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## Employment

University of California, San Diego

- Associate professor (since 2019); Assistant prof. (2013–19), School of Global Policy and Strategy
- Co-director, China Data Lab
- Co-director, CUHK-UCSD Joint Lab on Chinese Economy

London School of Economics and Political Science

- Visiting senior fellow (2020–22), Department of Management

## Education

2013. Ph.D. Economics, Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University

–2009/10, special student, Harvard University

2007. M.A. Economics, China Economic Research Center, Peking University

2004. B.A. Economics, China Youth College for Political Sciences

## Professional Activities

2022– Executive secretary, Association of Comparative Economic Studies (ACES)

2022– Co-organizer, ACES Political Economy Summer School

2022– Co-chair, China Economic Summer Institute (CESI)

2022– Research associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

2022– Fellow, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)

2018– Distinguished Affiliate, CESifo in Munich

2018– Affiliate, Contextual Robotics Institute, UC San Diego

2017– Affiliate, Bureau for Research & Econ Analysis of Development (BREAD)

2016–20 Associate fellow, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR)

2024 Co-organizer, “Global Science in the Era of US-China Tensions”

2023 Co-organizer, “Navigating Change and Uncertainty: Hong Kong and Mainland China”

2024 Committee member, BREAD conference on Development

2023 Program committee member, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society

2020, 21 Executive committee member, SIOE Conference

#### Visiting Positions

2024 April. Short-term visitor, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago

2024–25. Special-term professor, Guanghua School of Management, Peking University

2023 fall. Sabbatical visit, King Center, Stanford University

2022 Nov.-Dec. Visiting scholar, National School of Development, Peking University

2019 fall. Sabbatical visit, Sloan School of Management, MIT

2014 fall. Visiting scholar, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University

#### Editorial Service

2020– Associate editor, *Economic Journal*

2020– Board of editors, *AEJ: Economic Policy*

2017– Associate editor, *Journal of Development Economics*

2017–23 Associate editor, *Journal of Comparative Economics*

## Honors and Awards

2024 Keynote, 8th Annual Meeting of China Labor Economist Forum

2021 Masahiko Aoki Award

2021–23 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant (with Molly Roberts, UCSD), \$350K

2021 Best Paper Award for Sustainable Paths Toward Carbon Neutrality by CICC Global Institute (CGI)

2020 Referee Prize, *Economic Journal*

2019 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*

2018 Distinguished CESifo Research Affiliate Award

2018 Keynote, 6th Workshop on Economic Analysis of Institutions, Xiamen

2015 Hellman Fellow, \$50K

2013–15 Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Fellowship, \$100K

## Publications

Jia, Ruixue, Molly Roberts, Ye Wang, and Eddie Yang. "The Impact of U.S.-China Tensions on U.S. Science: Evidence from NIH Investigations." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, forthcoming.

Jia, Ruixue, Gerard Roland and Yang Xie. "A Theory of Power Structure and Institutional Compatibility: China vs. Europe Revisited." *Journal of the European Economic Association*, forthcoming.

Jia, Ruixue "Review of *Precarious Ties: Business and the State in Authoritarian Asia*." *Journal of Economic Literature*, forthcoming.

- Jia, Ruixue "Pollution for Promotion," *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, forthcoming.
- Jia, Ruixue, Hongbin Li, and Lingsheng Meng. "Elite College Education and Social Mobility in China", *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, forthcoming.
- Bai, Ying, Ruixue Jia and Jiaojiao Yang. 2023. "Web of Power: How Elite Networks Shaped War and Politics in China." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, vol. 138(2): 1067-1108.
- Bai, Ying and Ruixue Jia. 2023. "The Economic Consequences of Political Hierarchy: Evidence from Regime Changes in China, AD1000-2000." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, vol. 105(3): 626-645.
- Greenstone, Michael, Guojun He, Ruixue Jia and Tong Liu. 2022. "Can Technology Solve the Principal-Agent Problem? Evidence from China's War on Air Pollution." *American Economic Review: Insights*, vol. 4(1): 54-70.
- Jia, Ruixue, Xiaohuan Lan and Gerard Padró I Miquel. 2021. "Doing Business in China: Parental Background and Government Intervention Determine Who Owns Businesses." *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 151.
- Jia, Ruixue and Hongbin Li. 2021. "Just Above the Exam Cutoff Score: Elite College Admission and Wages in China." *Journal of Public Economics*, vol. 196.
- Jia, Ruixue and Torsten Persson. 2021. "Choosing Ethnicity: The Interplay between Individual and Social Motives." *Journal of the European Economic Association*, vol. 19 (2): 1203-1248.
- Cheng, Hong, Ruixue Jia, Dandan Li, and Hongbin Li. 2019. "The Rise of Robots in China." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, vol. 33 (2): 71-88.
- Jia, Ruixue, Huihua Nie and Wei Xiao. 2019. "Power and Publications in Chinese Academia." *Journal of Comparative Economics*, vol. 47(4): 792-805.
- Jia, Ruixue and Hyejin Ku. 2019. "Is China's Pollution the Culprit for the Choking of South Korea? Evidence from the Asian Dust." *Economic Journal*, vol. 129 (624): 3154-3188.
- Jia, Ruixue and Huihua Nie. 2017. "Decentralization, Collusion and Coalmine Deaths." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, vol. 99 (1), 105-118.
- Bai, Ying and Ruixue Jia. 2016. "Elite Recruitment and Political Stability: The Impact of the Abolition of China's Civil Service Exam." *Econometrica*, vol. 84 (2), 677-733.
- Jia, Ruixue, Masa Kudamatsu and David Seim. 2015. "Political Selection in China: Complementary Roles of Connections and Performance." *Journal of the European Economic Association*, vol. 13 (4), 631-668. draft
- Jia, Ruixue. 2014. "Weather Shocks, Sweet Potatoes and Peasant Revolts in Historical China." *Economic Journal*, vol. 124 (575), 92-118.
- Jia, Ruixue. 2014. "The Legacies of Forced Freedom: China's Treaty Ports." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, vol. 96 (4), 596-608.
- Jia, Ruixue and Pinghan Liang. 2012. "Decentralization and Military Coups." in Manas Chatterji (ed.) 2012, *Contributions to Conflict Management, Peace Economics and Development*, Vol. 20, 149-170.

