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**Employment**    **Monash University** 2018-  
Assistant Professor in Economics (Lecturer in Australia)

**Education**    **University of California at Berkeley**  
Ph.D., Economics, 2018.  
Fields: Political Economics, Economic History

**Tsinghua University**  
B.A. (with High Honors), Economics and Finance, 2012.

**Teaching**    **Monash University**  
Chief examiner for *Political Economy: Institutions, Order, and Evidence*,  
a new interdisciplinary unit on state building and democracy,  
awarded *Department of Economics Teaching Award* of Monash University.

**Awards and Fellowships**

Department of Economics Teaching Award, Monash University, 2021

Department of Economics Teaching Prize, Monash University, 2021

Dean's Purple Letter for Teaching Excellence, Monash University, 2021

Asia-Pacific Prize for the Best Ph.D. Dissertation in the Economic History of the Asia-Pacific Region, 2020

Doctoral Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2017

Graduate Division Summer Grant, UC Berkeley 2017

John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies, UC Berkeley 2016

The Helen Gan and Richard Aston Fellowship for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley, 2015

Eliot J. Swan Prize for the best course work in the Ph.D. Program in Economics, UC Berkeley, 2013

## Awards and Fellowships

Hal Varian Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2012-2018

High Honor Graduate, Tsinghua University, 2012

Honor Program in Economics, School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University, 2010-2012

China Construction Bank Scholarship in honor of Third Place in the in the National-wide College Entrance Examination in Anhui Province, 2008

## Papers

**“Erosion of State Power, Corruption Control, and Fiscal Capacity”**

with Gerard Roland and Yang Xie, *forthcoming at Economic Journal*

**“Crony capitalism, the party-state, and the political boundaries of corruption”**

with Gerard Roland and Yang Xie, *forthcoming at Journal of Comparative Economics*

**“Hobbesian Wars and Separation of Powers”**

with Gerard Roland and Yang Xie

**“Populism and Minimalist Democracy”**

with Elliot Foote

**“Meritocracy and Dual Leadership: Historical Evidence and an Interpretation”**

*awarded the 2020 Asia-Pacific Prize in Economic History*

**“Rotation, Performance Rewards, and Property Rights”**

*awarded the 2020 Asia-Pacific Prize in Economic History*

## Selected work in progress

**“Economic Origins of Digital Dictatorship and Democracy”**, with Nathan Lane

**“Mapping the Digital State”**, with Klaus Ackerman, Simon Angus, Nathan Lane, and Paul Raschky

**“Revolutionary Capital and the Dynamics of Revolutions and Protests”**,

with Gerard Roland and Yang Xie

Selected services 2021: member of the conference's executive committee, Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (SIOE).

2021- acting coordinator for the research group in political economy public economics, Department of Economics, Monash University.

2020: organizer, the 7th Australasian Cliometric Workshop.

Selected talks 2022 (scheduled): Annual Meeting of SIOE; Chicago Harris; Stanford GSB

2021: Annual Meeting of SIOE  
Australian Workshop on Organizational Economics

2020: NBER Organizational Economics Workshop,  
Annual Meeting of SIOE, Stanford Summer Institute on Organizations.

2019: USC Marshall School of Business, UCSD School of Global Policy & Strategy, UC Riverside, La Trobe University, University of New South Wales, All-UC Economic History Conference, Australian Cliometrics Workshop, AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting, Econometric Society Asia and China Meetings, Annual Meeting of SIOE, Stanford Summer Institute on Organizations.

2018: Peking University, Monash University, National University of Singapore, Econometric Society North America Meeting, New Economics School, Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business

2017: Tsinghua University, UC Berkeley Economic History Seminar, UC Berkeley Theory Seminar, UC Berkeley Political Economics Seminar, UCSD Young Scholars Conference

2016: China Economics Summer Institute  
UCSD-Tsinghua Conference on Institutional Analysis

Affiliations American Economic Association, American Political Science Association, Association for Comparative Economic Studies, Econometric Society, Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics