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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Visiting Assistant Professor (Sabbatical Leave), VSE, University of British Columbia, Jan - June 2024  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Hong Kong,  
August 2020-

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Development, Political Economy, Economic History

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, 2014-2020

Dissertation Title: *Essays on Development Economics*

Dissertation Committee: Samuel Bazzi, Dilip Mookherjee and Robert A. Margo

B.Soc.Sci. Economics, *First Class Honors*, National University of Singapore, 2011-2014

### **WORKING PAPERS**

- [1] "Local Elites, Land Rents and Incentives for Development: Evidence from Village Chiefs in Indonesia"
- [2] Ethnic Proximity and Politics: Evidence from Malaysia (joint with Chun Chee Kok)
- [3] Choice Overload, Saliency, and Deservingness in Altruistic Decisions: Evidence from an Online Charitable Platform (joint with Yohanes Eko Riyanto and Masyhur Hilmy)

### **SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS**

- [1] Inter-Group Contact, Nation-Building in Southeast Asia (with Chun Chee Kok & Abu Siddique)
- [2] Language, Nation-Building, and Development: Evidence from Indonesia (with Arya Gaduh & Chun Chee Kok)
- [3] Long-Run Migration, Development and Trade (with Sebastian Ellingsen & Quoc-Anh Do)
- [4] Transportation Networks and Inter-Group Contact (with Thomas Gautier & Alex Rothenberg)
- [5] Conflict and Development: Evidence from the Korean War (with Sangyoon Park & Yeonha Jung)
- [6] Collectivism (joint with Yeonha Jung)

### **INVITED SEMINARS**

**2023-2024** (incl. scheduled) Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, University of British Columbia (Economic History Seminar), Tufts, Brown (Growth Lab Seminar), UC San Diego (Development), UC Irvine

**2022-2023** University of Manchester (Applied Economics Lunch), University of Exeter Business School, University of Bath (BABB), University of Bonn (Law and Economics), DWI Berlin, Kiel Institute, Singapore Management University, Nanyang Technological University

**2021-2022:** National University of Singapore (Political Science), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Applied Economics), Australian National University (ACDE Seminar)

**2020-2021:** Northwestern (Equality Development and Globalization Studies)

#### INVITED CONFERENCES

**2023** WPSA (Vancouver), ASREC Australasia (Monash), Korean Economic History Association (Seoul), American Political Science Association Meeting (LA)

**2022:** NBER Development Fall '22, ASREC Europe (London), Asian & Australasian Society of Labor Economists (AASLE 2022, UTokyo)

**2021:** Joint Hong Kong Empirical Microeconomics Workshop (HKU & HKUST), Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (Virtual), Virtual Historical Political Economy Workshop (Virtual), 3rd International Conference on Globalization & Development (Gottingen, Germany. Virtual)

**2020:** Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (MIT. Virtual), IEA World Congress (Bali, Indonesia)\*, 17th Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Purdue. Virtual), CSAE Conference 2020: Economic Development in Africa (Oxford, UK. Virtual), PacDev: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (UC Berkeley. Virtual)

**2019:** Northeast Universities Development Conference (Northwestern), Economic History Association Meeting (Atlanta, GA. Poster Session), Southeast Asia Research Group N.A. Meeting (University of British Columbia. Poster Session)

**2018:** 17th Nordic Conference on Development Economics (UNU-WIDER. Helsinki, Finland)

**2017:** Summer School in Development Economics (Prato, Italy)

\* Postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19

#### RESEARCH GRANTS (ALL AS SINGLE PI UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE)

University of Hong Kong (HKU) Faculty Incentive, *Language, Nation-Building, and Economic Development* (joint with Arya Gaduh and Chun Chee Kok) 2023

Hong Kong Research Grants Council, General Research Fund, *Language, Nation-Building, and Economic Development* (joint with Arya Gaduh and Chun Chee Kok) 2023-2026

University of Hong Kong (HKU) Faculty Incentive, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building*

Hong Kong Research Grants Council, Early Career Scheme, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building*

HKU Start-Up Research Grant, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building*

Manuel Abdala Gift Grant, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building*

Boston University (BU) Initiative on Cities Seed Funding, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building*

BU Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship (Short-Term), *Why Pay the Chief? Land Rents and Political Selection in Indonesia*

BU Economics Department Summer Research Grant, *Why Pay the Chief? Land Rents and Political Selection in Indonesia*

BU GDP Center Summer in the Field, *Why Pay the Chief? Land Rents and Political Selection in Indonesia*

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE & GRANTS**

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| Undergraduate Teaching Reward Scheme (Top 20th Percentile) US\$ 3,200 | 2020-2021    |
| Instructor, University of Hong Kong                                   | 2020-present |
| Development Economics (Undergraduate)                                 |              |
| Applied Econometrics (Master's)                                       |              |

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Referee:** *Journal of Development Economics* (x1), *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (x1),  
*World Development*, *Economics & Human Biology*, *Journal of Economics & Behavioral Organization*, *Economic Development & Cultural Change*

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| Discussant: Southeast Asia Research Group, Singapore Management University       | 2023      |
| Departmental Service: Seminar Organizing Committee                               | 2020-2023 |
| Departmental Service: Master's in Economics Admission Committee                  | 2021-     |
| Scientific Committee: Asian & Australasian Society of Labor Economics Conference | 2022-     |
| Conference Organizer: Joint Hong Kong Empirical Microeconomics Workshop          | 2021      |
| Conference Organizer: Applied Economics Workshop, Asia                           | 2021-     |

**PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

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|---|-------------------|
| Research Assistant for S. Bazzi, Boston University,                           | 2015-2019         |
| Visiting Researcher, AKATIGA, Indonesia,                                      | 2018              |
| Visiting Junior Researcher, SMERU Research Institute, Indonesia               | Summer 2015, 2016 |
| Research Assistant for R. Arunachalam & A. Shenoy, University of Michigan, MI | Summer 2013       |
| Communications & Research Intern, Centre for Microfinance, India              | Summer 2012       |
| Non-Commissioned Officer, Singapore Armed Forces, Singapore                   | 2009-2011         |

**ADVISING & PLACEMENT (UNDERGRADUATE/RESEARCH ASSISTANTS)**

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| Youqing Lin       | Master's in Int'l and Dev', Graduate Institute of Int'l and Dev' Studies, Geneva, 2022 |
| Yuxin Hu          | Economics Tripos (Part IIB), Cambridge University, 2022                                |
| Tianyi (Sam) Zhou | Msc. Finance, Imperial College London, 2022  |

**LANGUAGES:**

English (native), Mandarin Chinese (native), Bahasa Indonesia (intermediate)

**REFERENCES**

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| <b>Professor Samuel Bazzi (Chair)</b><br>School of Global Policy<br>& Strategy<br>Department of Economics<br>University of California<br>San Diego<br>Email: <a href="mailto:sbazzi@ucsd.edu">sbazzi@ucsd.edu</a> | <b>Professor Dilip Mookherjee</b><br>Department of<br>Economics<br>Boston University<br>Phone: (617) 353-4392<br>Email: <a href="mailto:dilipm@bu.edu">dilipm@bu.edu</a> | <b>Professor Robert A. Margo</b><br>Department of Economics<br>Boston University<br>Phone: (617) 353-6819<br>Email: <a href="mailto:margora@bu.edu">margora@bu.edu</a> |
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