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## Research Interests

Development Economics, Applied Econometrics, Economic Inequality

## Academic Employment

Assistant Professor, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, 2012  
– Present  
Faculty Associate, Institute of Water Policy, National University of Singapore. 2012 - Present

## Other Professional Experience

Senior Associate, Cofactor Group, 2006-2008 (full time), Philadelphia, PA  
Intern, World Bank (Development Research Group), summer 2005, Washington D.C.

## Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Yale University 2012  
*Thesis Title: An Analysis of Equality of Opportunity for Health.*  
M.A., M. Phil. in Economics, Yale University  
B.S., Double Major in Computer Science and Economics, Minor in Mathematics; 2000-2003  
Washington University in St. Louis, *Magna cum Laude*

## Publications

**(Authorship in alphabetical order unless otherwise noted)**

1. The Value of Skills – Raising the Socio-Economic Status for Rural Women in India, with Namrata Chindarkar, *Development Policy Review*, Vol 35 Issue 2, Jan 2017
2. New Estimates of Factor Income Shares in Central Asian Economies, with Dodo Jesuthason Thampapillai, Christopher Ivo Bacani and Baris F. Omer, *Economic Papers: A Journal of Applied Economics and Policy*, Vol 35(3), Sept 2016

(Revise and Resubmit)

3. Confucianism, Social Norms and Household Savings Rate in China, with Zhiwu Chen and Shijun He Feb 2017, *Revise and Resubmit (2<sup>nd</sup> revision), Review of Finance*
4. Accountability, Career Incentives and Local Bureaucrats: Evidence from A Target-Based Performance Evaluation System in China, with Pei Li and Yi Lu, May 2017, *Revise and Resubmitted to Journal of Development Economics*

### **Completed Working Papers**

5. Increasing Child Immunization through Uninterrupted Power, with Namrata Chindarkar and Yun Xiao, *Submitted*
6. Early Life Exposure to Tap Water and the Development of Cognitive Skills, with Li Li and Yun Xiao, *Submitted*
7. Education and Non-cognitive Skills, with Yi Lu and Huihua Xie, *Submitted*
8. Subjective Well-being Effects of Coping Costs: Evidence from Household Water Supply in Kathmandu Valley, Nepal, with Namrata Chindarkar and Yogendra B. Gurung, *Submitted (2<sup>nd</sup> author)*
9. Putting Women in Charge: Examining Gender Difference in Quality of Water Services Delivery, with Namrata Chindarkar, *Submitted (2<sup>nd</sup> author)*
10. Water and Time Use – Evidence from Kathmandu, with Namrata Chindarkar and Jane Zhao, Prepared for a special issue in *Water Policy* (1<sup>st</sup> author)
11. The Effect of Cable Television on Subsequent Child Development in Rural China, with Li Li and Yun Xiao
12. Impact of Farm Electricity Supply Management on Farm Households in Gujarat, India, with Namrata Chindarkar and Shilpa Sathe, (2<sup>nd</sup> author)
13. The Equality of Opportunity for Health in the U.S. – An Analysis using National Longitudinal Survey of Young

### **Work in Progress**

14. Education and Parenting Styles, with Yi Lu and Huihua Xie
15. Gender Difference in Math Scores, with Yun Xiao
16. Who Benefit from College Expansion Program in China? A Marginal Treatment Analysis
17. Preference, Willingness to Pay and the Adoption of Energy Saving Technologies, with Li Li, Edward Vytlačil and Songfa Zhong

## **Other Publications**

1. Book Review of Ramesh Chander's "China's Statistical System: Three Decade of Change of Transformation", with Kwan Chang Yee, *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, Vol. 46, Issue 2, 2016

## **Presentation and Conferences Attended**

2017 (including scheduled) – University of Tokyo (Department of Economics/Public Policy), Program on Global Demography of Aging (Harvard Public Health), 10<sup>th</sup> Asian Applied Micro and Econometrics Conference (NUS), Asia Econometric Society Meeting (Hong Kong), 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference of China Development (Shanghai Jiaotong University), Singapore Management University Department of Economics, Fudan University Department of Economics, Asian and Australian Society of Labour Economics Meeting, Jinan University, Shanghai Finance University  
2016 – LKY School of Public Policy, East Asia Institute, Institute of Water Policy, First China Labor Economist Forum Annual Meeting, Nanjing University of Technology, NEUDC(Boston)  
2015 – AEA meeting, LKY School of Public Policy, NUS Small Interest Group, University of Hong Kong School of Business, Fudan University Department of Economics, ECINEQ Society 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Xiamen University WISE  
2014 – LKY School of Public Policy, The 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium on Emerging Financial Markets, NUS East Asia Institute, NUS Small Interest Group, Conference on Rural and Development Economics  
2012 - 2013 – Zhejiang University School of Public Administration, Yale University, PSID Conference on Social Economic Status and Health, LKY School of Public Policy, NTU Department of Economics

## **Conference Organization (as key organizer)**

10<sup>th</sup> Asian Microeconomics and Econometrics Conference, NUS, Singapore 2017 (Jointly with NUS Economics Department)

LKY School Economic Development and Development Policy Conference (DeEP), Singapore 2016 - Keynote speakers: Prof Yao Yang (Dean, Center for China Economic Research, Peking University) and Prof David Canning (Harvard University School of Public Health)

## **Research Grants**

Academic Research Fund (LKYSPP), Gender and Economic Development, SGD \$75,000  
NUS Faculty Thematic Research Collaboration Fund, Co-PI, with Wu Xun and V.M. Khuong, SGD \$45,000  
NUS Faculty Research Support Scheme, 2012-2013, SGD \$15,000  
MOE Faculty Startup Grant, SGD \$180,000  
NUS Faculty Thematic Research Collaboration Fund, Co-PI, with Namrata Chindarkar, SGD \$30,000

## **Teaching Experience**

*Instructor:*

Quantitative Methods for Public Policy (Master of Public Policy Core Course), 2013-2017  
Economics for Public Policy - Macroeconomics (Master of Public Policy Core Course), 2013-2015  
Economics of Developing Countries (Elective Course), 2013 - 2015  
Policy Analysis (Master of Public Policy in Mandarin Core Course), 2016, 2017

**Other Services**

Economics Hiring Committee Member, 2017  
MPP curriculum review committee, NUS, 2012-2014  
MPP Policy Analysis Exercise (PAE) advisor, NUS, 2012-2016

**Ph.D. Students Supervised**

Aditi Raina (Committee member)  
Tan Siying (In Progress)

**Media Exposure**

Singapore Channel News Asia – Primetime news (on relaxation of one child policy)  
Singapore Channel News Asia - Between the Lines (on relaxation of one child policy)  
Singapore Channel 8 - *Jiaodian* (on targeted poverty in rural China)

**Citizenship**

P.R. China, Singapore Permanent Resident