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EDUCATION:

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ph.D in Economics, May 1998

Dissertation title: *The Great Silk Exchange: Globalization of Trade and Technology in Historical Perspective*

University of Texas at Arlington, M.A. Economics, Aug. 1992

Undergraduate study (transfer student), Sept. 1989 - Dec. 1990.

Shanghai University of International Commerce, China.

Undergraduate study, Dept. of English, Sept. 1980 - June 1983.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Economic History, Growth and Development, Comparative Institutional and Legal History, Chinese Economy, East Asian Studies.

LANGUAGES

Chinese (native language), English (native fluency), Japanese (proficiency) and French (basic reading competency).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of Economic History, Faculty of History, and **University Academic Fellow**,

All Souls College, Oxford University, Jan. 2022 - ;

Associate, Department of Economics (March 2023 -) and Oxford China Centre (Oct. 2022-), Oxford University.

- Taught Topics in Chinese Economic History (graduate level course)

Professor, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan, June 2019- Dec. 2021

- Taught Comparative Economic Development (graduate level course)

Associate Professor, Department of Economic History, London School of Economics, 2013 – 2020 (Senior Lecturer, 2011- 2013; Lecturer, 2006 – 2011)

- Taught Historical Analysis of Economic Change, Quantitative Economic Analysis,

Political Economy of Late Development (all graduate level), The Making of an Economic Superpower: China since 1850 (second year undergraduate).

Associate Professor, National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies and Faculty Fellow of the Foundation for Advanced Studies, Tokyo, Japan, Jan. 2002 – Sept. 2006

- Taught Macroeconomics: Economic Growth, Development Problems in Asia, International Development Research Seminar (all graduate level)

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Fellow of the Center for International Studies, University of Missouri at St. Louis, August 2000 – Dec. 2003.

- Taught Principles of Microeconomics, International Economics, Comparative Economic Systems, and International Trade (graduate level)

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Asian Historical Statistics Project, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan and Post-Doctoral Fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, June 1998 – June 2000.

Lecturer, Dept. of Insurance, Shanghai Finance College, Shanghai, China, Feb. 1986 - Feb. 1989.

- Taught technical English for students of international commerce.

VISITING AND HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Professor, Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, the University of Hong Kong, January – July 2024.

Adjunct Professor, School of Economics, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, August 2016 –

Visiting Professor, Department of Economic History, London School of Economics, March 2021–January 2023.

Special Term Visiting Professor and external (advisory) chair, Economic History Department, School of Economics, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SHUFE), September 2010 – 2016.

Visiting Scholar, Research Division, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, August 19-22, 2014.

Visiting Research Fellow, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, Jan. – March 2010.

Visiting Associate Professor, Center for Economic Institutions, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan, June – Sept. 2009.

EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS

Human Resource, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Hong Kong Institute for the

Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong, August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2024

Director, The International Society for Quantitative History (<https://quantitativehistory.org>), 2017 -

Research Fellow, Economic History Program, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), 2014 - 2024

Secretary General and Executive Committee member, International Economic History Association, July 2012 – August 2015

Trustee and Founding Member, Asian Historical Economics Society, 2012 -

External Research Associate, Center for Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE), University of Warwick, UK, 2010 –

External Research Affiliate, Center for Economic History, Research School of Economics, ANU College of Business and Economics, Australian National University, 2011-

EDITORIAL AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

Editorial Board, *Hitotsubashi Journal of Economics* 2021

Editorial Board, *Asia Pacific Economic History Review* 2019 -

Editorial Board, *Accounting History Review*, 2014 –

Editorial Board, *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, 2014 -

Editorial Board, *Economic History Review*, 2011 - 2024

Editorial Board, *Explorations in Economic History*, Jan. 2011 – 2016

Editorial Board, *Frontiers of Economics in China*, 2011-

Advisory Board, *Economic History of Developing Regions*. 2010 -

SERIES EDITORSHIP:

Book Series Editor (with Larry Neal and Barry Doyle): *New Approaches to Economic and Social History*, Cambridge University Press, 2013 -

Editorial Board, *The Quantitative Economic History of China*, Brill.

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH AWARDS

The Areas of Excellent (AOE) Scheme awarded by the University Grant Committee of Hong Kong Government, Project Title: Quantitative History of China: Historical Roots

of Recent Success and Future Development, I am the Co-Pi for one of the four clusters: State Capacity and Institutions.

Total amount: HK\$67.32 million (over US\$8.5 million) for Jan. 2023-Jan. 2028

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Project Title: Environment, Geography, Institutions and Long-term development of China in Comparison with Japan

Amount: JPY3,300,000 for April 2020 – April 2022.

Leverhulme Trust Research Fellowship: Oct. 2013 – Oct. 2014.

Amount: £ 44,653.

Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center Resident Fellowship: July 18 – August 8th 2013.

CAGE research grant, awarded by the Center for Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE), University of Warwick, UK, Project title: Money and Prices in Northern China on the eve of the Opium War;

Amount: £5,500 for May 2012 – May 2013.

National Science Foundation research award “*Global Prices and Incomes 1200-1950*” (subcontracted through University of California at Davis with Professor Peter Lindert as the team leader). Project website at: <http://gpih.ucdavis.edu/>.

Individual Amount - \$225,372,(four stages, 2004-2013):

First stage: US\$74,704 for Sept. 2004 – August 2005;

second stage: \$71,668 for 1 June 2007 - 31 May 2009;

third stage: \$44,000 Oct. 2009 – Oct. 2011;

fourth stage: \$35,000 Sept. 2012 – August 2014.

European Commission's 7th Framework Programme for Research “*Historical Patterns of Development and Underdevelopment: Origins and Persistence of the Great Divergence*” (**HI-POD**) Contract Number SSH7-CT-2008-225342, contracted through CEPR (<http://www.cepr.org/research/HIPOD.htm>). Individual Amount: 9,000 Euros.

Research Grant “*Historical National Accounts in Asia*” awarded by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research. (Project website:

<http://www.ggdc.net/databases/hna.htm>). Amount: 30,000 Euros.

Leverhulme Trust Visiting Fellowship with the London School of Economics, Sept. 2005 – July 2006.

PUBLICATIONS AND WRITINGS (IN ENGLISH):

Journal Articles:

1. “Ideology and Economic Change: the Contrasting Paths to the Modern Economy in late 19th Century China and Japan” (co-authored with Jared Rubin), accepted by *Journal of Government and Economics*, 2024.

