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**Employment and Affiliations** Assistant Professor of Economics Sept 2022 -  
University of Gothenburg

Research Affiliate Jan 2024 -  
Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)

**Education** University of Amsterdam Sept 2019 - Sept 2022  
PhD in Economics  
- KVS medal for best PhD thesis in the Netherlands during 2020-23

University of Amsterdam & Tinbergen Institute Sept 2017 - June 2019  
MPhil in Economics (*cum laude*)

National University of Singapore Sept 2012 - Feb 2014  
Master of Social Science in Applied Economics

**Fields of Interest** Labor Economics, Family Economics, Development Economics

**Publications** **Aid Fragmentation and Corruption**  
*Review of Economics and Statistics*, forthcoming  
with Travers Barclay Child and Austin Wright

**Spillovers in Childbearing Decisions and Fertility Transitions: Evidence from China**  
*Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2024, 22(1), 161–199  
with Pauline Rossi

**Beyond Boiling: The Effect of *In Utero* Exposure to Treated Tap Water on Childhood Health**  
*Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, forthcoming  
with Li Li

**Early-Life Exposure to Tap Water and the Development of Cognitive Skills**  
*Journal of Human Resources*, 2022, 57(6), 2113–2149  
with Yvonne Jie Chen and Li Li

**Education and Gender Role Attitudes**  
*Journal of Population Economics*, 2021, 34, 475–513  
with Huichao Du and Liqiu Zhao

**Effect of Reliable Electricity on Health Facilities, Health Information and Health Services Utilization: Evidence from Rural Gujarat, India**  
*Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition*, 2019, 38(7)  
with Yvonne Jie Chen and Namrata Chindarkar

**Education on the Cheap: The Long-Run Effects of a Free Compulsory Education Reform in Rural China**

*Journal of Comparative Economics*, 2017, 45, 544–562

with Li Li and Liqiu Zhao

**Working Papers** Heterogeneity in the child quality-quantity trade-off and intergenerational mobility  
*CEPR Discussion Paper No. 18961*

Left over or opting out? Squeeze, mismatch and surplus in Chinese marriage markets,  
with Pauline Rossi.

**Work in Progress** The gendered effect of childhood television exposure on educational aspiration, with  
Yvonne Jie Chen and Li Li.

**Invited seminars** **2025** University of Houston (Houston, scheduled)  
**2024** SOFI (Stockholm), Lund University (Lund), Renmin University of China (Beijing)  
**2023** Tinbergen Institute (Amsterdam)  
**2022** Durham University (virtual), Uppsala University (Uppsala), University of Sussex (virtual), University of Queensland (virtual), University of Groningen (virtual), Aalto University (virtual), ifo Munich (virtual)  
**2021** Jinan University (virtual), Renmin University of China (virtual), CREST Firms and Markets Seminar (Palaiseau), University of Pennsylvania (virtual, 2x)  
**2020** ShanghaiTech University (virtual)  
**2019** East China Normal University (Shanghai)

**Conferences and workshops** **2024** India-China workshop (Namur), COMPIE (Amsterdam), EEA-ESEM 2024 (Rotterdam), EALE (Bergen), ESPE (Rotterdam)  
**2023** EALE (Prague)  
**2022** EEA-ESEM 2022 (Bocconi)  
**2021** 2021 ES European Winter Meeting (virtual), AASLE Conference (virtual), GEEZ Seminar (virtual), Tinbergen Institute Jamboree (virtual), China Meeting of the Econometric Society (ES) (virtual), Journal of Population Economics workshop (virtual), ASSA Annual Meeting (virtual)  
**2020** NEUDC 2020 (virtual), EEA Congress (virtual), ES World Congress (virtual), EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference (virtual), International Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics (Shenzhen), iHEA Congress (Basel)

**Research visits** University of Houston Feb 2025 (scheduled)  
Host: Elaine Liu  
  
Ecole Polytechnique-CREST April 2023  
Host: Pauline Rossi  
  
Centre of Excellence FAIR, Norwegian School of Economics May 2023  
Host: Aline Bütikofer and Zichen Deng

<b>Courses and Summer Schools</b>	Economic Development I at Yale University by Mark Rosenzweig and Nicholas Ryan (virtual) Fall 2020
	Eighteenth Summer School in International and Development Economics: “Social Norms, Gender and Development” (Gargnano) September 2019
<b>Grants and Awards</b>	Research grant from Alderbert Foundation, 65,000€ Project: Land security, human capital investments, and intergenerational mobility in rural China
	Program grant from Jan Wallander’s and Tom Hedelius’ foundation and Tore Browaldh’s foundation 2024, 73,000€ Project: Social and economic interactions in the marriage market
	Winner of the KVS medal for best economics PhD thesis in a Dutch university during 2020-2023, 4,000€
	Browaldh Scholarship 2022-2028
	A Sustainable Future research grant (co-PI) 2021, 7,490€ University of Amsterdam Project: Gender inequality and payment schemes
	Full Graduate Scholarships 2017-2019 Tinbergen Institute
<b>Teaching Experiences</b>	<b>University of Gothenburg</b> 2022 - Lecturer, Graduate Econometrics (first-year MSc Economics and Finance) Supervision of MSc theses in Economics and Finance
	<b>University of Amsterdam</b> 2021 - 2022 Teaching Assistant, Economics of Markets and Organizations (first-year BSc Economics)
	<b>University of Amsterdam</b> 2019 - 2021 Teaching Assistant, Applied (Financial) Econometrics (first-year MSc Economics and Finance) Supervision of BSc theses in Economics and Finance
<b>Skills</b>	<b>Programming:</b> Stata, R, Python, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X <b>Language:</b> Chinese (native), English (fluent), Korean (intermediate), Dutch (beginner)
<b>Referee Activities</b>	<i>Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Health Economics, Economic Journal, Journal of the European Economic Association (2x), Journal of Labor Economics (2x), World Development, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Economic Behavior &amp; Organization (4x), Food Policy, China Economics Review</i>
<b>Other Activities</b>	<b>University of Gothenburg</b> Co-organizer of the General Economic Seminar series Sept 2022 - Member of the junior hiring committee Fall 2023