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## EDUCATION

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**Syracuse University, Department of Economics**

2021 - 2026 (*Expected*)

Ph.D. in Economics

Fields of Interest: Applied Microeconomics, Political Economy, International Trade

**Renmin University of China, Hanqing Advanced Institute of Economics and Finance**

M.A. in Economics

2018 - 2021

**Sun Yat-sen University, Business School**

2014 - 2018

B.A. in Business Administration (*with honors*)

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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**Mass Mobilization and Political Change: Evidence from Hong Kong,**

2nd Revision Requested, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*

Abstract: How important are mass protest events in driving political change among citizens? In this paper I exploit a globally-known event, the 2019 Anti-Extradition Law Amendment Bill Movement (ANTI-ELAB protest) in Hong Kong, and its impact on the subsequent 2019 Hong Kong District Council Election. Taking advantage of a granular dataset of organized events during the protest, I exploit spatial variation in protest intensity, as measured by the number of events, across Constituency Areas. Empirical results show that in Constituency Areas with higher protest intensity, there were larger increases in voter turnout in the 2019 District Council Election compared to 2015. The effect is primarily driven by local events, suggesting that proximate mobilization and interpersonal interactions play a crucial role in shaping political engagement. To strengthen causal interpretation, I employ a set of public transportation accessibility measures as instrumental variables. Additional analyses reveal that protest intensity also affected people's political stances, leading to a pronounced decline in neutral positions and an overall shift toward the Pro-democracy camp. These findings contribute to the emerging literature on the political consequences of protest and offer new insights into studying within-city-level social unrest.

## PUBLICATION

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**How Does People's Liberation Army Related Business Closure Affect Local Economy?**

with [Haozhe Han](#), *China Economic Review*, (2023) No.101890.

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Bots and Trade at the Ballot Box: The Impact of Automation and Imports on U.S. Elections**, with [Devashish Mitra](#) and [Yang Liang](#)

**End of Covid, Start of Death? Cross-border Consumption and the Hong Kong Food Industry**, with [Haozhe Han](#) and Yichi Zhang

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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**Who Survived the U.S.-China Trade War? Evidence from Chinese Exporters**, with Laura E. Connolly, [Yang Liang](#), and [Jiajun Lu](#)

**Structural Change and Food Trade**, with Hannes Malmberg, [Devashish Mitra](#), and [Abdulaziz Shifa](#)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**2025:** Society for Hong Kong Studies Workshop, Syracuse University

**2024:** CES North America Annual Conference, New York Camp Econometrics XVIII (*Poster session*), Western Economic Association International Conference, North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, Defence & Security Economics Workshop, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

**2023:** Syracuse University

**2021:** Peking University, Renmin University of China

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Research Assistant for Prof. Devashish Mitra (Professor at SU)	2023 - present
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Instructor

Intermediate Microeconomics	Summer 2025
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### Teaching Assistant

Microeconomics II (Ph.D. level), Prof. Áron Tóbiás	Spring 2023
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Microeconomics I (Ph.D. level), Prof. Áron Tóbiás	Fall 2022
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Microeconomic Theory (Ph.D. level), Prof. Kristy Buzard	Fall 2022
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Mathematics for Economists (Ph.D. level), Prof. William Horrace	Summer 2022
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The Economics of Social Issues, Prof. Chung-Chin Liu	Spring 2022
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Introductory Microeconomics, Prof. Chung-Chin Liu	Fall 2021
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## HONORS AND AWARDS

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<b>Pre-dissertation Fellowship</b> , Syracuse University	Summer 2024
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<b>Graduate Assistantship</b> , Syracuse University	2021 - 2026
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<b>First Prize Scholarship</b> , Renmin University of China	2019
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<b>Outstanding Thesis of Undergraduate</b> , Sun Yat-sen University	2018
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<b>First Prize Scholarship</b> , Sun Yat-sen University	2016, 2017
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<b>National Scholarship</b> , Ministry of Education of China	2016
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Referee Service:** *Economic Inquiry*

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** Chinese (Mandarin, Teochew, Cantonese) (Native), English (Fluent)

**Software:** Stata, Matlab,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , ArcGIS, Mathematica

## REFERENCES

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