2. “‘Involution’ or Seasonality: a New Perspective on the 19-20th century Chinese Agricultural Development” (co-authored with Kaixiang Peng) *Economic Research* (經濟研究) vol. 72, No. 4, Oct. 2021, pp. 334-348.
3. “A Silver Transformation, Chinese Monetary Integration in Times of Political Disintegration during 1898-1933” (co-authored with Liuyan Zhao), *Economic History Review* Volume 73, Issue 2 May 2020 Pages 513-539.
4. “The Rise of a Financial Revolution in Republican China in 1900-1937: a Survey and New Interpretation” *Australian Economic History Review* Vol. 59, No.3, Nov. 2019, pp. 242-262.
5. “The Paradox of Power: Principle-agent Problems and Administrative Capacity in Imperial China (and other Absolutist Regimes) (co-authored with Jared Rubin) *Journal of Comparative Economics* Vol. 47, Issue 2, June 2019, pp 277-294.
6. “Money, Finance and Commerce in Chinese History: An introduction with Reference to the Special Issue” (co-authored with Cong Liu) *Frontier of Economics in China*, Sept. 2018, Volume 13 Issue 3, p. 313-321.
7. “What Makes Maddison Right, Chinese Historical Economic Data”, (co-authored with Jan Luiten van Zanden) *World Economics*, Vol. 18 • No. 3 • p. 203-213. July–September 2017.
8. “Introduction to the Special Issue: A New Economic History of China” (co-authored with Kris Mitchener) *Explorations in Economic History*, vol. 63, p.1-7. Jan. 2017.
9. “The Development of Chinese Accounting and Bookkeeping before 1850: Insights from the Tong Taisheng Business Account Books (1798-1850)” (co-authored with Weipeng Yuan and Richard Macve). *Accounting and Business Research*. Vol. 47, No. 4, 401-430. 2017.
10. “Discovering Economic History in Footnotes: the Story of Tǒng Tàishēng Merchant Archive (1790-1850) and the Historiography of Modern China” (with Weipeng Yuan) *Modern China*, 2016, Vol. 42(5) 483–504.
11. “State Capacity and Great Divergence, the Case of Qing China (1644–1911)” *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, 2014, Vol. 54, Nos. 5–6, 484–499.
12. “From Divergence to Convergence: Re-evaluating the History behind China's Economic Boom” (co-authored with Loren Brandt and Thomas G. Rawski), *Journal of Economic Literature* 2014, 52(1), 45–123.
13. “Wages, Prices, and Living Standards in China, Japan, and Europe, 1738-1925” (co-authored with Robert Allen, Jean-Pascal Bassino, Christine Moll-Murata and Jan Luiten van Zanden). *Economic History Review* Vol. 64, No. S1 2011, pp.8-38.

14. “Evolution of Living Standards and Human Capital in China in 18-20th Century” (co-authored with Joerg Baten, Stephen Morgan and Qing Wang) *Explorations in Economic History*, Volume 47, Issue 3, July, 2010, pp. 347-359. [Chinese translation in *清史论丛* (Review of Qing History) 2011, pp. 326-345].
15. “Economic Growth in the Lower Yangzi Region of China in 1911–1937: A Quantitative and Historical Analysis” *The Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 68, Issue 2, June 2008, pp. 355-392.
15. “Real GDP in Pre-War East Asia: a 1934-36 Benchmark Purchasing Power Parity Comparison with the U.S.” (co-authored with Kyoji Fukao and Tangjun Yuan), *Review of Income and Wealth*, Vol. 53 Issue 3, Sept. 2007, p503-537.
16. “International Comparison in Historical Perspective: Reconstructing the 1934-6 Purchasing Power Parity of Japan, Taiwan and Korea.” (co-authored with Kyoji Fukao and Tangjun Yuan) *Explorations in Economic History*, Volume 43, Issue 2, April 2006, pp.280-308.
17. “Law and Commerce in Traditional China, an Institutional Perspective on the ‘Great Divergence’” *Keizai-Shirin*, vol. 73, No. 4, March 2006, p.69-96.
18. “Between Cottage and Factory: the Evolution of Chinese and Japanese Silk-Reeling Industries in the Latter Half of 19th Century,” *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, vol. 10, No. 2, May 2005, 195-213. (reprinted in *The Pacific in the Age of Early Industrialization*, edited by Kenneth Pomeranz. Ashgate Publishing, 2009).
19. “Japanese Unskilled Wages in International Perspective, 1741–1913” (co-authored with Jean-Pascal Bassino) chapter 7 in *Research in Economic History*, Volume 23, 229–248, 2005.
20. “Growth, Institutions and Knowledge: A Review and Reflection on the Historiography of 18th-20th Century China”, *Australian Economic History Review* Vol. 44, Issue 3, Nov. 2004, pp. 259-277.
21. “Why Japan, not China, Was the First to Develop in East Asia, Lessons from Sericulture 1850-1937”, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, volume 52, No. 2, Jan. 2004, pp.369-394.
22. “Modern Silk Road: Global Raw Silk Market: 1850-1930” Vol.56, No.2, June, 1996, *The Journal of Economic History*, pp.330-355.

Edited Journal Special Issues:

“Special Issue: Money, Finance and Commerce in Chinese History”, *Frontier of Economics in China*, Sept. 2018.

“Special Issue: a New Economic History of China” Co-editor (with Kris Mitchner),
Explorations in Economic History Vol. 63, p.1-106. Jan. 2017.

Edited Books:

Cambridge Economic History of China in two volumes, (co-edited with Richard von Glahn) Cambridge University Press, 2022.

Law and Long-Term Economic Change: an Eurasian Perspective (co-edited with Jan Luiten van Zanden): Stanford University Press 2011.

Textiles in the Pacific, 1500-1900. Oxon, UK: Ashgate Press, August 2005.

Chapters in Books:

1. “Lone Scream in the Dark: Cultural Change and Institutional Transformation in Modern China as seen through Lu Xun’s Novel” in *Literature and Economics* edited by François Bourguignon, Avinash Dixit, Luc Leruth, and Jean-Philippe Platteau, forthcoming Routledge Press.
2. “Economic and Institutional Changes in Modern China: the Role of Ideology” forthcoming in *Organizational Complexity and Institutional Dynamics*, edited by Pete Richerson, Jenna Bednar, Tom Currie, Sergey Gavrilets, and John Wallis, Open Access Book, Cultural Evolution Society.
3. “Economic Change in East Asia from the Seventeenth to the Twentieth Century” Chapter 20 forthcoming in *Global Economic History* (Second Edition) edited by Giorgio Riello and Tirthankar Roy, London: Bloomsbury Publishing, Forthcoming.
4. “Introduction to Volume I” and “Introduction to Volume II” (co-authored with Richard von Glahn), in *Cambridge Economic History of China*, Volumes I and II, Cambridge University Press, 2022, pp.1-12.
5. “Ideology and the Contours of Economic Change in Modern China, 1850-1950” chapter 1 in *Cambridge Economic History of China*, vol. II. Cambridge University Press 2022, pp. 15-47.
6. “Agriculture” (co-authored with Kaixiang Peng), chapter 3 in *Cambridge Economic History of China*, vol. II. Cambridge University Press, 2022, pp.87-123.
7. “Economic Changes in China: the Role of Institutions and Ideology” Chapter 5 in *Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World*, Volume II 1870 to the Present. Edited by Stephen Broadberry and Kyoji Fukao, CUP 2021, pp. 129-150.
8. “Economic Change in East Asia from the Seventeenth to the Twentieth Century” Chapter 16 in *Global Economic History* edited by Giorgio Riello and Tirthankar Roy, London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2019, pp.287-298.

