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教育背景

2021-2026	北京大学国家发展研究院	经济学博士候选人, 导师: 姚洋教授
2024-2025	美国西北大学凯洛格商学院	访问学者, 导师: Nancy Qian
2017-2021	北京大学国家发展研究院	经济学学士

研究话题

地方治理, 人工智能和数字经济, 公共财政

求职论文 (摘要附后)

Winning Hearts after Tying Hands: The Political Impact of Land Titling Reform in China (管住权力, 收获民心: 中国农地确权改革的政治效应), 与胡志安, 聂卓合作, *Journal of Development Economics* 返修中。

中文论文发表

1. 赵家琪 (第一作者), 江弘毅, 胡诗云, 沈艳. 数字普惠金融下的小微信贷与风险——基于银行数字化转型的视角, 《经济学 (季刊)》, 2023 年 05 期
2. 沈艳, 江弘毅, 胡诗云, 赵家琪, 黄卓. 数字金融支持高质量发展: 理论、机制和证据, 《金融研究》, 2024 年 07 期。
3. “国家治理指数构建”课题组 (课题组成员: 席天扬、刘诗尧、雷镇环、李怡爽、刘珍岑、赵家琪). 国家治理指数与发展中国家现代化, 《国家现代化建设研究》, 2024 年 01 期。(2024 年第 1 期 (人大《复印报刊资料·政治学》转载, 2024 年第 8 期)

英文论文发表

1. Liwen Guo, Zhiming Cheng, Massimiliano Tani, Sarah Cook, Jiaqi Zhao, and Xi Chen (2025). “Air pollution and entrepreneurship” (空气污染与创业行为). *China Economic Review*, 89, 102327.
2. Hang Yu and Jiaqi Zhao. (2024). “Financial Sector Development and Industrialization: Lessons and Prospects for Ethiopia” (金融约束与后发国家发展——基于埃塞俄比亚的分析). *China Economic Journal*, 17(2), 300–321.

工作论文

1. Foundations of Power Sharing under Weak Institutions: The Role of Inter-group Equality (弱制度下的权力分享基础: 论群体间平等的作用), 与姚洋合作。
2. Missing the Public: How Expert Evaluations Distort Corruption Indicators (缺失的民众声音: 专家评分如何扭曲腐败评估), 与雷镇环, 席天扬合作。
3. Firm-Politician Nexus and Local Public Finance under Trade Shocks: Evidence from China's Primary Land Market (出口冲击, 政企网络和土地财政: 来自中国土地出让市场的证据), 与李京鸿, 刘正铖, 聂卓合作。
4. The Collectivist Origins of Political Participation in Rural China (农村去集体化转型与基层选举衰落), 与胡志安, 聂卓合作。

进行中工作

1. 市场复苏，作物分工和农业增长，与梁哲铭，徐铭蕊，易君健，张皓辰合作。
2. 破产制度与经济周期，与黄北辰合作。
3. 大语言模型如何影响求职行为——基于线上招聘平台的证据，与胡佳胤、喻淼合作。
4. 空降官员，地方网络与司法本地保护，独立研究。

会议展示

1. 2025 年罗纳德·科斯研究所制度分析工作坊（The Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis），佩鲁贾和佛罗伦萨，2025。
2. 第十九届中国发展经济学年会，西宁，2025。
3. 第一百二十一届美国政治学年会（The 121st APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition），温哥华，2025。
4. 第五十九届加拿大经济学年会（The 59th Annual Meetings of the Canadian Economics Association），蒙特利尔，2025。
5. 第八十二届美国中西部政治学年会（The 82nd Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference），芝加哥，2025。
6. 第一百二十届美国政治学年会（The 120th APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition），费城，2024。
7. 第九届政治科学研讨会，北京，2023。
8. 第二十二届中国经济学年会，广州，2023。
9. 2021 年运筹与管理科学年会（INFORMS Annual Meeting），线上，2021。
10. 第二十届中国经济学年会，深圳，2020。

