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### Employment

- Assistant Professor (July 2010-present): Department of Economics, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Faculty Associate (2013-present), HKUST Institute for Emerging Market Studies (IEMS)
- Research Fellow (June 2003-June 2005, full-time): Planning Research Institute, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, China.

### Fields of Interest

*Primary:* International Trade and Finance, Chinese Economy, Development  
*Secondary:* Economic Geography, International Business and Strategy

### Education

Degree	Field	Institution	Year
Ph.D.	Economics	University of Western Ontario	2010
M.A.	Economics	Peking University	2003
B.A.	Economics	Peking University	2001

### Selected Academic Honors and Awards

#### The University of Western Ontario:

- The TM Brown Thesis Prize for best doctoral dissertation in Economics, 2010
- Dean's Award for Research Excellence, 2009

#### Ministry of Commerce, China:

- China's First Prize, National Award for Research Excellence, 2004  
(*Research on China's International Trade at Industry Level, joint with Xiaopeng An, et. al.*)

#### Ministry of Education, China and China Association For Science and Technology:

- First Prize (Beijing Area), National Challenge Cup Competition for Academic and Scientific Achievements among University Students, 2001

#### Peking University:

- The Promising Academic Research Talent Award, 2001  
(*To the top 10 graduate and undergraduate students in all fields*)
- Top Prize University Scholarship (top 5%), 1997-2000, 2001-2002

### Research

#### PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- Fan, Haichao, Yao Amber Li, and Stephen Yeaple (forthcoming). "Trade Liberalization, Quality, and Export Prices," *Review of Economics and Statistics*.
- Li, Yao Amber, October 2014. "Borders and Distance in Knowledge Spillovers: Dying

over Time or Dying with Age? – Evidence from Patent Citations,” *European Economic Review*, Vol 71, pp. 152-172.

- Fan, Haichao, Edwin Lai, and Yao Amber Li, May 2015. “Credit Constraints, Quality, and Export Prices: Theory and Evidence from China”, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol 43(2), pp. 390-416.
- Li, Yao Amber, John Whalley, Shunming Zhang and Xiliang Zhao, April 2011. “The Higher Educational Transformation of China and Its Global Implications,” *The World Economy*, Vol 34(4), pp. 516-545.

#### **WORKING PAPERS UNDER REVIEW**

- “Coagglomeration of MNEs in Service and Manufacturing Industries: Evidence from China” R&R, *Journal of Economic Geography*, with Jin Zhang.
- “International Trade, Technology Diffusion, and the Role of Diffusion Barriers”, December 2014
- “Forward-Looking Exporter and Exchange Rate Pass-Through”, with Chen Carol Zhao, March 2015.
- “Import response to exchange rate fluctuations: A micro-level investigation”, with Jenny Xu and Chen Carol Zhao, March 2015.
- “Trade Liberalization and Markups”, with Haichao Fan and Tuan Anh Luong.
- “Expected Exchange Rate Movement and Forward-Looking Importers”, with Chen Carol Zhao, March 2015.

#### **WORKING PAPERS**

- “Geography, ties, and Knowledge Flows: Evidence from Citations in Mathematics,” with Keith Head and Asier Minondo, revised in June 2015.
- “Relatedness Between Industries and Revealed Comparative Advantage: Evidence from China,” with Linke Zhu, revised in July 2014.
- “Credit Distribution and Export: Evidence from China,” with Albert Park and Chen Zhao, revised in June 2015.

#### **SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS**

- “Multinational Technology Linkage: An Empirical Study of Taiwanese Parent Firms and Their Affiliates in China,” with Loretta Fung and Jin-Tan Liu

#### **BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

- “Innovation and Technology Transfer Policies in China, India, and Brazil,” with Agarwal, Manmohan and John Whalley. In Manmohan Agarwal and John Whalley (Eds), *World Scientific Reference on Asia and the World Economy*, World Scientific, Singapore, May 2015, Volume 2, chapter 22, pp171-201.
- “The Higher Educational Transformation of China and Its Global Implications,” with John Whalley, Shunming Zhang, and Xiliang Zhao. In Christine T. Ennew and David Greenaway (Eds), *The Globalization of Higher Education*, Palgrave Macmillan, Hampshire, UK, 2012, pp135-162.

#### **SELECTED GRANTS**

- Principal Investigator, Research Grants Council (RGC) General Research Fund and Early Career Scheme, for “Multinationals and Technology Diffusion: Firm-Level Evidence from Taiwanese Firms and Their Affiliates in Mainland China”, HK\$659,706 (2013-2015)
- Principal Investigator, RGC General Research Fund, for “International and Intranational Knowledge Flows in Academia: Impacts of Geography and Scientific Networks on Paper Citations”, HK\$314,688 (2011-2014)
- Principal Investigator, IEMS (HKUST Institute for Emerging Market Studies) Research Award, for “Agglomeration, Competition, and Firm Capability”, HK\$150,000 (2015-2017)
- Co-Investigator, IEMS Research Award, for “Place-based Policies, Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from Chinas Economic Zones”, HK\$200,000 (2015-2016)
- Principal Investigator, IEMS Research Award, for “Relatedness Between Industries and Industrial Relocation: Evidence from Chinese Firms”, HK\$125,000 (2013-2015)
- Collaborator, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Grant (Principal Investigator: Hiroyuki Kasahara), CAD\$82,600 (2014-2017)