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**RESEARCH FIELDS:** Political Economy, Applied Microeconomics

**APPOINTMENT:**

2022- Lazezar-Liang Postdoctoral Scholar, GSB, Stanford University

**EDUCATION:**

2022 PhD, Economics, Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University

**Thesis:**

*“Essays on China’s Economic Development: Innovation, Public Debt and Social Connections”*

**Thesis Committee and References:**

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2014 MSc, Economics, Economics, National School of Development, Peking University

2011 BSc, Economics, Economics, Lingnan College, Sun Yat-Sen University, Honors

**JOB MARKET PAPER:**

*“The Innovation Cost of Short Political Horizons: Evidence from Local Leaders’ Promotion in China”*

This paper examines how politicians' time horizons affect the choices between policies that yield short-versus long-term growth. I digitize the career histories of Chinese city leaders, link them to economic policies and innovation outcomes, and exploit political connections formed through previous work ties to generate variation in leaders' promotion expectations. I find that when leaders are connected, they can rationally expect an earlier promotion. Such expectations lead them to pursue a fast-over-slow strategy for growth: higher spending on infrastructure, lower spending on science and technology, and effort in promoting innovation. As a result, the local economy has higher short-term growth but lower future patenting and long-term growth.

### **RESEARCH PAPERS IN PROGRESS:**

*“The Political Economy of Industrial Policy in China”  
(joint work with Ruixue Jia, David Strömberg and Yang Yang)*

*“Is China’s Innovation Dependent on US”  
(joint work with Philippe Aghion, Céline Antonin and David Strömberg)*

*“Response to People’s Demand Without People’s Voice: Protests, Information and Political Accountability in China”*

*“Social Connections and the Spatial Spread of COVID-19 in China”*

*“Public Debt Financing and Local Credit Allocation: Evidence from China”*

### **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS:**

2022 Stanford SCCEI, EEA-ESEM Summer Meeting, 26th Annual ISNIE/SIOE Conference,  
UCSD 21st Center China Center

2021 IIES, Department of Economics at Stockholm University, European Network for Training in  
Economic Research Jamboree

### **REVIEWER:**

Review of Economic Studies

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

2018-2020 Political Economy II (graduate), Stockholm University, teaching assistant for Professor  
Torsten Persson and David Strömberg

2017-2019 Applied Empirical Economics I (graduate), Stockholm University, teaching assistant for  
Professor David Strömberg

### **HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

2019 Manerfelt Grant (40000 SEK)

2017 Hedelius Research Fellowship (500000 SEK)

### **OTHER EMPLOYMENT:**

2015-2017 Institute for International Economic Studies, research assistant

2014-2015 National School of Development, Peking University, research assistant

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Co-organizer of MicroWave, a student-led biweekly seminar for PhD working on applied economic, at  
Stockholm University during 2017-2019.