课题经历和数据库构建

1. **国家治理指数课题组**（北京大学引导专项——南南学院学科建设项目，项目号：7101702708）
 - 主要参与者，领导助研团队并撰写多份研究论文和报告，内容涵盖国际治理指数比较、腐败控制指数的专家评价偏误评估、以及世界银行世界治理指标的方法论分析等。
2. **中国地方官员数据库**（国家自然科学基金面上项目“官员人事管理和国家治理能力研究：基于激励、遴选和组织结构的视角”，项目号：71874004）
 - 组织助研团队开展数据收集，构建 1994-2022 年所有现任和曾任市级主官的履历数据库。
3. **中国县级地方志数据库**
 - 组织助研团队电子化中国县级地方志，构建全国 2000 余县 1949-1985 年的重大时间和经济指标，包括农村改革时点、作物产出、土地利用情况等。
4. **招聘平台技能数据库**
 - 借助 GPT 等大语言模型 API，批量标注线上招聘平台求职者陈述和职位介绍，生成劳动力市场供求双方的技能和特质画像，包括认知技能、专业技术、性格特质的描述等。
5. **中国裁判文书数据库**
 - 提取裁判文书中原告、被告信息，以及诉讼费结构，同时开发基于高性能计算平台的名称匹配算法，构建 300 余地级市 2013-2021 年的民事司法判决的本地保护倾向指标。

助教经历

1. 社会与经济网络导论，本科生，中文，2024。
2. 中国经济增长的政治经济学，研究生，英文，2023。
3. 转型中的中国经济，本科生，英文，2023。
4. 社会科学中的统计方法，研究生，英文，2023。
5. 发展经济学，本科生，中文，2022。
6. 发展经济学，研究生，英文，2023。

匿名审稿服务

China Economic Quarterly International; China Economic Journal.

奖励荣誉

2022 北京大学三好学生

2022 工银星辰奖学金

2020 北京大学国家发展研究院达世行奖学金

2019 中国金融四十人路劲奖学金

2018 三菱商事国际奖学金

求职论文摘要

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Education

2021-2026	National School of Development, Peking University	Ph.D. Candidate in Economics Advisor: Yang Yao
2024-2025	Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University	Visiting Scholar Advisor: Nancy Qian
2017-2021	National School of Development, Peking University	Bachelor of Economics

Research Topics

Local Governance, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Economy, Public Finance

Job Market Paper (Abstract Attached)

1. “Winning Hearts after Tying Hands: The Political Impact of Land Titling Reform in China”, joint with Zhi-An Hu and Zhuo Nie. R&R at *Journal of Development Economics*.

Publications

1. **Jiaqi Zhao**, Hongyi Jiang, Shiyun Hu, and Yan Shen. (2023). “Fintech, Small Enterprise Credit and Credit Risk – Evidence from Bank Digitization in China.”, *China Economic Quarterly (in Chinese)*, 23(05), 1686-1703.
2. Yan Shen, Hongyi Jiang, Shiyun Hu, **Jiaqi Zhao**, and Zhuo Huang (2024). “Digital Finance Supports High-quality Development: Theory, Mechanism and Evidence”, *Journal of Financial Research (in Chinese)*, 529(7), 20-39.
3. Tianyang Xi , Shiyao Liu, Zhenhuan Lei, Yishuang Li, Zhencen Liu, and **Jiaqi Zhao**. (2024). “National Governance Index and Modernization of Developing Countries.” *Journal of Modernization Studies (in Chinese)*, 2024(01).
4. Liwen Guo, Zhiming Cheng, Massimiliano Tani, Sarah Cook, **Jiaqi Zhao** and Xi Chen (2025). “Air pollution and entrepreneurship”. *China Economic Review*, 89, 102327.
5. Hang Yu, and **Jiaqi Zhao**. (2024). “Financial Sector Development and Industrialization: Lessons and Prospects for Ethiopia.” *China Economic Journal*, 17(2), 300–321.

