

# ZHANG CHEN

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## EDUCATION

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**Princeton University, USA** *August 2017 - July 2023*  
PhD in Economics

**Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore** *Aug 2013 - June 2017*  
B.Sc. (Hon.) in Mathematics and Economics

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), HKSAR** *July 2024 -*  
Assistant Professor

**Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF), Italy** *Sep 2023 - July 2024*  
Postdoctoral Researcher

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Firm Dynamics, Economic Growth, International Trade

## PUBLICATIONS

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Chen, Z., "Economic Growth and the Rise of Large Firms." *Econometrica*, forthcoming.

Chen, C., Z. Chen, and C. Sun. 2026. "Trade and FDI Policies in an Interdependent World: Lessons From East Asia." *Asian Economic Policy Review*, 1–10.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Firm Entry and Market Interdependence (with Cheng Chen and Chang Sun)

Export by Cohort (with Qing Huang)

Knowledge Diffusion Through Networks (with Treb Allen, Kamran Bilir, and Christopher Tonetti)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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The Life Cycle of the Labor Share (with Joao Monteiro and Liangjie Wu)

Product Design and Product Network Dynamics (with Ruiqi Sun and Dan Trefler)

## SHORT-TERM VISITS

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Visiting scholars at Cornell, EIEF *2025*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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HKUST: Macroeconomics (Introduction level)

EIEF: Graduate Macroeconomics (Master, Instructor)

Princeton: Econometrics II (PhD, TA), Graduate Macroeconomics I (PhD, TA), International Macroeconomics (BA, TA)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Research Assistant for Professor Ezra Oberfield, Princeton University *Summer 2020*

Research Assistant for Professor Kamran Bilir, Princeton University *Summer 2019*

Research Assistant for Professor Markus Brunnermeier, Princeton University *Summer 2018*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG) Ph.D. Grant *2022*

IES Summer Fellowship, Princeton *2019 - 2021*

Princeton University Graduate Fellowship *August 2017 - Present*

Best Final Year Thesis in Mathematics and Economics, NTU *2017*

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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Scheduled events are with \*. Presentation by coauthors are with †.

2025: EIEF, EUI, Fudan, U Tokyo, BSE Summer Forum, ESWC 25, RMET (†), ERWIT Oxford (†), HKUST-Jinan Macro Wrokshop, CICM

2024: STEG Annual Abu Dhabi, Bank of Italy, RMET, LMU Munich, IEFS Japan

2023: CES NA Oklahoma, BSE Summer Forum, SED Cartagena, EEA-ESEM Barcelona, EWMES Manchester, Carnegie Mellon University, Edinburgh, EIEF, HKU, HKUST, CUHK, CUHK-Shenzhen, SMU, PKU NSD

2022: Princeton Student Workshop (Macro, Trade), ASSA 2022 Annual Meeting (Poster)

2021: Princeton Student Workshop (Trade), CCER Summer Institute (PKU)

Conference organizers: HKUST-Jinan Macro Workshop 2025

## REFEREE SERVICE

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*Journal of International Economics, Journal of Political Economy: Macroeconomics, Review of Economic Dynamics, International Economic Review*

## LANGUAGES

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English (fluent), Chinese (native)