9. “Industrialization in China” Chapter 9 in *The Spread of Modern Industry to the Periphery since 1871* (co-authored with Loren Brandt and Thomas Rawski) edited by Kevin O’Rourke and Jeffrey Williamson, Oxford University Press, 2017, pp.197-228.
10. “States and Development: Early Modern India, China and Great Divergence” (co-authored with Bishnupriya Gupta and and Tirthankar Roy) in *Economic History of Warfare and State Formation* edited by Jari Eloranta, Eric Golson, Andrei Markewich and Nikolaus Wolf, N., Springer, 2016, pp.51-67.
11. “China: 1500-2000” in *A History of the Global Economy*, edited by Joerg Baten, Cambridge University Press, 2016, pp. 188-199.
12. “City, State and Entrepreneurship: the Case of Shanghai Around the Turn of the Last Century” in *Entrepreneurs and the Creation of a Global Community: the Cases of China, Japan, and the United States*, edited by Joel Glassman, Masato Kimura and Shuming Zhao. Nanjing University Press, Nanjing, China, 2014, pp. 76-96.
13. “Chinese Money and Monetary System, 1800–2000, Overview” in Gerard Caprio (ed.) *Handbook of Key Global Financial Markets, Institutions, and Infrastructure*, Vol. 1, pp. 57-64. Oxford: Elsevier Inc. (Vol. 1 editors: Charles Calomiris and Larry Neal), 2013.
14. “Political Institution and Long-run Economic Trajectory: Some Lessons from Two Millennia of Chinese Civilization” chapter 4 in Masahiko Aoki, Timur Kuran and Gerard Roland, eds., *Institutions and Comparative Economic Development*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012, pp.78-98. [Japanese translation: chapter 3 in Masahiko Aoki, Tetsuji Okazaki and Michihiro Kandori, eds. *Frontiers of Comparative Institutional Analysis*, Tokyo: NTT Publishing, 2016, p.67-90].
15. “Law and Economic Change: an Editorial Introduction” (co-authored with Jan Luiten van Zanden) Chapter 1 in *Law and Long-Term Economic Change: an Eurasian Perspective*. Stanford University Press 2011.
16. “Law and Economy in Traditional China: a ‘Legal Origin’ Perspective on the Great Divergence, Chapter 3 in *Law and Long-Term Economic Change: an Eurasian Perspective*. Stanford University Press 2011.
17. “The Role of Traditional Chinese State and the Origin of Modern East Asia” chapter 6 in *Community, Market and State in Development* edited by Kaliappa Kalirajan and Keiji Otsuka, a Festschrift in honor of Professor Yujiro Hayami, pp. 64-79, Palgrave Macmillan 2011.
18. “The Rise of Modern Shanghai in Early 20th Century, an Institutional Narrative” chapter 2, in Billy So and Ramon Myers (eds.) *The Treaty Port Economy in Modern China, Empirical Studies of Institutional Change and Economic Performance*. Berkeley: University of California Press 2011. pp. 33-46.
19. “Europe in an Asian Mirror” (co-authored with Bishnupriya Gupta), chapter 11 in

Stephen Broadberry and Kevin O'Rourke (eds.) *Cambridge Economic History of Modern Europe, Vol. 1: 1700-1870* pp.264-285. Cambridge University Press 2010.

20. "Introduction" in Debin Ma (ed.) *Textiles in the Pacific, 1500-1900*. Oxon, UK: Ashgate Press, August 2005.
21. "Patterns of Silk Reeling Technology Transfer in China and Japan: 1860-1895" in *Asia Pacific Dynamism 1500-2000*, edited by A.J.H. Latham and Heita Kawakatsu, Routledge Press, 2000.
22. "The Great Silk Exchange: How the World was Connected and Developed" in *Pacific Centuries: Pacific and Pacific Rim History Since the 16th Century*, edited by D. Flynn, L. Frost and A.J.H. Latham, Routledge Press, 1998 (reprinted as chapter 1 in Debin Ma edited *Textiles in the Pacific, 1500-1900*. Oxon, UK: Ashgate Press, August 2005).

Encyclopedia Entries:

"Shanghai" in *Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History* edited by Joel Mokyr, Oxford University Press, June 2003, and *The Oxford Encyclopaedia of Maritime History*. Oxford University Press, 2007.

"Silk" in *Encyclopedia of World Trade since 1450*. edited by John McCusker, New York, Macmillan Reference , 2005.

"Silk Road" in *International Encyclopaedia of Social Sciences*, 2nd edition (edited by William Darity), New York, Macmillan Reference USA. 2008.

Other Publications:

"China's Long March Back to Stagnation" *Project Syndicate* Jan 12, 2024

[China's Long March Back to Stagnation by Debin Ma - Project Syndicate \(project-syndicate.org\)](https://www.project-syndicate.org/author/debin-ma)

"'Involution' or seasonality: A new perspective on 19th-20th century Chinese agricultural development" (co-authored with Kaixiang Peng) 21 May 2022 in [VoxEU.org](https://www.voxeu.org), a policy portal by the Centre for Economic Policy Research (www.CEPR.org).

<https://cepr.org/voxeu/columns/involution-or-seasonality-new-perspective-19th-20th-century-chinese-agricultural>

"The Dissertations of Thilo N. H. Albers, Anne Sofie Beck Knudsen, and Yuzuru Kumon: 2019 Alexander Gerschenkron Prize Competition" *The Journal of Economic History*. 2020 Volume 80, Issue 2. pp. 578-581.

"Financial revolution in Republican China, 1900-1937: A survey and interpretation" (June 4th 2019) in [VoxEU.org](https://www.voxeu.org), a policy portal by the Centre for Economic Policy Research (www.CEPR.org) [https://voxeu.org/article/financial-revolution-republican-](https://voxeu.org/article/financial-revolution-republican)

[china-1900-1937](#)

“Soaring Dragon, Stumbling Bear: China's Rise in a Comparative Context” (co-authored with Mark Harrison) The CAGE-Chatham House Series, No. 6, March 2013
Paper at: <http://www.chathamhouse.org/publications/papers/view/190179>

“Legal Origin: a Chinese Perspective” (Sept. 14th 2011) in [VoxEU.org](#), a policy portal by the Centre for Economic Policy Research (www.CEPR.org). Paper at <http://www.voxeu.org/article/legal-origin-chinese-perspective>.

A Dataset on Comparative Historical National Accounts, ca. 1870-1950: A Time-Series Perspective”, co-authored with J.P. Smits, P.J. Woltjer. Groningen Growth and Development Centre Research Memorandum GD-107, Groningen: University of Groningen, 2009. <http://www.ggdc.net/publications/memorandum/gd107.pdf>.

“Preliminary Global Price Comparison, 1500-1870” (co-authored with Peter Lindert et al). (website: <http://www.ahistory.ucdavis.edu>).

“Chinese Agricultural Production in the Republican Period” (co-authored with Fumio Makino and Huanzhen Luo), in *Long-Term Economic Statistics of China*, (in Japanese and Chinese) conference proceedings published by the Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, 2000.

Book Reviews:

Before and Beyond Divergence: The Politics of Economic Change in China and Europe. By Jean-Laurent Rosenthal and R. Bin Wong. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2011. Reviewed for EH.Net. archived at http://eh.net/book_reviews/and-beyond-divergence-politics-economic-change-china-and-europe. Posted 2012-02-08.

Institutions and the Path to the Modern Economy: Lessons from Medieval Trade. By Avner Greif. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006. *Journal of Global History*, Volume 5, Issue 01, March 2010, pp 178-180.

Production Organizations in Japanese Economic Development edited by Tetsuji Okazaki, Routledge Press, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 2010.

The Resurgence of East Asia, 500, 150 and 50 Year Perspectives" edited by Giovanni Arrighi, Takeshi Hamashita, and Mark Selden. Economic History Services, Feb 15, 2005, URL: <http://www.eh.net/bookreviews/library/0900.shtml>.

China Maritime Customs and China Trade Statistics 1858-1948, by Thomas Lyons. Trumansburg, New York: Willow Creek Press, 2003, March 2004, *Journal of Economic History*.

Economic Change in China, c. 1800-1950, by Philip Richardson. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999 Published by Economic History Association on

EH.NET: <http://www.eh.net> (June 2000).

