

# Sen Ma

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## Professional Experience

Associate Professor of Economics Institute of Economics and Social Research, Jinan University	2023-Present
Assistant Professor of Economics Institute of Economics and Social Research, Jinan University	2018-2023

## Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Economics Ph.D. in Economics	2012- May 2018
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Division of Social Science M.Phil. in Social Science	2010-2012
Peking University, School of Economics B.S. in Economics Minor in Statistics	2006-2010

## Research Interests

Primary: Development, International  
Secondary: Labor, Demography, Environment

## Publications

“Deterrent effects of targeted sanctions by mainland China on Taiwan: evidence from 2021–22 sanction events”, with Fengze Han, Runliang Li, and Tzu-Chang Forrest Cheng. *Economica* 92, no. 365, 2025: 259-284.

“Land titling, human capital misallocation, and agricultural productivity in China”, with Liu, Shouying, Lijuan Yin, and Jiong Zhu, *Journal of Development Economics*, 165, 2023, 103165.

“Does School Shutdown Increase Inequality in Academic Performance? Evidence from COVID-19 Pandemic in China”, with Haoye Liao and Hao Xue, *China Economic Review*, 75, 2022, 101847.

“Who Coresides with Parents: An Analysis Based on Sibling Comparative Advantage”, with Fangqi Wen, 2016, *Demography*, 53(3), 623-647.

## Working Papers

“Inter-group Contact and National Identity: Evidence from Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan Students in the Mainland of China”, with Zehui Li, Haoye Liao, Junjie Qiu, Sen Xue, *Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Development Economics*.

“Evaluating the Performance of Culturally Tied FDI: Evidence from Investment in China

Originating in Hong Kong and Macau”, *Revise and Resubmit at The World Economy*  
“Environmental Change, Water Scarcity and Farmers' Differentiated Adaptations:  
Evidence from the Three Gorges Dam”, with Ting Chen and Chong Liu.  
“Overseas Chinese Networks and Processing Trade in China”, with Bin Xie and Yan Zhou,  
*Revise and Resubmit at Review of International Economics.*

### **Work in Progress**

“农机合作社对农业机械化的影响”，合作者刘冲，殷丽娟。

### **Research Grants**

National Natural Science Foundation of China (No.71903067), Cultural Similarity and  
Economic Development

### **Conference Presentations**

“Can Foreign Direct Investment Increase Productivity of Domestic Firms? Identifying FDI  
Spillovers from Borders of Chinese Dialect Zones”

The 2019 China Meeting of the Econometric Society, 2019, Guangzhou

EITI Conference, 2019, Sapporo

Young Economists Symposium at Yale, 2017, New Haven, also served as a discussant

Second China Center for Economic Research Summer Institute, 2017, Yantai

American Economic Association Annual Meeting poster session, 2017, Chicago

Chinese Economist Association Annual Meeting, 2016, Sacramento

European Trade Study Group, 2016, Helsinki

“Who Coresides with Parents: An Analysis Based on Sibling Comparative Advantage”

Population Association of America Annual Meeting, 2013, New Orleans

"The Effects of Environmental Regulation on Industrial Pollution and Industrial Activities:  
Evidence from China"

2016 International Symposium on Economics and Social Science-Summer Session,  
Kyoto, presented by co-authors

"Estimating the Long-run Impact of Climate Shock on Agricultural Productivity and  
Adaptation: Using Construction of the Three Gorges Dam as a Natural Experiment"

The Chinese Economist Association Annual Meeting, 2017, Tuscaloosa

“School Closure and Female Labor Force Participation: Evidence from Covid-19 Lock-  
down”

Third IESR-GLO joint conference, 2020, online

Western Economic Association International Virtual Conference, 2021, online

### **Honors and Awards**

Pual W. Boltz Fellowship, 2016, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Department Summer Research Grant, summer 2015, summer 2017, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Cleo Fitzsimmons Best Performance in Core Classes Award, 2013, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University Travel Grant, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Department Fellowship, 2012, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

### **Referee Service**

Demography, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Labour Economics, PLOS ONE

### **Teaching**

Development Economics (Undergraduate) at Jinan University

Micro Economics (Ph.D.) at Jinan University

Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Macroeconomics at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Microeconomics at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Teaching Assistant for Principle of Economics at Hong Kong University of Science & Technology

### **Languages**

Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Fluent)