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## EMPLOYMENT

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Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, National Taiwan University 2019-present

## RESEARCH FIELD

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Primary: Macroeconomics, Public Economics, Computational Economics  
Secondary: Urban Economics, Real Estate Economics

## EDUCATION

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**McGill University** 2013-2019

*Ph.D. in Economics*

Committee: Markus Poschke (Chair), Barış Kaymak, Rui Castro

**York University** 2012-2013

*Master in Economics*

**City University of Hong Kong** 2011-2012

*Master in Economics*

**The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology** 2008-2011

*Bachelor in Accounting and Economics*

## PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

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**Accounting for Wealth Concentration in the United States**

with Barış Kaymak, Markus Poschke

*American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, accepted

**Progressive Income vs. Consumption Taxation: Tackling Taiwan's Aging Population and Rising Inequality**

*Taiwan Economic Forecast and Policy*, accepted

**The Welfare Implications of Top Marginal Tax Reform in Taiwan**

with Jiang Xiao Yan, David Leung, Ming-Jen Lin

*Taiwan Economic Review* 53(4), (2025)

**A proposed tax reform for China: Enhancing consumption and pension sustainability**

with Chen Zhaoyong, David Leung, Joseph Mai

*China Economic Review* (2025): 102481.

**Competition, Tenant Composition, and Equilibrium Rents in Shopping Malls**

with Peng Liu, Tingyu Zhou

*Real Estate Economics* 52, no. 2 (2024): 552-576

## WORKING PAPERS

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**The Optimal Tax Progressivity and Household Heterogeneity**

**Consumption Smoothing and Welfare Implications of Redistributive and Insurance Systems: The Case of Japan**

with Charles Leung, Kazuto Sumita

**Progressive consumption tax reforms**

with Markus Poschke

*CIRANO Discussion Paper* 2023rp-07.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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**Accounting for the Difference in Wealth Concentration Across Countries**

with Markus Poschke

**Land Price, Firm Sorting, and the Dynamics of Firm Productivity**

with Joseph Mai

## AWARDS

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<b>2025</b>	E.Sun Academic Award
<b>2025</b>	Hsieh, Nan-Chiang Scholarship
<b>2023-24</b>	Sun-Chen Scholar Award

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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<b>2023-26</b>	National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Grant
<b>2019-22</b>	Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) Grant
<b>2019-20</b>	National Taiwan University Start-up Research Grant
<b>2017</b>	The Real Estate Research Institute Board of Directors
<b>2017</b>	Center for Interuniversity Research and Analysis of Organizations, CIRANO
<b>2013-17</b>	Grad Excellence Award, McGill University

## TEACHING COURSES

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**2023-25 Fall** Welfare Economics and Inequality, undergraduate, National Taiwan University  
**2023-25 Spring** Economic Policy Analysis, undergraduate, National Taiwan University  
**2023-25 Spring** Macroeconomics (2), undergraduate, National Taiwan University  
**2021 Fall** Macroeconomics (1), undergraduate, National Taiwan University  
**2020-21 Spring** Public Economics, graduate, National Taiwan University  
**2019-21 Fall** Public Finance, undergraduate, National Taiwan University  
**2014-2019** Economic Statistics, undergraduate (teaching assistant)  
**2013** The Chinese Economy, undergraduate (teaching assistant, McGill University)  
**2013** Industrial Organization, undergraduate (teaching assistant, McGill University)

## INVITED SEMINARS

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**2025** Korea University, Academia Sinica  
**2024** Academia Sinica, Central Bank of the Republic of China  
**2023** University of Tokyo, Waseda University, National Taipei University  
**2022** Kyoto University, Keio University  
**2021** National Central University  
**2020** National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, National Chengchi University  
**2019** Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Academia Sinica, Carleton University  
**2018** Kyoto University

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**2025** World Congress of the Econometric Society  
**2024** Canadian Economics Association  
**2023** Asian Real Estate Society  
Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics  
**2021** The Third China International Conference in Macroeconomics  
**2020** 4th Applied Economic Workshop jointly held by TokyoU, NTU, NUS, HKUST  
Econometric Society's World Congress  
**2019** NBER Summer Institute on Income Distribution and Macroeconomics  
Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings  
International Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance  
Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association (Banff)  
American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA)-ASSA (Atlanta)  
**2018** Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics (Mexico)  
Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association (Montréal)  
REALPAC/Ryerson Canadian Commercial Real Estate Research Symposium (Toronto)  
Real Estate Research Institute Conference (Chicago)  
**2017** Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association (Antigonish)  
The American Real Estate Society, 33rd Annual ARES Meeting (Coronado, CA)