Edited Volume in Progress:

Quantitative History of China: State Capacity, Institutions and Development, co-edited with Zhiwu Chen and Cameron Campbell, under contract with Springer Nature, Springer Series Studies in Economic History.

Working Papers:

“State Capacity in Imperial China – Quantifying a Millennium of Public Finance (997-1911 AD)” (co-authored with Hanhui Guan and Runzhuo Zhai) 2024.

“States and Wars: China’s Long March towards Unity and its Long-Term Consequences, 750 BC – 1911 AD (co-authored with Chen Suo), 2022, Oxford Economic and Social History Working Papers Series #199.

[https://ora.ox.ac.uk/objects/uuid:5ee854e1-9ded-438f-b1fe-db5a5e322013/download_file?file_format=application%2Fpdf&safe_filename=Shuo and Ma 2022 States and wars.pdf&type_of_work=Conference+item](https://ora.ox.ac.uk/objects/uuid:5ee854e1-9ded-438f-b1fe-db5a5e322013/download_file?file_format=application%2Fpdf&safe_filename=Shuo_and_Ma_2022_States_and_wars.pdf&type_of_work=Conference+item)

“‘Involution’ or Seasonality: a New Perspective on the 19-20th century Chinese Agricultural Development” 2021 (co-authored with Kaixiang Peng) CEPR discussion paper DP16614:

https://cepr.org/active/publications/discussion_papers/dp.php?dpno=16614

“Ideology and the Contours of Economic Changes in Modern China during 1850-1950” 2021, CEPR DP15835.

“Contesting the Indigenous Development of Chinese Double-entry Bookkeeping’ and its Significance in China’s Economic Institutions and Business Organization before c.1850” (with Keith Hoskins and Richard Macve), 2016.

“A Genealogy of Myths about the Rationality of Accounting in the West and in the East” (with Keith Hoskins and Richard Macve), 2013, SSRN working paper:

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2389309

“Rock, Scissors, Paper: the Problem of Incentives and Information in Traditional Chinese State and the Origin of Great Divergence.” 2011, LSE economic history department working paper No. 152:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/economicHistory/workingPapers/2011/WP152.pdf>

PUBLICATIONS AND WRITINGS IN CHINESE:

Journal Article:

“Merchant Account Books and Economic History Research, the case of Tongtai Sheng Business Accounts” (in Chinese, co-authored with Weipeng Yuan) *Research on Chinese Economic History* (中国经济史研究). Vol. 2, 2010.

Monograph:

中国经济史的大分流与现代化：一种跨国比较视野 (Great Divergence and Modernization in Chinese Economic History: a Multi-national Comparative Perspective). Zhejiang University Press, July 2020; Reprint: March 2021.
This book is awarded by Beijing News 新京报 the recommended book of the year in the economics category.

Edited Books:

量化历史研究 (第七辑) (Research on Quantitative History, vols. 7), edited by Weipeng Yuan, (general editor with Chen Zhiwu and Long Denggao), Shanghai Jiatong University Press, 2024.

量化历史研究 (第三, 四辑) (Research on Quantitative History, vols. 3 and 4), co-edited with Chen Zhiwu and Long Denggao, Science Publishers, China. 2018.

量化历史研究 (第一辑, 第二辑) (Research on Quantitative History, vols. 1 and 2), co-edited with Chen Zhiwu and Long Denggao, Zhejiang University Press, vol. 1 and 2 published in 2014 and 2016 respectively.

中国工商业, 金融史的传统与变迁 (The Evolution of Chinese Industry, Commerce and Finance, an International Symposium) co-edited with Liu QiuGeng, Shijiazhuang, China: Hebei University Press, 2009.

Book Chapters:

“从国家能力看中西大分流—反思中国近现代财政金融” (Great Divergence from the Perspective of State Capacity: a Reflection on Modern Chinese Fiscal and Finance) *量化历史研究* (第七辑) (Research on Quantitative History, vols. 7), edited by Weipeng Yuan, (general editor with Chen Zhiwu and Long Denggao), Shanghai Jiatong University Press, 2024.

“1850年前中式会计和簿记的发展 - 以统泰升号商业账簿为中心(1798—1850)” (Evolution of Chinese Accounting viewed from the Tong Taisheng Account Books) (co-authored with Weipeng Yuan and Richard Macve) *量化历史研究* (第七辑) (Research on Quantitative History, vols. 7), edited by Weipeng Yuan, (general editor with Chen Zhiwu and Long Denggao), Shanghai Jiatong University Press, 2024.

“Law and Commerce in Traditional China, an Institutional Perspective on the Great Divergence”, in *中国工商业中国工商业, 金融史的传统与变迁* (The Evolution of Chinese Industry, Commerce and Finance, an International Symposium) edited by Qiugeng Liu and Debin Ma, Shijiazhuang, China: Hebei University Press, 2009, pp. 3-23.

“Institutions and Growth: Industrialization in Modern Shanghai and the Lower Yangzi” Chapter one in *近代中国：经济与社会研究* (Modern China: Research on Economy

and Society) edited by Yingiu Zhu and Angang Dai. Shanghai: Fudan University Press, 2006.

Other publications:

“从国家能力看中西大分流 (一, 二, 三, 四)” (The Great Divergence from the Perspective of State Capacity) Series 1, 2, 3 and 4): Dec. 7th, 30th 2023, Feb. 4th 2024 and forthcoming in *Financial Times* (online Chinese Version)

[从国家能力看中西大分流 \(一\) - FT中文网 \(ftchinese.com\)](http://www.ftchinese.com/story/001082211?full=y&from=timeline&archive=#ccode=2G188002);

[从国家能力看中西大分流 \(二\) - FT中文网 \(ftchinese.com\)](http://www.ftchinese.com/story/001082211?full=y&from=timeline&archive=#ccode=2G188002);

[从国家能力看中西大分流 \(三\) - FT中文网 \(ftchinese.com\)](http://www.ftchinese.com/story/001082211?full=y&from=timeline&archive=#ccode=2G188002)

“上海租界的历史启示：金融中心与政治权力” (Historical Lessons from Shanghai International Settlement: Financial Center and Political Power) *Financial Times* (online Chinese version) April 2019

<http://www.ftchinese.com/story/001082211?full=y&from=timeline&archive=#ccode=2G188002>

“上海：一个金融中心兴起的历史故事和现实意义” (Shanghai: The Rise of a Financial Center and its Historical Significance). April 2018.

<http://www.sifl.org.cn/show.asp?id=3882>

“中国经济在历史上什么时候落伍的” (When did Chinese Economy Fall Behind) Public Speech at National Economics Foundation, Beijing, China. Nov. 2016.

<http://www.nefchina.org/index.php?id=69>

“反思中国经济史” (Reflections on Chinese Economic History *东方历史评论* (*Oriental History Review*) August 7th 2014, web version at

<http://www.ohistory.org/newsdetail.aspx?id=941>

“为什么工业革命发生在18世纪的英国” (Why Industrial Revolution Occurred in 18th Century England), *文汇报* (Wenhui Daily), Shanghai, China, May 28th 2012, web version at http://whb.news365.com.cn/mzjy/201205/t20120528_439148.html.

Translation (from English to Chinese):

Chinese Economic Performance in the Long-Run, 960-2030 AD, (2nd edition) by Angus Maddison (published by OECD). (co-translator: Harry X. Wu). Shanghai: Shanghai People's Press, 2008.

