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

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

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;
Chief examiner for *Communities: Community, market, and government*.

Editorial roles Associate Editor, *The Economic Journal*, 2024 -

Awards and Fellowships Dean's Purple Letter for Teaching Excellence, Monash University, 2021, 2022

Department of Economics Teaching Award, Monash University, 2021

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

Participant, the Summer Institute on Organizations and Their Effectiveness, the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, 2019

Doctoral Completion Fellowship, 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

Awards and Fellowships

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

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 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, *Economic Journal* 132.644 (2022): 1542-1565.

“Crony capitalism, the party-state, and the political boundaries of corruption”
with Gerard Roland and Yang Xie, *Journal of Comparative Economics* (2022)

“Rotation, Performance Rewards, and Property Rights”
accepted at *the Economic Journal*

“Dual Leadership and Bureaucratic Capacity”
awarded the 2020 Asia-Pacific Prize in Economic History

“Separation of Powers as a Guardian of Civil Peace”
with Gerard Roland and Yang Xie

“Digital Populism and Electoral Democracy”
with Elliot Foote

“An Economic Theory of Salvation Religions”, with Shaoda Wang

“Plundering Coalitions”, with Alireza Mohammadi Sepahvand

“Deterring Transgressions at the Apex of Government”, with Yang Xie

Work in progress

“Information is Power - Monopoly Power, Information Technology, and the Rise of the Digital State”, with Nathan Lane

Selected services	2021: member of the conference's executive committee, Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (SIOE). 2021-2023 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	2023 Tsinghua–Chicago Growth and Institutions Conference; AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting, University of Hong Kong, National University of Singapore, Annual Meeting of SIOE 2022: Annual Meeting of SIOE, Chicago Harris, Stanford GSB, MIT Sloan 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, 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, Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics
Personal	Nationality: Chinese citizen, Australian permanent resident Born: December 1990