

# Pei Gao

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## Academic Position

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Assistant Professor, LKYSPP, National University of Singapore, 2024-present

Joint Appointment, Yale-NUS college, 2020– present

Assistant Professor, NYU-Shanghai; Global Network Assistant Professor, NYU, 2016-2020

## Education

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2016, **Ph.D.** London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

2009, **M.Sc.** Economic History, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

2008, **B.A.** Economics, Xinan Jiaotong University, China

## Research Interests

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Economic History, Development Economics, Chinese Economy

## Publications

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- Gao, Pei, and Eric B. Schneider. "The growth pattern of British children, 1850–1975." *The Economic History Review* 74, no. 2 (2021): 341-371.
- Gao, Pei, and Yu-Hsiang Lei. "Communication infrastructure and stabilizing food prices: evidence from the telegraph network in China." *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 13, no. 3 (2021): 65-101.

## Working Papers:

- Opportunity and Parental Investment: Evidence from China (with Yiqing Lv and Xin Zhou), reject and resubmit at *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*
- School Sanitation and Sexual Violence Against Children (with Yu-Hsiang Lei and Aditi Kothari), revise and resubmit at *European Economic Review*
- The Double-Edged Sword of Efficient Communication: The Impact of the Telegraph Network on Social Unrest in China (with Shuo Chen, Zhichen Huang, and Yu-Hsiang Lei)
- Local Elites and Public Good Provision: Evidence from the Rise of the Public Education in the Early 20th century China

### **Book Chapter:**

- Education and Human Capital, in *The Cambridge Economic History of China Volume II*, Cambridge University Press. 2022
- Risen from the Chaos: The Emergence of Modern Education in China, in *Globalization and the Rise of Mass Education*, Palgrave Macmillan. 2019

### **Teaching**

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#### **Yale-NUS College, Singapore**

Topics in Economic History

The Chinese Economy

Contemporary Social Inquiry

#### **NYU-Shanghai, China**

Development Economics

History of Economic Growth

#### **London School of Economics, UK**

Chinese Economic History

### **Research Grant and Awards**

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CO-PI, MOE Arc Tier-2 Grant, 2023- 2025

Principal Investigator, Yale-NUS Seed Grant, 2022 – 2024

Principal Investigator, Yale-NUS Chinese Research Pocket Grant, 2021

Principal Investigator, Yale-NUS Start-up Grant, 2020-2023

NYU Start-up Grant, 2016-2020

Finalists of the Best Thesis Asia-Pacific Prize in Economic History

Collaborator, ESRC Research Grant, 2014-18

ESRC Residential Training Course Grant, 2012

PhD Studentship, London School of Economics, 2009-2014

### **Academic Activities**

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#### **Member of Editorial Board:**

European Review of Economic History

#### **Referee Services:**

Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Human Resources, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, The Economic History Review, European Review of Economic History, Australian Economic History Review, Economic Modelling

## Conferences and Invited Talks

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Scheduled	Economic History Association Annual Meeting (California)
2024	The University of New South Wales, Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics 2023 Conference (Taiwan)
2023	Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society (NTU), Hong Kong City University, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Political Economy Workshop (Fudan University)
2022	World Economic History Congress (Paris), CAG Research Connect at NUS
2021	SMU-NUS Local Development Workshop, Economic History of Developing Regions Virtual Seminar (Warwick); National University of Singapore; CEIBS
2020	Hitotsubashi University, Osaka University, Kobe University, Fudan University, NUS - East Asia Institute
2019	Cepremap India-China Conference (Warwick), North American Urban Economics Association (Philadelphia), Asian Meeting of the Econometrics Society (Xiamen University), Fudan University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
2018	NYU-Stern, Yale-NUS, World Congress of Economic History (Boston); Economic History Society Annual Conference
2017	Utrecht University, Fudan University
2016	Oxford, Warwick, National Australia University, University of Tuebingen, University of Barcelona, NYU-Shanghai, Asian Economic History Association Conference, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
2015	Oxford- Warwick- LSE Economic History Workshop, Cliometrics Annual Conference (Michigan); World Economic History Congress (Kyoto), European Economic History Annual Conference
2013	Economic History Association Annual Conference (UBC), World Congress of Cliometrics (Hawaii)

## Language and Skills

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Chinese (Native), English (Professional)

STATA, R, ArcGIS