PUBLICATIONS IN JAPANESE:

Journal Article:

“Level of Real Wages in Historic China, Japan and Southern Europe, 1700-1920: a Review of Evidence” (in Japanese, co-authored with Jean-Pascal Bassino and Osamu Saito) *経済研究* (Economic Research) vol. 56, No.4, pp. 348-369, Oct.2005.

Book Chapters:

“International Comparison with Historical Statistics, Purchasing Power Parity and Real Consumption Levels in 1934-36 Japan, Korea and Taiwan” (co-authored with Tangjun Yuan and Kyoji Fukao) in *Quantitative Economic Analysis of Modern Asia: A Comparative Perspective* (in Japanese) edited by Konosuke Odaka. Tokyo: Hosei University Press, 2005.

PH.D STUDENTS (LSE ECONOMIC HISTORY DEPARTMENT):

Nora Qiu (awarded in 2022) (Title: Power and Identity in the Qing Empire: A Study of the Political and Economic Life of the Elites through Confiscation Inventories 1700-1912), (co-supervised with Patrick Wallis).

Samuel Betteridge (awarded in 2021) (Title: Rethinking the Bengal Connection: Opium Monopoly and Fiscal Capacity in British India, 1862–1908) (co-supervised with Oliver Volckart).

Sijie Hu (awarded in 2020) (Title: A Micro-Demographic Analysis of Human Fertility from Chinese Genealogies, 1368-1911) (co-supervised with Neil Cummins).

Edward Kerby (awarded in 2017) (Title: The Economics of Isolation, Trade and Investment - Case studies from Taiwan & apartheid South Africa) (co-supervised with Leigh Gardner).

Meng Wu: (awarded in 2016) (Title: Shanxi Bankers in China) (co-supervised with Gerben Bakker). Awarded by the Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand the *Asia-Pacific Prize in Economic History* for the best PhD thesis in economic history in the Asia-Pacific Region, excluding Australia and New Zealand for the calendar year of 2014-16.

Xun Yan: (awarded in 2016) (Title: Essays on Money and Inflation in Modern China) (co-supervised with Oliver Volckart)

Emily Tang: (awarded in 2016) (Topic: Financial Market Integration in China in the Long Run) (co-supervised with Oliver Volckart).

Pei Gao: (awarded in 2015) (Title: The Rise of Modern Education in China) (co-supervised with Chris Minns)

Sarah Merrett: (awarded in 2013) (Title: Economic Gap in Colonial Vietnam) (co-supervised with Janet Hunter)

Nicolas Grinberg: (awarded in 2011) (Title: Transformations in the Korean and Brazilian Process of Capitalist Development between the mid-1950s and the mid-2000s: the Political Economy of Late Industrialization) (co-supervised with Colin Lewis).

M.PHIL STUDENT (LSE ECONOMIC HISTORY DEPARTMENT):

Michael Andrews: M.phil (awarded in 2011) (Title: The Great Divergence and Merchant Thought in China and England, 1600-1800) (co-supervised with Patrick Wallis)

EXTERNAL PHD EXAMINER

Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, March 2024.

Department of Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, USA, April 2023.

Business School, University of Edinburg, UK, April 2023.

Faculty of History, Cambridge University, Jan. 2023.

Department of Economic History, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, August 2022.

Department of Social Sciences, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Jan. 2021.

Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Groningen, Dec. 2020.

Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Cambridge University, August 2017.

School of Social Division, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Dec. 2013.

Department of History, School of Africa and Oriental Studies, Nov. 2013.

Department of Economics, University of Warwick, Dec. 2011.

Three Phd theses in School of Social Division, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, July, 2011.

DISSERTATION PRIZE EVALUATION

Alexander Gerschenkron Best Dissertation Prize, Annual Economic History Association Conference, Atlanta, USA, Sept. 2019.

EXTERNAL EVALUATION ON FULL PROFESSOR PROMOTION

Faculty of Arts, University of Hong Kong, 2024

Department of Economics, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2024

Department of Economics, University of Colorado, Nov. 2016.

School of Economics, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, 2018.

EXTERNAL EVALUATION ON TENURE PROMOTION

Faculty of Arts, Monash University 2023

Institute for Economic and Social Research, Jinan University, Guangzhou, China, 2023

Department of Economics, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Jan. 2021.

National School of Development, Peking University, Sept. 2020.

School of Economics, Peking University, August 2017, 2019.

Guanghua School of Business, Peking University, May 2013

Faculty of Education, University of Macau, China, May 2012

EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANT EVALUATION

Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, Stockholm, Sweden, *September 2024*

Research Grants Council, Hong Kong, Feb and March 2021

Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NOW), Jan. 2014

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), 2009.

REFEREEING EXPERIENCE

Journals:

Australian Economic History Review, Accounting History Review, Cambridge Journal of Economics, China Economic Review, Journal of Comparative Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Economic History Review, Explorations in Economic History, European Review of Economic History, Financial History Review, Frontier of Economics in China, Frontier of History in China, Hong Kong Journal of Economic History, Economic and Social History of the Orient, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of International Development, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of Global History, Journal of Historical Geography, Modern China, Journal of Modern Chinese History, Oxford Economic Papers, Public Choice, Review of Income and Wealth, Technology and Culture, World Development, World Politics.

Book Manuscript and Proposals:

Princeton University Press, Yale University Press, University of Louisville Press, Routledge Press, Cambridge University Press.

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH TEAMS

Core Member of the Quantitative History Clusters of the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, the University of Hong Kong. 2023 - .

Core Working Party Member of the “*Maddison Project*” (a project aimed to further the Historical National Accounts of the World Economies pioneered by Professor Angus Maddison).

Global Price and Income Group (<http://gpih.ucdavis.edu/>) funded by National Science Foundation (hosted by the Department of Economics at University of California at Davis).

Organizing Committee and Steering Committee of *Asian Historical Economics Conferences* held in Beijing May 19-21, 2010, Tokyo, Japan in Sept. 2012, Istanbul in 2014, Seoul in 2016, Hong Kong in 2018, Bangkok in 2022.

Scientific Committee of the *European Historical Economics Society*, Sept. 2009, Geneva, Switzerland.

INVITED SEMINARS, LECTURES AND KEYNOTE SPEECHES

- Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, September 18th 2024.
- Keynote Speech at the Fourth University of Xiamen Research Conference on Economic History and History of Thought” “历史视野下的经济发展与思想演进”, June 21-23, 2024.
- Lecture at The Hong Kong Club, Hong Kong, June 17th 2024.
- Lecture for The Institutional and Organizational Economics Academy, 20th Session, Corsica, France, May 24th 2024
- The Arthur Lewis Lab for Comparative Development, University of Manchester, Manchester, United Kingdom, Dec. 7th 2023
- Lancaster University Confucius Institute Academic Seminar, Lancaster, United Kingdom, Dec. 6th 2023
- Fudan PPE Global Lectures. Fudan University, Shanghai, China, Nov. 8th 2023
- Institute of Humanities, ShanghaiTech University, Shanghai, Nov. 6th 2023
- Masters’ Lectures Series, No. 71, School of Economics, Fudan University, Shanghai, October 31, 2023
- School of Economics, Wuhan University, Wuhan, China, October 29, 2023
- Center for Modern Economic History, Huazhong Normal University, Wuhan, China, October 27, 2023
- “Global Economic History Seminar”, King’s College, Cambridge University, May 9th, 2023
- “Quantitative History Lecture” Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Science, Hong Kong University, April 28th, 2023.
- Closing Statements at the Conference on “The Chinese Economy in the Long Run” University of Manchester, Oct. 21st 2022.
- Economic History Seminar, Paris School of Economics, Sept. 21st 2022
- Jincheng Forum (津城讲坛) June 8th 2022, organized by Oxford Chinese Students and Scholars Association, Oxford University.

