark Roberts, 2026, NBER Working Paper No.35274.

“Market Access, Production Network, and Firm Performance”, with Guojun He, Xing Hu, and Hongsong Zhang, 2025, Working Paper.

SEMINARS
AND
WORKSHOPS

2025: Zhejiang University, Taiwan National University.

2024: Glasgow University, Xiamen University, Zhejiang University, Wuhan University, Renmin University of China, Peking University, Sun Yat-sen University.

2023: National University of Singapore, Singapore Management University, University of Auckland, University of Melbourne, Monash University, UNSW, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Wuhan University, Zhejiang University, Renmin University of China.

2020 – 2022: Monash University, Jinan University, Xi’an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, UNSW.

2019: University of Sydney, Wuhan University, Southwest University of Finance and Economics.

2018: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; UNSW; Durham University.

2017: University of Glasgow; Peking University; Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

2016: University of Nottingham; University of Glasgow; University of Exeter; Wuhan University.

2015: University of Liverpool; Copenhagen Business School; Fudan University; Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

2014: Royal Holloway, Durham University.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTA-
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2026: The 4th Firm and Industry Dynamics Workshop, Sydney; Chinese Economists Society China Annual Conference, Chengdu.

2025: The 3rd Firm and Industry Dynamics Workshop, Hong Kong; Econometric Society World Congress, Seoul. ESCoE-UNSW Conference on Economic Measurement, Sydney.

2024: The 18th Comparative Analysis of Enterprise Data Conference, State College; The 2nd Firm and Industry Dynamics Workshop, Hong Kong; International Association for Applied Econometrics, Xiamen, The 51st Annual Conference EARIE, Amsterdam; ESCoE-UNSW Conference on Economic Measurement, Sydney.

2023: The 1st Firm and Industry Dynamics Workshop, Hong Kong; Econometric Society Australasian Meeting, Sydney.

2019-2022: The 46th Annual Conference EARIE, Barcelona; Econometric Society European Meetings, Manchester; Economic Measurement Group workshop, Sydney; Econometric Society Asia Meetings, Xiamen, Asia Pacific Industrial Organization conference, Tokyo; the 17th conference on the Comparative Analysis of Enterprise Data, Coimbra.

2018: Royal Economic Society conference, Brighton; Economic Measurement Group workshop, Sydney; Asia Pacific Industrial Organization conference, Melbourne.

2017: Royal Economic Society conference, Bristol; Econometric Society China Meetings, Wuhan.

2016: Econometric Society European Meetings, Switzerland; Econometric Society North American Summer Meetings, Philadelphia; 9th Biennial Conference of Hong Kong Economic Association.

2015: World Congress, Montréal; 42nd Annual Conference EARIE, Munich; Annual International Industrial Organization Conference, Boston; 3rd Seminars on Asia and Pacific Economies, Suzhou.

2014: The 41st Annual Conference EARIE, Milan; The 12th Annual International Industrial Organization Conference, Chicago.

2013: Econometric Society North American Summer Meetings, LA; The 11th Annual International Industrial Organization Conference, Boston.

2012: The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Midwest Econometrics Group, Kentucky.

RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS Co-founding Chair and Fellow, Association of Firms, Industry Growth, and Policy, 2025 – present.
 Finalist for the Research for Societal Impact Award (Emerging), Business School, UNSW, 2025.
 Dean’s Fellowship, Business School, UNSW, 2024 – 2025.
 Outstanding Research Award, Business School, UNSW, 2019.
 “The Role of Quality in Measuring Productivity Growth”, Special Research Grant, UNSW, 2018.
 “Multi-Dimensional Gains from International Trade Liberalization”, HEFCE Newton Fund Official Development Assistance, Durham University, 2017, PI.
 International Engagement Travel Grant, Durham University, 2016, PI.
 “Competitiveness and Export Expansion of Chinese Firms in the Global Market”, General Research Fund, Hong Kong, #17503115, 2015-2018, 339,000 HKD, Co-I.
 Young Economists’ Essay Award, European Association for Research in Industrial Economics, 2014.
 Seedcorn Funding, Durham University Business School, 2014, PI.

TEACHING Industrial Organization (undergraduate, masters, and Honours/PhD), Business Economics, Quantitative Methods for Business, Intro Stats & Data Analysis, at UNSW;
 Industrial Organization, Econometrics, The Global Economy, European Economics, Economic Methods, at Durham University.

SUPERVISION PhD Supervision: Pakasa Bary (ongoing, secondary), Long Zhang (jointly), Yixuan Wang (visiting PhD student in 2024) at UNSW; Yunzi He (jointly, graduated in 2019, Teaching Associate at University of Bristol) and Tong Qu (jointly, visiting PhD student in 2017) at Durham University;
 Honours Thesis Supervision: Minali Alwis Weerakkody (2025), Wanjia Lu (2024), Zhenhui Li (2024), Ivy Yu (2023), Jeffrey Wang (2021, University Medal), Leo Jiang (2021), Robert Tiong (2019), Jim Xu (2019) at UNSW;
 MSc Thesis Supervision: 41 students (2014-2018) at Durham University;
 Undergraduate Thesis Supervision: 38 students (2014-2018) at Durham University.

ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE Referee Services:
American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, The Economic Journal, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Management Science, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Business & Economic Statistics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Journal of Industrial Economics, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Labour Economics, Economics Letters, Energy Economics, The World Economy, Journal of Productivity Analysis, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Environmental and Resource Economics, Empirical Economics, China Economic Review, International Review of Economics and Finance, International Economic Journal, Review of Development Economics, Economic Record.

School Services:
 2022 – 2024: Undergraduate Program Director, Bachelor of Commerce Stream Coordinator, School Representative for Final Year Synthesis courses sub-committee, School Research Committee member; School Education Committee member, at UNSW;
 2022: Acting Deputy Head of School (Education), at UNSW;
 2020 – 2021: School of Economics internal seminar coordinator, at UNSW;
 2019: Sydney trade workshop coordinator, at UNSW;
 2014 – 2018: undergraduate admission selector, post-application open day representative, member of the Final Finance, Islamic Finance and Economics Board of Examiners, member of junior faculty recruiting committee, at Durham University.