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**Yu QIN**

## **Appointment**

Assistant Professor, Department of Real Estate, National University of Singapore, 07/2014-

## **Education**

PhD in Applied Economics, Cornell University, 05/2014  
M.S. in Applied Economics, Cornell University, 08/2011  
B.A. in Finance, Peking University, 07/2009  
B.S. in Statistics (*double major*), Peking University, 07/2009

## **Research interests**

Development Economics, Urban Economics, Applied Econometrics, Chinese Economy

## **Publications**

1. No County Left Behind? The Distributional Impact of High-Speed Rail Upgrades in China. *Journal of Economic Geography*, forthcoming.
2. Changes in the Distribution of Land Prices in Urban China during 2007-2012. *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2016 Vol 57: pp77-90. (with Hongjia Zhu and Rong Zhu)
3. The Road to Specialization in Agricultural Production: Evidence from Rural China. *World Development*, 2016 Vol 77: pp1-16. (with Xiaobo Zhang, lead article)
4. Negative Externality of Rail Noise and Housing Values: Evidence from the Cessation of Railway Operations in Singapore. *Real Estate Economics*, forthcoming. (with Tien Foo Sing and Mi Diao)
5. China's Transport Infrastructure Investment: Past, Present and Future. *Asian Economic Policy Review*, 2016 Vol 11(2).
6. Do Public Work Schemes Deter or Encourage Outmigration? Empirical Evidence from China. (with Nancy H. Chau and Ravi Kanbur, *IZA Journal of Labor & Development*, 2014 3:4)

## **Working papers**

“Run Away? Air Pollution and Emigration Interests in China”, April 2017 (with Hongjia Zhu, *Minor Revision at Journal of Population Economics*)

“Leader Networks and Transaction Costs: A Chinese Experiment in Interjurisdictional Contracting”,

March 2017 (with Nancy Chau and Weiwen Zhang, *under review*) (IZA Discussion Paper 9641 (*older version*))

“International Technology Transfer and Domestic Innovation: Evidence from China’s High Speed Railway Technology Transfer”, April 2017 (with Yatang Lin and Zhuan Xie, *under review*) (CEP Discussion Paper No.1393 (*older version*))

“Too Early or Too Late: What Do We Learn from a 30-Year Two-child Policy Experiment”, Feb 2017 (with Fei Wang, *under review*)

“Why does Smog Drive up Housing Prices? A Behavioral Explanation”, April 2017 (with Jing Wu and Jubo Yan)

“The Love of Risk: Misperception or Preference?” (with Jubo Yan, *under review*)

“Housing Prices and Mating Preferences: Evidence from a Chinese Online Dating Website” (with Yongheng Deng and Hongjia Zhu, *under revision*)

## Conference and Seminar Presentations

(\*: *presented by coauthor*)

**2017:** NUS Department of Real Estate; Jinan University, Guangzhou; 3rd Biennial Conference for China Development Studies, Shanghai (scheduled); Conference on Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Development, Peking University (scheduled); SWUFE, Chengdu (scheduled).

**2016:** PAA, DC\*; LKYSPP DeEP conference\*; CESA, Australia; China Economic Summer Institute, Hong Kong; NUS Department of Real Estate; ISAS Workshop, NUS; NUS EAI; National School of Development, Peking University\*; Department of Construction Management, Tsinghua University; Xiamen University\*; Beijing Normal University\*.

**2015:** Royal Economic Society Conference, Manchester; Shanghai University of Finance and Economics; Renmin University; LAGV, Aix-en-Provence; EAERE, Helsinki; Peking University; AEPR conference, Tokyo; UEA, Portland; NEUDC, Brown University.

**2014:** Chinese University of Hong Kong; The University of Hong Kong; National University of Singapore; NBER China Meeting, Boston; NEUDC, Boston; RSAI North American Meeting, Washington D.C.

**2013:** NEUDC, Boston (poster presentation); Advanced Graduate Workshop, Bangalore, India

**2012:** ICAE Conference, Foz do Iguacu, Brazil; Chinese Economist Society (CES) Annual Conference, Kaifeng, China; Guanghua-BREAD Summer School, Beijing, China; Pacific Development Conference, UC Davis

**2011:** AAEA Meeting, Pittsburgh; Brownbag Seminar, Dyson School of Applied Economics, Cornell University, Ithaca

**2010:** Western Social Science Association, Reno; Eastern Economic Association, Philadelphia.

## Professional Services

Guest editor

*Journal of Housing Economics* (Special Issue on Superstar Cities, Globalization, and Affordability)

Referee for the following peer-reviewed journals

*Journal of Economic Geography; China Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change; Real Estate Economics; Regional Science and Urban Economics; Economic Inquiry; Urban Affairs Review; Singapore Economic Review.*

### **Professional Working Experiences**

Short Term Consultant, Transport Unit, World Bank Beijing Office (May-August, 2013)  
Consultant, Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research (August, 2011-May, 2014)  
Research Intern, International Food Policy Research Institute, D.C. (June-August, 2010)  
Field Experience: Household data collection in 17 villages in Puding County, Guizhou Province (January, 2012)

### **Teaching Experiences**

Instructor, Real Estate Economics Seminar (PhD), NUS (Spring 2016, 2017)  
Instructor, Real Estate Finance (Undergraduate), NUS (Spring 2015, Fall 2015, 2016)  
Instructor, Real Estate Market Analysis (Undergraduate), NUS (Fall 2014, 2015, 2016)  
Instructor, Urban Planning, Real Estate Finance and the Capital Market (Master), NUS (Fall 2016)

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Ministry of Education Tier 1 Grant (2014-2017)  
Gregory Chow's Best Paper Award of CES Annual Conference (2012)  
Cornell Graduate School Summer Research Grant (2012)  
AAEA Travel Grant (2011)  
Benz Scholarship, (2005-2009), Peking University  
Lingrui Scholarship (2008)  
Outstanding Graduate of Beijing (2009)  
Outstanding Graduate of Peking University (2009)  
Outstanding student of Peking University (2006-2008)  
First Prize, Mathematical Modeling Competition, Peking University (2008)

### **SOFTWARES**

Stata, ArcGIS, SAS, SPSS

### **LANGUAGE**

English (Fluent); Chinese (Native)