- Economic History, Growth and Development Research Seminar, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Germany, June 2nd, 2022
- Oxford Economic and Social History Seminar, 31st May 2022;
- Keynote speaker at the conference on “Early modern science, technology, and institutions conference”, University of Manchester on 13 of May 2022.
- Yale Law School Legal History Forum, March 8th 2022
- Presentation at “2021 Shanghai Forum on Monetary Theory and History” Shanghai Development and Research Institute of Economic Thought and History at Fudan University, Oct. 24th 2021.
- Invited lectures at the “Economics, Theory and History” frontier lecture series at School of Economics, Renmin University, Beijing, China, Oct. 18th and 28th 2021.
- Invited lecture at The First Doctoral Symposium on Sino-Foreign Cultural Exchange and Financial Innovation” Peking University, August 26th 2021.
- First through Eighth Summer Workshop on Quantitative History and International Symposium, Tsinghua University, Beijing University, Henan University, and Yantai, Shandong province, Shanghai Jiaotong University (2021).
- Keynote address at “The First Conference on Economic Development and Evolution of Thought in historical perspective” June 26-27th 2021, School of Economics, Xiameng University, China.
- Quantitative History Webinar Series, organized by Asia Global Institute, Hong Kong University and Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan, May 26th 2020.
- GATE-ENS Applied Seminar Series, Department of Economics, ENS de Lyon, France, April 20th 2021.
- School of Social Science, Qinghua University, Jan. 29th 2021.
- Economic and Social History Seminar, Oxford University, Jan. 19th 2021.
- Quantitative History Webinar Series, Asia Global Institute, Hong Kong University, December 10, 2020.
- Three Public Lectures on Chinese Economic History, Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay, Nov. 16th, 18th and 20th 2021.
- High-level Cloud Public Lecture on Public Finance and National Governance, Institute of Public Finance, China Financial Policy Research Centre, Renmin University, Oct. 10th 2020.
- Research Center for Modern and Contemporary China, Kyoto University, Japan, May 29th 2020.
- Research Group of Chinese Economic History (中国經濟史研究会), Toyo Bunko, Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 14th, 2019.
- Department of Economics, Gakushuin University, Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 12th 2019.
- Keynote lecture at “Understanding State Capacity” Conference at University of Manchester, UK, Nov. 28-29th 2019.
- China Economic Network and British Consulate General in Shanghai (with video links to offices in Guangzhou, Chongqing and Beijing), Nov. 15th 2019.
- Shanghai Institute for International Studies (SIIS), Shanghai, China, Nov. 14th 2019.

- Department of Social Science, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain, Nov. 4th 2019.
- The Nineteenth Figuerola Lecture titled “Ideology and Institutions: Economic Changes in China during 19th-20th Century” Fundación Ramón Areces in collaboration with Instituto Figuerola de Historia y Ciencias Sociales of Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain, <https://www.fundacionareces.es/fundacionareces/es/actividades/ideologia-e-instituciones-los-cambios-economicos-en-china-en-los-siglos-xix-y-xx.html>. Nov. 5th 2019.
- Evaluation and Presentation of Alexander Gerschenkron Best Dissertation Award at the Annual Economic History Association Conference, Atlanta, USA, Sept. 13-15, 2019.
- LSE China Forum, Shanghai, China, 24th August, 2019.
- Public Lecture on “Financial Revolution in Republican China” at School of Economics, Renmin University, Beijing, China, April 2019.
- Three Lectures on “Why Industrial Revolution did not happen in China?” National Institute for Development, Peking University, China, April 2019.
- Lectures on “Chinese Economy in Historical Perspective” for MA in European and Chinese Business Management at University of Zurich, Swiss. Oct. 29-20, 2018.
- Department of Economic History, Lund University, Sweden, Nov. 7th 2019.
- Academic Director and Lecturer, “Industrial Revolution, from History through to the Globalised Future” a LSE Customs Program for the Executive MBA program of Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business (CKGSB), London, July 18-20, 2018.
- Public Speech at Shanghai Institute of Finance and Law, China, April 2018.
- Hitotsubashi Institute for Advanced Studies, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan, Feb. 2018.
- Department of Economics, University of Tokyo, Japan. Feb. 2018.
- Public Lecture at Peter A. Allard School of Law, and Seminar at School of Economics, University of Vancouver, Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st, 2017.
- Invited lectures on Great Divergence for Executive MBA programs, Guanghua School of Business, Peking University, July, 2017, July, May, 2016, April, 2015
- Institute of Modern History, Chinese Academy of Social Science, Beijing, July 2017.
- Department of Economics, University of Toronto, May 2017.
- Washington area economic history seminars: Department of Economics, University of Maryland at Baltimore, May 11th 2017; Mercatus Center, George Mason University, May 12th 2017.
- Department of Economics, Harvard University, April, 2017.
- Public Speech at Hopkins China Forum (Joint with LSE Alumni Society), Shanghai, China, Feb. 2017.
- Institute of Sinology, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany, Jan. 2017.
- Keynote speech at LSE Graduate Workshop in Economic History: *Command Economies and State Intervention in Economic History*, Dec. 2016.

- Department of History, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, Nov. 2016.
- Department of Economics, University of Warwick, Oct. 2016.
- Seminar at School of Economics and Finance and public lecture at Asia Global Institute, University of Hong Kong, Sept. 2016.
- The Fourth Annual Hoover Institution workshop on China, *Transition and Transformation: China in the Twentieth Century*, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, August 1-10, 2016.
- Keynote speaker at the Opening Session at Bi-annual Chinese Economic History Society Conference, Beijing, China, July 16-17, 2016.
- Institute of Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Science, Beijing, China, July 19th 2016.
- Department of Economics, University of Mannheim, May 2016.
- Cambridge Political Economy of China Discussion Group, Cambridge, UK, 25 May 2016.
- London China Forum, a presentation on “Chinese Financial System in Historical Perspective, King’s College, London, March 1st 2016.
- Department of Economics, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan, Dec. 2015.
- Third Annual Summer School of Quantitative History, Peking University, July 2015
- University of Verona, Italy, invited public lectures, May 2015
- Keynote speaker, The third annual workshop on the economic analysis of institutions, Xiamen University, China, May 16-17 2015.
- Second Annual Tsinghua Summer School of Quantitative History, July 2014
- Shanghai Development Foundation, Shanghai, China, July 2014
- University of Nottingham University at Ningbo, Ningbo, China, April 2014
- Lyon Institute of East Asian Studies, Lyon, France, March, 2014.
- Department of Economic Analysis, University of Valencia, Feb. 2014.
- Tsinghua Summer School of Quantitative History, July 5th- 15th, 2013, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.
- Department of Economics, Oxford University, Feb. 2012.
- Special invited lectures and seminar for the summer term, Foundation for Advanced Studies on International Development and National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies, Tokyo, Japan, August 2011.
- Invited lecturer: “CAGE Summer school: Historical Patterns of Growth and Development, University of Warwick, 25-29 July 2011.
- History Department, Shanghai Jiaotong University, April 2011.
- University of Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, March 2011.
- IMT Institute for Advanced Studies, Lucca, Italy, Dec. 2010.
- Department of Economics, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Sept. 2010.
- Department of Economics, Northwestern University, Sept. 2010.
- School of Economics, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, May 2010.
- Department of Economics, Stanford University, April 2010.
- Department of Economics, University of Berkeley, April 2010.
- Public Lecture: “Chinese Economy in Long-Term Perspective” Berkeley China Review (a Chinese student organization at UC Berkeley) April 2010.

