

# Zihan Hu

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## POSITION

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Assistant Professor, School of Economics, Singapore Management University, 2023.7 - present

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University, 2017.8 - 2023.5

Master, Economics, National University of Singapore, 2014.8-2017.6

A.B., Economics, Peking University, 2009.8-2014.7

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Labor Economics, Development Economics

## PUBLICATION

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How Competition Shapes Peer Effects: Evidence from a University in China (with Siyu Chen), accepted, *Review of Economics and Statistics*

Hu, Z., & Li, T. (2019). Too Hot to Handle: the Effects of High Temperatures during Pregnancy on Adult Welfare Outcomes. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 94, 236-253.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Gender Difference in Education Migration – Evidence from China (with Hyejin Ku, Xingzheng Shi, and Ming-ang Zhang)

GDP or Life? Promotion Incentives of City Mayors and Workplace Accidents (with Hao Yang)

Nutrition, Labor Supply, and Productivity: Evidence from Ramadan in Indonesia (with Zhiwen Wang)

The Minimal Impacts of the One-Child Policy on Aggregate Fertility Decline in China (with Gordon Liu and Samantha Vortherms)

## SELECETED WORKS IN PROGRESS

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Permanence and Performance: The Incentive Effect of Tenure on Worker Productivity (with Hyejin Ku, Xuan Wang, Xinjue Yao)

Agriculture Machinery Subsidy Policy and Structural Transformation (with Elaine Liu, Lin Tian, Qi Wu, and Peng Wang)

Chinese Students and Curriculum in U.S. Universities (with Julia Zhu and Jane Zhang)

Ideology Trend of Courses in U.S. Universities (with Ruixue Jia, Julia Zhu, and Jane Zhang)

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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Ministry of Education (MOE) Tier 1 Grant (S\$44,605), 2023-2025  
 Ernest Liu '64, Ta-Chung and Ya-Chao Liu Memorial Fellowship, Cornell University, 2022-2023  
 Humane Studies Fellowship, Insititute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, 2022  
 Hsien Wu and Daisy Yen Wu Scholarship, Graduate School, Cornell University, 2022  
 Sadow Graduate Student Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University, 2021  
 Excellence in Research Fellowship, Department of Economics, Cornell University, 2021  
 Tapan Mitra Economics Prize for 3rd-year paper, Department of Economics, Cornell University, 2020  
 Red Wilson Excellence in Economics Medal, Department of Economics, Cornell University, 2019  
 Small Grants in Labor Economics (\$5,000), Department of Economics, Cornell University, 2019  
 Gregory Chow Best Paper Award, Chinese Economists Society, 2018

## PRESENTATIONS

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2025: NUS Real Estate; SMU Labor Workshop; NBER Summer\*

2024: AASLE, Bangkok; Rockwool Foundation - Berlin; CES- North American Conference, Pennsylvania; University of College London (CReAM); University of Essex; University of Sussex; USI University, Lugano

2023: SMU Applied Micro Workshop; AASLE, Taipei; Econometric Society Australasian Meetings, Sydney; Singapore Management University; National University of Singapore (Economics); National University of Singapore (LKYSPP); INSEAD; University of College London (CReAM); Hong Kong University of Science and Technology;

2022: PacDev\*; IRES Religion Graduate Student Workshop\*; CU/SU education conference; Shanghai University of Finance and Economics; Zhejiang University; Nanjing University

2021: AEA annual meeting; AEFP; SOLE annual meeting

2020: CES North American; IESR peer effects workshop\*; NEUDC

2019: Cornell Health Economics Seminar; WEA International; ASHEcon; WEA; NEUDC; AASLE; Beijing Normal University

2015: NBER-CCER

\* indicates presentation by a co-author

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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2025 Fall: Topics in Labor Economics (Ph.D.)  
 2023 Fall, 2024 Fall: Microeconomics I (intermediate)

## REFEREE ACITIVITIES

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American Economic Review, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, European Economic Review, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Labour Economics, Management Science, Regional Science and Urban Economics

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