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## Research Interests

Development Economics, Applied Econometrics, Economic Inequality

## Academic Employment

Assistant Professor, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, 2012  
– Present  
Faculty Associate, Institute of Water Policy, National University of Singapore. 2012 - Present

## Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Yale University 2012  
*Thesis Title:* An Analysis of Equality of Opportunity for Health.  
*Advisors:* John Roemer and Edward Vytlačil  
M.A., M. Phil. in Economics, Yale University  
B.S., Computer Science; Second Major in Economics; Minor in Mathematics; 2000-2003  
Washington University in St. Louis, *Magna cum Laude*

## Publications

1. Chen, Yvonne J., Zhiwu Chen and Shijun He, “Confucianism, social norms and household savings rate in China.” Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Research Paper No. 17-14. Accepted, *Review of Finance*
2. Chen, Yvonne J., Pei Li and Yi Lu, “Career concerns and multitasking bureaucrats: Evidence of a target-based performance evaluation system in China.” *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol 133, 84-101, July 2018
3. Chen, Yvonne J. and Namrata Chindarkar, “The value of skills – raising the socio-economic status for rural women in India.” *Development Policy Review*, Vol 35 Issue 2, Jan 2017
4. Thampapillai, Dodo J. and Yvonne J. Chen, Christopher I. Bacani and Faris F. Omer, “New estimates of factor income shares in central Asian economies.”, *Economic Papers: A Journal of Applied Economics and Policy*, Vol 35(3), Sept 2016

## **Revise and Resubmit**

5. Chen, Yvonne J., Li Li and Yun Xiao, “Early life exposure to tap water and the development of cognitive skills.”, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Research Paper No. 17-02, Mar 2017  
*Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Human Resources*
6. Chindarkar, Namrata, Yvonne J. Chen and Yogendra B. Gurung, “Subjective Well-being Effects of Coping Costs: Evidence from Household Water Supply in Kathmandu Valley, Nepal.” *Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Happiness Studies*
7. Thampapillai, Dodo J. and Yvonne J. Chen, “Environmental macroeconomics: A Neglected Theme in Environmental Economics – Leave Alone Economics“, *Revise and Resubmit, Singapore Economic Review*

## **Other Completed Working Papers (available at SSRN)**

8. Education and Non-cognitive Skills, with Yi Lu and Huihua Xie, *Submitted*
9. Putting Women in Charge: Examining Gender Difference in Quality of Water Services Delivery, with Namrata Chindarkar, *Submitted to a special issue*
10. Water and Time Use – Evidence from Kathmandu, with Namrata Chindarkar and Jane Zhao, *Submitted to a special issue in Water Policy*
11. Increasing Child Immunization through Uninterrupted Power, with Namrata Chindarkar and Yun Xiao, *Submitted*
12. The Effect of Cable Television on Subsequent Child Development in Rural China, with Li Li and Yun Xiao
13. Impact of Farm Electricity Supply Management on Farm Households in Gujarat, India, with Namrata Chindarkar and Shilpa Sathe
14. The Equality of Opportunity for Health in the U.S. – An Analysis using National Longitudinal Survey of Young

## **Selected Work in Progress**

15. The marginal treatment effect of college education, with Li Li
16. Gender, contracts and competitiveness, with Li Li, Edward Vytlačil and Songfa Zhong

## Other Publications

1. Book Review of Ramesh Chander's "China's Statistical System: Three Decade of Change of Transformation", with Kwan Chang Yee, *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, Vol. 46, Issue 2, 2016

## Seminars and Conference Presentations

2018 (including scheduled)

World Bank Development Research Seminar Series (Kuala Lumpur), Econometric Society China Meeting (Fudan University), East China Normal University (School of Public Policy), Antai School of Business Shanghai Jiaotong University, Zhejiang University Department of Economics, Shanghai Technology University

2017

University of Tokyo (Department of Economics/Public Policy), Program on Global Demography of Aging (Harvard Public Health), 10<sup>th</sup> Asian Applied Micro and Econometrics Conference (NUS), Asia Econometric Society Meeting (Hong Kong), 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference of China Development (Shanghai Jiaotong University), Singapore Management University Department of Economics, Fudan University Department of Economics, Asian and Australian Society of Labour Economics Meeting (ANU), Shanghai University of International Business and Economics

2016

LKY School of Public Policy, East Asia Institute, Institute of Water Policy, First China Labor Economist Forum Annual Meeting (Changsha), Nanjing University of Technology, NEUDC(Boston)

2015

AEA meeting, LKY School of Public Policy, NUS Small Interest Group, University of Hong Kong School of Business, Fudan University Department of Economics, ECINEQ Society 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting (University of Luxemburg), Xiamen University WISE

2014

LKY School of Public Policy, The 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium on Emerging Financial Markets (Peking University), NUS East Asia Institute, NUS Small Interest Group, Conference on Rural and Development Economics (Beijing)

2012 - 2013

Zhejiang University School of Public Administration, Yale University, PSID Conference on Social Economic Status and Health, LKY School of Public Policy, NTU Department of Economics

## Conference Organization (as key organizer)

10<sup>th</sup> Asian Microeconomics and Econometrics Conference, NUS, Singapore 2017 (Jointly with NUS Economics Department)

LKY School Economic Development and Development Policy Conference (DeEP), Singapore 2016 - Keynote speakers: Prof Yao Yang (Dean, Center for China Economic Research, Peking University) and Prof David Canning (Harvard University School of Public Health)

## **Research Grants**

Academic Research Fund (LKYSPP), Gender and Economic Development, SGD \$75,000  
NUS Faculty Thematic Research Collaboration Fund, Co-PI, with Wu Xun and V.M. Khuong, SGD \$45,000  
NUS Faculty Research Support Scheme, 2012-2013, SGD \$15,000  
MOE Faculty Startup Grant, SGD \$180,000  
NUS Faculty Thematic Research Collaboration Fund, Co-PI, with Namrata Chindarkar, SGD \$30,000

## **Teaching Experience**

### *Instructor:*

Quantitative Methods for Public Policy (Master of Public Policy Core Course), 2013-2018  
Economics for Public Policy - Macroeconomics (Master of Public Policy Core Course), 2013-2015  
Economics of Developing Countries (Elective Course), 2013 - 2015  
Policy Analysis (Master of Public Policy in Mandarin Core Course), 2016-2018

### *Executive education programs:*

Economics for Public Policy – Macroeconomics, Nazarbayev University, Aug 2016

## **Other Services**

Economics Hiring Committee Member, 2017  
MPP curriculum review committee, NUS, 2012-2014  
MPP Policy Analysis Exercise (PAE) advisor, NUS, 2012-2016

## **Ph.D. Students Supervised**

Aditi Raina (Committee member)  
Tan Siying (In Progress)

## **Media Exposure**

Singapore Channel News Asia – Primetime news (on relaxation of one child policy)  
Singapore Channel News Asia - Between the Lines (on relaxation of one child policy)  
Singapore Channel 8 - *Jiaodian* (on targeted poverty in rural China)

## **Other Professional Experience**

Senior Associate, Cofactor Group, 2006-2008 (full time), Philadelphia, PA  
Intern, World Bank (Development Research Group), summer 2005, Washington D.C.

## **Citizenship**

P.R. China, Singapore Permanent Resident