- Public Lecture: “Income, Human Capital, Institutions: Historical Legacies and Long-run Economic Growth in China” China Development Society, LSE. Jan. 2010.
- Kansai University, Osaka, Japan, July 2009.
- Public Lecture: “30 Years of Reform in China, a Historical Perspective” Asia Research Centre, LSE, March 2009.
- Guanghua School of Management, Beijing University, Feb. 2009.
- Tsinghua Economic History Forum (清华经济史论坛), School of Humanities and Social Science, Tsinghua University, Beijing, Feb. 2009.
- School of Economics, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, Feb. 2009.
- Departamento de Historia Económica e Instituciones, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Oct. 2008.
- Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, April, 2008
- Utrecht University, the Netherlands, March, 2008
- University of Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, 2007.
- Economics Department, Yale University, 2007.
- St. Anthony College, Oxford University, 2007.
- Economic History Department, University of Glasgow, 2007.
- Department of Economic History, Lund University, Sweden, Sept. 2006
- Department of Economics, University of Warwick, Jan. 2006.
- School of East Asian Studies, University of Sheffield, Nov. 2005.
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, March 2005.
- Institute of Economic Research, Nankai University, Tianjin, China, March 2005.
- Institute of Economics, Academy of Social Science, Beijing, March 2005
- China Center for Economic Research, Beijing University, March 2005.
- Department of Economic History, London School of Economics, Feb. 2004.
- Department of Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Oct. 2001
- Department of Economics, University of Toronto, March 2001
- Institute of Economic Research, Shanghai Academy of Social Science, March 2001
- Department of Economics, Washington University, Dec. 2000
- Department of Economics, University of Tokyo, Feb. 2000
- Growth and Development Center, University of Groningen, Holland, 1999

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- Institutions and prosperity: a global comparative perspective, Utrecht, 18-19 April 2024
- Comparative Histories of State Capacity, Yale Law School, Yale University, January 18-20, 2024.
- Workshop on Chinese Historical Databases: Sources, Methods, Prospects, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, January 11-12, 2024
- Enterprises and Societal Transformation in Modern China, International Center for Studies of Chinese Civilization, Fudan University, Shanghai, Nov. 3-4, 2023
- Area of Excellence–Quantitative History Conference, Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Science, Hong Kong University, October 25-26, 2023

- The Ninth Annual Quantitative History Summer School cum International Symposium on Quantitative History, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai, China July 8 – 17, 2023
- Symposium on New Frontiers and Directions in Chinese History, Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Science, Hong Kong University, June 23 – 24, 2023
- “New Economic History of China”, Northwestern University, Chicago, USA, March 24-25, 2023
- Shanghai Forum: A Round Table on “State and Economic Development: Asian and International Comparison” Nov. 26th 2022
- Conference “States, Intermediate Institutions and Long-term Development”, University of Utrecht, Sept. 15-16 2022.
- World Economic History Congress, WEHC, Paris, France, July 25-29, 2022
- “Great Divergence and Modernization in Chinese Economic History” a half-day online conference organized by Modern Chinese Economic History Association, Qinghua University, Jiaotong University and Guangxi Normal University of Culture and Tourism to discuss my above titled book, March 6th 2021. Based on the workshop, a special issue of six articles were published in *Journal of Modern Chinese History* (近代史学刊) Vol. 25, pp. 38-77. Beijing: Social Science Academic Press, Oct. 2021.
- "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China (and Beyond)" Session at ASSA 2021 Conference organized by America Economic Association, Jan. 5th 2021.
- EurasiaTrajeco Conference “Empires and Intermediaries across Eurasia, 10th – 19th Century”, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, 18-19 Dec. 2019.
- Asian Economic Panel (AEP), Keio University, 18-19 September 2019.
- 3rd LSE-Stanford-Universidad de Los Andes Conference on Long-Run Development in Latin America and Beyond, Bogota, Colombia, May 30-21, 2019.
- Conference on Issues in the Comparison of the Histories of Chinese and European Economic Thought from Antiquity to the Present, Bad Homburg, Germany, Feb. 20-22 2019.
- Asian Historical Economics Conference, Hong Kong, September 21-22, 2018.
- UCLA conference on Cambridge Economic History of China, Vol. 1, Los Angeles, USA, August 26-29th, 2018.
- Hitotsubashi Conference on Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World, Tokyo, Japan, August 8-10, 2018.
- XVIII World Economic History Congress, Boston, USA, July 29 - August 3, 2018.
- Workshop on Globalisation and Institutional Change, National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR), London, 21st May 2018.
- Second Annual LSE-Stanford-Universidad de Los Andes Conference on Long-Run Development in Latin America, 16-17 May 2018.
- Manuscript Workshop: *States and Societies* by Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson, Center for Economic History, Northwestern University, March 9-10, 2018.

- Utrecht conference on Cambridge Economic History of China vol. 2, Netherlands, Dec. 15-17, 2017.
- Fudan-Paris IAS workshop on China-EU Economic Relations, Paris Institute for Advanced Studies, Nov. 4th 2016
- Economic History Association Annual Conference, Denver. Colorado, Sept. 2016.
- Fifth Asian Historical Economics Conference, Seoul, Korea, Sept. 2016.
- Economic Change in Global History, LSE, London, UK, 27-28 May 2016.
- Economic History Society Annual Conference, Robinson College, University of Cambridge, 1-3 April 2016.
- NYU/CAGE/CEPR Economic History Conference; Abu Dhabi; 13-15 March, 2016.
- International Symposium on Chinese History of Ming and Qing Dynasties (明清研究國際學術研討會), Academic Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, Dec. 10-11, 2015.
- Keynote speaker, “Frontiers in Chinese Economic History” an All University of California Economic History Workshop, Berkeley, CA, Nov. 6-7, 2015.
- Presentation and discussions at XVIIth World Economic History Congress, Kyoto, Japan August 3-7, 2015.
- Coins, currency and crisis from c. 2000 BC – c. AD 2000: Silver, paper money and trust in historical perspective.” International workshop, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam 12-13 December 2014.
- “Spread of Industry to the Periphery since 1870” A Conference at Oxford University, Oct. 2-4, 2014
- Fourth Annual Asian Historical Economics Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, Sept. 19-20 2014
- “Economic History of Coercion and State Formation A conference to honour Mark Harrison” University of Warwick, March 31st – April 1st 2014.
- “A Long-term Perspective on Global Well-being and Development” 12-13 Dec. 2013, OECD/CLIO-INFRA Workshop, OECD Headquarters, Paris.
- “New Perspectives on Comparative Medieval History: China and Europe”, Pembroke College, Oxford, 30 September – 1 October 2013.
- International Symposium on Quantitative Historical Research, 9th July, 2013, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.
- CAGE Conference on “Accounting for the Great Divergence” at University of Warwick, May 28th 2013.
- “Conference on Cities in a Globalizing World from Ancient Times to the Present” 23rd- 24th May 2013. University of Notre Dame, London Centre, London. UK.
- “The Third Annual Conference on Chinese Economy” Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, Jan. 30-31, 2013.
- “The global and long-term development of real wages: methods, problems and possibilities”, Amsterdam, Holland, Nov. 2-3, 2012.
- “The New Institutional Economics and Divergence in the Developing World”, 27-28 September 2012, Lund, Sweden.
- “2012 Asian Historical Economics Conference” Sept. 2012, Tokyo, Japan.

