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Research Interests

Firm Dynamics and Entrepreneurship, Macroeconomic Development

Current position

Senior economist, Bank of Canada, Oct. 2016-present

Education

Ph.D in Economics, Washington University in St. Louis, 2011-2016

M.A. in Economics, Fudan University, China, 2006-2009

B.S. in Computer Science, Fudan University, China, 2002-2006

Publications

“Economic Reforms and Industrial Policy in a Panel of Chinese Cities,” December 2016, *Journal of Economic Growth*, with Simon Alder and Fabrizio Zilibotti

“Are Working Hours Complements in Production?” June 2023, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, with Faisal Sohail and Emircan Yurdagul

Working Papers

“Aggregate Fluctuations and the Role of Trade Credit,” October 2022

“Labor Supply and Firm Size,” November 2022,
with Faisal Sohail and Emircan Yurdagul

“Allocative Efficiency and the Productivity Slowdown,” January 2023
with Rongsheng Tang

“Firm Dynamics and Economic Development with Corruption and Financial Frictions,” December 2019,
with Simon Alder

“Financial Development beyond the Formal Financial Market,” June 2020,

“Gender Gap in Time Use and Entrepreneurship,” April 2023,
with Pedro Bento and Faisal Sohail

Policy Writing

“Why Was the Decline in U.S. Trade Larger This Time? A Global View,”
with B. Ravikumar and Michael Sposi. The Regional Economist, October 2013

“Discouraged Workers: What Do We Know,”
with B. Ravikumar. Economic Synopses 2014(6), March 2014

“Accounting for Discouraged Workers in the Unemployment Rate,”
with B. Ravikumar. Economic Synopses 2014(9), April 2014

“Have Labor Costs Slowed the Recovery?”
with B. Ravikumar. Economic Synopses 2016(15), July 2016

“Labor Compensation and Labor Productivity: Recent Recoveries and the Long-Term Trend,”
with B. Ravikumar. Economic Synopses 2016(16), August 2016

Teaching Experience

Macroeconomics (TA), Spring 2013, Washington University in St. Louis

Introduction to Econometrics (TA), Fall 2012, Washington University in St. Louis

Graduate Macroeconomics (TA), Fall 2008, Fudan University

Topics in Chinese Economy (TA), Fall 2008, Fudan University

Research Experience

Visiting student, Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis, 2012-2013, 2015-2016

Research assistant, Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis, 2013-2015

Fellow, Zurich Initiative for Computational Economics (ZICE), February 2012

Research assistant and visiting student, Chair of Macroeconomics and Political Economy,
University of Zurich, 2010-2011

Research assistant, Fudan University, 2007-2009

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2023: CEA, SED **2022:** SED, Midwest Macro **2021:** University of Nebraska Omaha, IMF, ES Asian Meeting, RIDGE WELAC workshop on gender inequality **2020:** EEA, 6th world KLEMS conference, AEA **2019:** Midwest Macro, CEA, Shanghai Macro Workshop, SED, BoC-UoT conference on the Chinese economy, EEA/ESEM, Canadian Macro Study Group. **2018:** Carleton macro-finance workshop; National Taiwan University; Academia Sinica. **2017:** SNDE; University of Exeter; BoC-ECB research conference; AMES; ESNA; Monash Development Workshop; MMF conference; Midwest Macro. **2016:** Bank of Canada; University of Surrey; ESNA summer meeting; LACEA/LAMES; ES European winter meeting. **2015:** Midwest Macro. **2014:** WashU Graduate Student Conference. **2013:** SED. **2012:** WashU Graduate Student Conference; Missouri Economic Conference.

Referee Services

AEJ: Economic Policy, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, China Economic Review, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Oxford Economic Papers.

Conference Organization

Bank of Canada-University of Toronto Conference on the Chinese Economy, September 29–30, 2017

CEA special session on Firm Dynamics, Labor Market and Entrepreneurship, May 2020

Bank of Canada-U of T Conference on the Chinese Economy, August 27–28, 2021

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