

# SHENGQI NI (STEPHEN)

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## EDUCATION

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<b>Boston University, Department of Economics</b> PhD Candidate	2021 - current
<b>Yale University, Department of Economics &amp; Tobin Center</b> Economics Pre-doctoral Fellow	2020 - 2021
<b>The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Department of Economics</b> Master of Philosophy in Economics	2017 - 2019
<b>Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, RIEM</b> Bachelor of Economics, <i>Merit Student Award, Graduate with distinction</i>	2012 - 2016

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

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**Primary Fields: Development Economics, Political Economy, Applied Microeconomics**  
**Secondary Fields: Game Theory, Institutional Economics, Economic History**

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Political Connections and Distributive Favoritism: the Land Quota System in China”  
“Valley of the Innocent? How Does Western Media Influence Ideology in Communist State”, with Kate Yang  
“Informal Institutions and Authoritarian Information Systems: Theory and Evidence from China”, with Junyan Jiang, Jeremy Wallace

## MATHEMATICAL CONTEST IN MODELING

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The National First Prize (1% of teams)	China Mathematical Contest in Modeling
Honorable Mention (25% of teams)	Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM)

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant for Prof. Fabrizio Zilibotti and Michael Peters** 08/2019 - 08/2021  
*Yale University*

- Structural Change and Service-led Growth in India: manage large Census datasets, harmonize geographical regions, harmonize industry classifications, clean and analyze data, write draft, display Geo-Spatial data
- Inequality and Parenting in America: provide a comprehensive review of the literature the impact of natural and human-Made Disasters on various development outcomes, collect and analyze data

**Research Assistant for Prof. Yang K. Lu** 02/2020 - 08/2020  
*Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*

- The value of information manipulation: check analytical proofs, solve model using computational methods, extend models, design experiments to study how people process information from different sources

**Research Assistant for Prof. Y. Jane Zhang** 07/2016 - 06/2017  
*Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*

- How economic development affects people's well-being: review literature on using roads as the instrumental variable, conduct three-months field survey, design questionnaire, collect data, do research on sub-topics independently and write reports

**Research Project Grant** 2013 - 2014  
*2013 National Innovation and Entrepreneurship Training Programs, 201310651068*

- Research topic: "Recovering from an earthquake: Information Sharing between Villagers, NGOs and Local Governments"

**Research Project Grant** 2013 - 2014  
*Key Project, The 11th Undergraduate Research and Innovation Program, 13Bcz029*

- Research topic: "Taxing the Rich: Inheritance Tax and Its Consequences"

### Fieldwork

- Ninglang, Lijiang, Yunnan Province: Dose Growth Improve Human Well-being?, HKUST 2017
- Mabian, Leshan, Sichuan Province: Young Education Improvement Project (YEIP), SWUFE 2016
- Wulong, Baoping, Sichuan province: Industrial Upgrading in Dongsheng Village 2015
- Lushan, Ya'an, Sichuan province: Earthquake Reconstruction in lushan 2014

## CONFERENCE AND INVITED TALKS

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Fudan University, 2020; Xiamen University (WISE, 2020); 7th Summer School of Quantitative History, 2019; Peking University (NSD, 2015); SWUFE, 2015

## SELECTED GRANTS AND HONORS

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Dean's Fellowship, Boston University	2021-2026
Yale Pre-doctoral Fellowship	2020
Quantitative History Research Grant	2019
Postgraduate Fellowship, CUHK	2017-2019
First Class Scholarship for Academic Excellence (four times, top 3%)	2012-2016
Academic Research Award (two times, top 2%)	2012-2016
Innovation and Entrepreneurship Scholarship (top 2%)	2012-2016
Excellent Social Work and Voluntary Service Scholarship (top 2%)	2012-2016
Cultural and Sports Activities Scholarship (two times, top 2%)	2012-2016
First-class of Macredit Group Corporations Scholarship (top 1%)	2015
First-class of The Agricultural Bank of China Scholarship (top 1%)	2014
Outstanding Volunteer of the Year 2013	2014
Zhe Jiang Provincial Energy Group Company Scholarship	2013

## TEACHING

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ECON4010: Advance Topics in Microeconomics; ECON2121: Methods of Economic Statistics; ECON2011: Basic Microeconomics; ECON3250: Chinese Economy: Heritage and Change

## SKILLS

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Software: Proficient in R, MATLAB, Stata, ArcGIS, and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X  
 Languages: English (Fluent;), Mandarin (Native), Cantonese (Basic)  
 Sports: School track team member, Sprinter, Basketball, Volleyball, Table Tennis