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## Research and Teaching Interests

Entrepreneurship; State-Business Relations; Business History; Contemporary China

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## Academic Appointments

- 2021–2023 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, *Copenhagen Business School*  
Fellow in the Department of Management, Politics, and Philosophy
- 2020–2021 **Predoctoral Fellow**, *University of Southern California*  
US-Asia Grand Strategy Resident Fellow at the Korea Studies Institute
- 2018–2020 **Head Teaching Fellow**, *Harvard University*  
Head Teaching Fellow for Tarun Khanna’s “Contemporary Developing Countries” and Bill Kirby’s “Doing Business in China”

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## Education

- 2015–2021 **Harvard University**, PhD in History and East Asian Languages  
Dissertation: “*Speculators and Profiteers*”: *The Entrepreneurial Transformation of Socialist China*
- 2017–2018 **Fudan University**, Visiting Scholar of Social Development and Public Policy
- 2013–2015 **Harvard University**, MA in Regional Studies East Asia  
Thesis: *Discipline and Transform: The Making of Productive Citizens in the Early PRC*
- 2008–2013 **Harvard College**, BA in East Asian Languages and Civilizations  
Thesis: *The Elusive Turning Point: Problematizing Narratives of Chinese Development*

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## Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2021 “Reframing Chinese Business History,” Invited paper to ‘Business History Around the World’ special issue of *Business History Review*, AJG Rank: 4
- 2021 “Taxi Shanghai: Entrepreneurship in Semi-Colonial Context,” co-authored with Shuang L. Frost, Special Issue on Entrepreneurship and Transformation in *Business History*, DOI: 10.1080/00076791.2021.1925649, AJG Rank: 4
- 2016 “The Disciplinary Role of Market Prices,” in *Exploring the Political Economy and Social Philosophy of F. A. Hayek*, ed. Peter J. Boettke, Virgil Henry Storr, Jayme S. Lemke, *Rowman & Littlefield International*

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## Prizes and Awards

- 2021 **Lynne Doti Paper Award**, Economic and Business History Society
- 2018, 2019 **Derek Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching**, Harvard University
- 2018 **Richard P. Scharchburg Paper Award**, Society of Automotive Historians
- 2013 **Hoopes Honors Thesis Prize Winner**, Harvard University

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## Selected Fellowships and Grants

- 2020–2021 **US-Asia Grand Strategy Fellowship**, Korea Studies Institute, USC  
2016–2021 **Humane Studies Research Fellowship**, Institute for Humane Studies  
2019 **Alfred Chandler Jr. Fellowship**, Harvard Business School  
2017–2018 **Fulbright Scholarship**, Institute of International Education  
2015–2017 **SSRC Mellon Mays Dissertation Grant**, Social Science Research Council  
2015–2016 **Adam Smith Fellowship**, Mercatus Institute at George Mason  
2012, 2016 **Fung Foundation Research Grant**, Harvard University  
2013–2015 **Dennis Washington Achievement Scholar**, D.&P. Washington Foundation  
2014–2015 **Foreign Languages Area Studies Grant**, US Department of Education  
2013–2014 **Harvard Trustman Traveling Fellowship**, Harvard University

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## Teaching Experience

- Spring 2021 **The Political Economy of Innovation**, Undergraduate-Level, *Instructor*  
This special concentration junior tutorial explores theories of entrepreneurship and innovation as expressed in foundational works of political economy.
- Spring 2020 **Doing Business in China**, Undergraduate & MBA-Level, *Head Teaching Fellow*  
This general education course, led by William Kirby, uses business case studies as a lens through which to study the rise of modern China and its global impact.
- 2018–2019 **Contemporary Developing Countries**, All-Level, *Head Teaching Fellow*  
This unique multi-school course, led by Tarun Khanna, equips students with entrepreneurial frameworks for analyzing intractable problems with their situated contexts.
- 2013–2015 **ChinaX**, Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), *Course Developer*  
This course, created by Peter Bol and William Kirby, explores the cultural, social, and economic foundations of contemporary China.

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## Other Work

- 2017 **Ethnographic Documentary** *The End of Bitterness*, directed by Adam K. Frost, produced by Dong Jingyan and Chen Jiaoyu, 37 mins
- 2nd Annual China Ethnographic Documentary Film Festival, Beijing, China
  - 6th Annual Social Justice Film Festival, Seattle, Washington
- 2019 **Business Case Study** “Rural Taobao: Alibaba’s Expansion into Rural E-commerce,” co-authored with Tarun Khanna, Ryan Allen, and Wesley Wu-Yi Koo, Harvard Business School Case no. 719-423
- 2017 **Book Review** *China’s Crony Capitalism: The Dynamics of Regime Decay*, by Minxin Pei., *Business History Review*, 91(4), 875-877
- 2016 **Business Case Study** “Uber in China: Driving in the Gray Zone [A] & [B],” co-authored with William C. Kirby and Shuang L. Frost., Harvard Business School Cases no. 316-135 & 317-064
- 2016 **Book Review** *The Rise of the Global Company: Multinationals and the Making of the Modern World* by Robert Fitzgerald., *Business History Review*, 91(2), 406-409

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## Languages

Mandarin (Fluent); Classical Chinese (Advanced); Japanese (Intermediate)