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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, 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 *Policy Analysis for Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*,
an integrated unit in the Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Program, Monash University

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

Fellow, 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”
conditionally accepted at *the Economic Journal*

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

“Hobbesian Wars and Separation of Powers”
with Gerard Roland and Yang Xie, *NBER Working Paper*

“Populism and Minimalist Democracy”
with Elliot Foote

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

“Decay of Long-established Constitutions”, with Yang Xie

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

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