- HIPOD Final Conference, organized by CEPR and European Commission, Brussels, Belgium, Sept. 2012.
- “13th World Congress of Accounting Historians” Newcastle, UK, July 2012.
- ”The XVIth World Economic History Congress”, Stellenbosch, South Africa, July 2012 (gave six presentations and two discussions).
- “Wellbeing and Inequality in the Long Run: Measurement, History and Ideas”, Madrid, Spain, May 31-Jun 1, 2012.
- “One-day Workshop on Chinese Merchant Account Books” Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai, China, April 2012.
- “Legal Order, the State, and Economic Development” conference, Florence, Italy, Sept. 2011.
- HI-POD Conference on India and the Great Divergence, Neemrana District Alwar Rajasthan, India, Sept. 2011.
- XVIth World Congress of International Economic Association (Invited session), Beijing, China, July 2011.
- “First SUFE Economic History Forum” Shanghai School of Economics and Finance, Shanghai, China, April, 2011.
- Economic History Society Annual Conference, Cambridge, UK, March 2011
- “Asian Historical Economics Conference” Beijing, China May 19-21 2010.
- “Financial Crisis and East Asian Policy Strategy”, Japan Research Center, Tsinghua University, Beijing, Sept. 23rd, 2009.
- One Day Workshop, “Quantitative and Institutional Economic History China”, Sept. 20th 2009, Guanghua School of Management, Beijing University, Sept. 20th 2009.
- The Opening Conference of the Research Institute of Economic Thought and Economic History (RIETEH), Fudan University, Shanghai, China, August 2009.
- The XVth World Economic History Congress, Utrecht, the Netherlands, August, 2009 (presenter of two papers and discussant of four papers).
- “East Asian Economic Development in Historical Perspective” Centre for Economic Institutions, Hitotsubashi University, July 2009.
- Symposium on “Entrepreneurs and Modernization of China, Japan and the US”, Shibusawa Memorial Foundation, Tokyo, June 2009.
- Economic History Society Annual Conference, University of Warwick, April 2009
- “State, Community, and Market in Development, a Festschrift Workshop for Professor Yujiro Hayami” National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo, Feb. 2009.
- “Workshop on Chinese Economic History in 18th -20th Century” Economic History Dept., LSE, 8th May 2009.
- States and Long-Term Economic Growth” Economic History Dept., LSE, Oct. 2008,
- Final Conference of the Marie Curie Research Training Network - Krakow 26/28 September 2008.
- Annual Economic History Association Meeting at New Haven, US, Sept. 2008 (paper presenter and featured speaker at Historian Breakfast).

- “Economic Change Around the Indian Ocean in the Very Long Run” a Harvard-Hitotsubashi-Warwick workshop, Venice, 22 - 24th July, 2008.
- “Law and Economic Development in Historical Perspective” at University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, Sept. 2007.
- “International Symposium on Chinese Financial and Commercial History” Heibei University, Baoding, China, July 2007.
- “Comparative Economic History of Europe and China”, Paris School of Economics, 2007.
- “Chinese Capitalism” conference at Cornell University, 2007.
- “Return of the Guilds” Conference at Utrecht University, (discussant of two papers), Oct. 2006.
- XIV International Economic History Congress at Helsinki, Finland, August 2006 [Presentor of three papers, invited discussant of seven papers, and co-organizer (with Pierre van der Eng) of session 103]. August 2006.
- “Chinese Financial History” in Cheung Kung Graduate School of Business, Beijing, China, July, 2006.
- Economic History Society Annual Conference, University of Reading, U.K, March 31- April 2nd 2006.
- First Conference on “Unifying the European Experience: Historical Lessons of Pan-European Development” at University of Warwick, UK, 28-30 Oct. 2005.
- Global Economic History Network Conferences at Leiden, Netherlands, Sept. 2004; at Osaka, Japan, Dec. 2005, at Istanbul, Turkey, Sept. 2005 and Padua, Italy, Nov. 2005, Nice, France, March 2006.
- “International Conference on Globalization in Asia and the Pacific before the Modern Era” at Australia National University at Canberra, June 29-July 1, 2005.
- Annual Cliometric Society Conference at Tahoe City, California, July 2005.
- “Estimating Production and Income Across Nations and over Time” Workshop at University of California at Davis, May 31-June 1, 2005.
- Workshop on Chinese Institutional Economic History at Chinese University of Hong Kong, Jan. 10-11, 2004 and March 2005.
- Conference “Towards a Global History of Prices and Wages” Utrecht, the Netherlands, August 19-21, 2004.
- The Fifth World Cliometrics Congress, Venice, Italy, July 8-11, 2004.
- Symposium on Comparing China and India’s Economic Miracles, Center for the Economy and Society, Cornell University, Jan. 30th, 2004.
- Conference on Catch-up Growth and Technology Transfer in Asia and Western Europe, 17-18 October 2003, University of Groningen.
- Conference of the International Society for Institutional Economics, Budapest, Hungary Sept. 2003.
- All UC Economic History Workshop, University of California at Irvine, Oct. 2002.
- International Economic History Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 2002.
- Annual Conference of China Economic History Association, Taiyuan, Shanxi, April 2002.
- International Workshops of the Asian Historical Statistics Project, Hitotsubashi

- University, Tokyo, Japan, March 2001 and Jan. 2002.
- Annual Conference of Economic History Association, Baltimore, U.S, Oct. 1999
- International Economic History Congress, Madrid, Spain, 1998.
- Pacific Rim History Conference, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, 1996.
- Annual Conference of Economic History Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1995.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WITH MEDIA:

- An online presentation at “A Bridge to Modern China” ([469\) A bridge to modern China - YouTube](#) at British Museum Exhibition *China’s Hidden Century*, Sept., 7, 2023.
- LSE IQ Episode 28 | Is the 21st Century the Chinese century?_Podcast interview at: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/lse-player?query=episode+28>.
- TV interview and appearances in *China on Film*, a documentary by MAKE Productions, London, Sept. 20th, 2017.
- TV interview for *Empires of Silver, China, Silver and Global Trade*, a documentary by Matchlight, London, Sept. 25th, 2017.
- Multiple interview appearances in Episode 5 and 6 of *The Story of China*, a six – episode documentary series on Chinese History, presented by Michael Wood on BBC2, Feb. 2016.
- “LSE Research in Mandarin” Interview on Chinese economy in 19th and 20th century. Youtube and video release online. Dec. 2015.
- Live Interviews with BBC World TV News: Oct., 2015, March 4th 2015, Jan. 22nd, 2010 and Feb. 15th, 2010, Jan. 22nd 2009.
- Invited speaker and contributor to “Silk” on BBC Radio 4, Sept. 27th 2013.
- Invited guest to No. 10 Downing Street on an “Informal Discussion on China and UK- Chinese relations” with the Special Advisor to Prime Minister David Cameron, Sept. 11th 2013.
- Policy brief presentation titled “Soaring Dragon, Stumbling Bear: China's Rise in a Comparative Context” (joint with Mark Harrison) at Chatham House, London, March 20th 2013 <http://www.chathamhouse.org/publications/papers/view/190179>.
- Speaker and Panelist, “The 18th Chinese Communist Party Congress”, Asian Research Center, LSE, Feb. 13th 2013.