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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2016-present: Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University, Carey Business School

EDUCATION

2011-2016: Ph.D., Managerial Economics and Strategy, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

2008-2011: M.A. in Economics, CCER, Peking University, Beijing, China

2004-2008: B.A. in Economics, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, China

RESEARCH FIELDS

Organizational Economics, Political Economy, Social Networks

PUBLICATIONS

[1] **Chen Cheng** and Christopher Li (2019) “Laboratories of Democracy: Policy Experimentation under Decentralization”, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, Vol. 11 (3), pp. 125-54

[2] **Chen Cheng** (2021) “Moral Hazard in Teams with Subjective Evaluations”, *RAND Journal of Economics*, Vol. 52(1), pp. 22-48

[3] **Chen Cheng**, Jiasheng Li and Chuanchuan Zhang (2021) “Variations in Governmental Responses to and the Diffusion of COVID-19: The Role of Political Decentralization”, *Frontiers of Economics in China*, Vol. 16(4), 589-606

[4] **Chen Cheng** and Yiqing Xing (2022) “Which Networks Permit Stable Allocations? A Theory of Network-Based Comparisons”, *Theoretical Economics*, Vol. 17(4), pp. 1473-1499

[5] **Chen Cheng** and Yiqing Xing (2023) “A Screening Perspective on Experimental Reform”, *China Economic Review*, Vol. 77(1), 101881

[6] **Chen Cheng** and Yiqing Xing (2023) “Informal Economy, State Capacity and Local Innovation”, *China Economic Journal* *经济学(季刊)*, forthcoming

WORKING PAPERS

[7] “Governmental System and Economic Volatility under Democracy”, with Christopher Li and Weifeng Zhong, reject and resubmit, *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*

[8] “Sustaining Cooperation with Multiple Relations: A Theory of Multiplexity”, with Wei Huang and Yiqing Xing

[9] “From Authority-Respect to Grassroots-Dissent: Degree-Weighted Social Learning and Convergence Speed”, with Xiao Han, Xin Tong, Yusheng Wu and Yiqing Xing

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Communication with Discretion” with Jin Li and Yiqing Xing
- “Market preservation and community enforcement” with He Wang
- “Mediated punishment” with Yi Chen
- “Fuzzy delegation” with Liuchun Deng, Yufeng Sun
- “Public Goods Provision in Local Chinese Villages: When Informal Institution Meets Formal Committee” with Yunnan Guo and Chuanchuan Zhang

CASE STUDY

Electronic Cigarettes in the EU—A Case Study in the Political Economy of Product Regulation (with Nicola Persico and Nicola Scocchi), Kellogg Case Study.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Discovery Awards, Johns Hopkins University, 2022-2024

RA funding Award, Carey Business School, Johns Hopkins University, 2017-2018

Graduate Fellowships, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, 2011-2016

Graduate Fellowships, CCER, Peking University, 2008-2011

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Referee for *Review of Economic Studies (REStud)*, *Economic Journal (EJ)*, *Theoretical Economics (TE)*, *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Law, Economics and Organizations (JLEO)*, *American Political Science Review (APSR)*, *International Economic Review (IER)*, *China Economic Journal (CEJ)*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization (JEBO)*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Review of Economic Design (RED)*, *Israel Science Foundation (ISF)*

PRESENTATIONS

CES China Meeting, Wuhan, 2023
CEIBS Faculty Research Workshop, Shanghai, 2023
The NSF - Network Science in Economics Conference, VT, March 2023
NSE Seminar, PKU, 2022
Economics Seminar, Virginia Tech, March 2022
HUST (Econ), PKU (Econ), BJTU, 2021
SIOE (Boston), June 19, 2020
NBER Organizational Economics Working Group, Boston, November 8-9, 2019
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum Networks Workshop, June 13-14, 2019
Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Xiamen, June 14-16, 2019
Fifth Annual Conference on Network Science in Economics, Indiana Bloomington, April 2019
Economics Seminar, Michigan State University, March 2019
Social, Behavioral and Experimental Economics Seminar, Michigan University, March 2019
AEA Meeting, Atlanta, January 2019
Economics Institution, Tsinghua University, December 2018
Economics Department, Wuhan University, December 2018
Petralia Applied Economics Workshop, July 2018 (Petralia, Italy)
International Conference on Economic Theory and Applications, July 2018 (Chengdu, China)
China Center for Economic Research Summer Institute, June 2018 (Yantai, China)
Huazhong University of Science and Technology, May 2018 (Wuhan, China)
Econometrica Society China Meeting, 2017
Huazhong University of Science and Technology, July 2017

Economics Department, Johns Hopkins University, April 2017

Indiana Business School, February 2016

Johns Hopkins Carey Business School, January 2016

Petralia Applied Economics Workshop, June 2015

North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, January 2012

Inaugurate Conference of Chinese Game Theory and Experimental Economics Association, 2010

Russian Summer School on Institutional Analysis, 2010

Coase Workshop on Institutional Economics, 2010

TEACHING

As Instructor, Carey Business School, Johns Hopkins University

BU.510.601: Statistical Analysis (Part-Time MBA, Master of Finance), 2019-

BU.220.610: The Firm and the Macroeconomy (Part-Time MBA, Master of Finance), 2016-2019

As Teaching Assistant, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University

Strategy and Organization, MBA course, 2013-2015

Ethics and Executive Leadership, EMBA course, 2014

Business Analytics I, MBA course, 2012