## Working Papers

### *Political Economy, Economic History, and Development*

“Ideas Mobilize Leaders: The Diffusion of Communist Ideology in China” (w. Ying Bai and Runnan Wang)

“Improving Regulation for Innovation: Evidence from China’s Pharmaceutical Industry” (w. Xiao Ma, Jianan Yang and Yiran Zhang)

### *Labor, Technology, and Innovation*

“Expecting Floods: Firm Entry, Employment, and Aggregate Implications” (w. Xiao Ma and Victoria Wenxin Xie)

“Entrepreneurial Reluctance: Talent and Firm Creation in China” (w. Chong-en Bai, Hongbin Li and Xin Wang). *r&r, Economic Journal*.

## Recent & Scheduled Presentations

2025 Uppsala (Econ, 06/05), Gothenburg (Econ, 06/03)

2024 Oxford (Econ, 11/18), UManchester (Econ, 11/14), NUS (Econ, 09/11), Monash University (Econ, 09/05), Washington Political Economy Conference (05/09), Workshop on Research Security (Rice, 05/02), UW-Madison (Real Estate, 04/11), UChicago (Chicago-Northwestern China Afternoon, 04/05; Political Science, 04/09; Harris, 04/12), NBER China (03/29), “The China Initiative and Its Aftermath” (UMichigan, 03/25), National Academies (02/28), AEA (01/07)

2023 Autocracies and Conflict (Kellogg, 11/03), Stanford (Econ, 09/25, 11/01; SCCEI, 10/27; China Social Science, 11/08), Berkeley (Econ, 10/23), PKU HSBC (06/13), Growth and Institutions (Tsinghua, 06/05), Conference on *America Against America* (Indianapolis, 05/11), Call to Service Conference (Stanford, 04/28), Harvard Business School (04/12), Northwestern-U Chicago Development and Political Economy Conference (04/07), New Economic History of China Conference (Northwestern, 03/24), Columbia (Political Science, 03/22), Foreign Service Institute (02/24, guest lecture).

2022 PKU-Tsinghua Joint Conference, Trinity College Dublin, Academia Sinica, CUHK Shenzhen, Schwarzman College (guest lecture), PKU NSD, UWA, CUHK, WEHC Paris, NBER Summer Institute, Micro-Macro Development Workshop St.Gallen, LSE-NYU PSPE conference, CEMFI, CEPR Paris Symposium, Cambridge, Stanford FSI, NBER China Meeting, Goethe University, CKGSB, Luxemburg LISER, Liverpool, Durham, PILLARS conference, AEA.

2021 HEC Paris Entrepreneurship Workshop, NYU, Middlebury College, Univ. of Birmingham, PKU (Guanghua), APSA, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, CEPR, Bank of Canada–Tsinghua–Toronto conference, NBER Summer Institute, Warwick Cage Summer School, Shanghai Jiaotong, CEPR, Nottingham, NBER Organizational Economics, Luohan Academy, Chinese Education Finance and Policy Association, Harvard Chinese Economy, Stockholm SITE, HKUST, Stanford (China Center).

2020 NBER Chinese Economy, Annual Conference of New Structural Economics, NYU (Politics), UQAM–Laval, LSE, Oxford CSAE, Virtual Economic History Seminar, Case Western, Stanford (GSB), Michigan, Georgetown–World Bank, Fudan, USC (Marshall), UBC(Econ-Law), AEA.

2019 Northeastern, UPittsburgh, CIFAR, Dartmouth, MIT, PKU (Guanghua), Queen Mary, Kent, UCL, CSU San Bernardino (History), Northwestern C–lab mini conference, UC Davis, UOttawa, NYU, UChicago (History), HKBU, Bristol, LSE (Government), Warwick, CUHK (Asia–Pacific Studies).