Working Papers

1. “Foundations of Power Sharing under Weak Institutions: The Role of Inter-group Equality”, joint with Yang Yao.
2. “Missing the Public: How Expert Evaluations Distort Corruption Indicators”, joint with Zhenhuan Lei and Tianyang Xi.
3. “Firm-Politician Nexus and Local Public Finance under Trade Shocks: Evidence from China’s Primary Land Market”, joint with Jinghong Li, Kevin Zhengcheng Liu and Zhuo Nie.
4. “The Collectivist Origins of Political Participation in Rural China”, joint with Zhi-An Hu and Zhuo Nie.

Work in Progress

1. Market Revival, Specialization, and Agricultural Growth in China, joint with Zheming Liang, Mingzhi (Jimmy) Xu, Junjian Yi, and Haochen Zhang.
2. Court-fueled Recovery: How Bankruptcy Efficiency Smooths Regional Credit Cycle, joint with Beichen Huang.
3. The Labor Market Response to Large-Language-Model Shocks, joint with Jiayin Hu and Miao Yu.
4. Can “Airdropped” Politicians Curb Local Favoritism? Evidence from Chinese Lawsuits, Independent Research.

Presentations

1. The Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Perugia & Florence, 2025.
2. The 19th China Development Economics Annual Conference, Xining, 2025.
3. The 121th APSA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, 2025.
4. The 59th Annual Meeting of Canadian Economics Association, Montreal, 2025.
5. The 82nd MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, 2025.
6. The 120th APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 2024.
7. The 9th Seminar in Political Science, Beijing, 2023.
8. The 22nd China Economics Annual Conference, Guangzhou, 2023.
9. 2021 INFORMS Annual Meeting, Online, 2021.
10. The 20th China Economics Annual Conference, Shenzhen, 2020.

Projects and Database Construction

1. **National Governance Index Project Group** (Peking University Initiative – ISSCAD Disciplinary Development Project, No: 7101702708)
As a principal participant, led a research assistant team and engaged in multiple research papers and reports. Topics covered comparison of international governance indicators, assessment on expert evaluation bias, and a methodological analysis of the Worldwide Governance Indicators.
2. **Database of Chinese Local Officials** (Linked to NSFC General Program: “A Study on Personnel-Management of Officials and State Governance Capacity,” No: 71874004)
 - Organized a research assistant team to conduct data collection, constructing a biographical database of all current and former principal municipal officials from 1994 to 2022.
3. **Chinese County Gazetteer Database**
 - Organized an RA team to digitize Chinese county gazetteers, constructing a dataset of major events and economic indicators for over 2,000 counties from 1949 to 1985, including timings of rural reforms, crop outputs, and land use patterns.
4. **Job Platform Skills Database**
 - Utilized Large Language Model (LLM) APIs, such as GPT, to perform large-scale labeling on online job seeker statements and position descriptions, generating skill and trait profiles for both the supply and demand sides of the labor market.
5. **Chinese Legal Documents Database**
 - Extracted plaintiff, defendant, and litigation fee information from legal judgments and developed a name-matching algorithm on a high-performance computing platform to construct an indicator of local protectionism in civil judicial rulings for over 300 prefecture-level cities from 2013 to 2021.

Teaching Assistant Experiences

1. Introduction to Social and Economic Networks, Undergraduate, Chinese, 2024.
2. The Political Economy of China's Economic Growth, Graduate, English, 2023.
3. China in Transition, Undergraduate, English, 2023.
4. Statistics for Social Science Research, Graduate, English, 2023.
5. Development Economics, Undergraduate, Chinese, 2022.
6. Development Economics, Graduate, English, 2022.

Referee Services

China Economic Quarterly International; China Economic Journal.

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