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## EDUCATION

### **10/15 – 09/19 Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge, Ph.D. in Development Studies**

- Ph.D. thesis aims to research the nature of the 2008 financial crisis using the structural econometric modelling and the national accounting approach. The first chapter develops a single country model with a special emphasis on the housing market and its impacts on the macroeconomy. The second chapter opens the economy to incorporate international trade and financial flows. The final chapter studies how to rebalance the domestic economy and focuses more on the forecasting practice by adding more realistic details into the structural model.

### **09/11 – 07/13 Balliol College, University of Oxford, MPhil in Economics**

- MPhil thesis examines the dynamics between financial development and economic development by building a theoretical growth model. The model is derived from an AER front cover paper – “Growing like China.” The model can be applied to emerging countries with characteristics of financial repression.

### **09/06 – 06/10 University of Ulster, BA in Economics**

- 1<sup>st</sup> class honour (top graduate)
- Valedictorian at the graduation ceremony
- The dissertation is highly commended by the Undergraduate Awards of Ireland and Northern Ireland (Shortlisted as the top five in the economics category in Ireland in 2010). The dissertation derived an analytical input-output (IO) model for Northern Ireland from the Social Accounting Matrix. The IO table is widely used to trace the interactions between different industries, industries outside the region, and final demand sectors. The technique first developed by Wassily Leontief and further developed into a complete set of social accounts by Sir Richard Stone at Cambridge. Both have been awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics for their contributions in national accounting.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

### **01/17 – 06/17 Macro Adviser, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, South Sudan, Budget Strengthening Initiative**

- Provided quality assurance to the updating of the macro-models and macro-framework in the process of preparing the National Budget 2017/18;
- Supported the Macroeconomic Planning Department (MPD) to play its role in the budget process, by coordinating its activities within the key milestones of the budget calendar, and quality assuring its inputs into strategic budget documents;
- Supported the MPD in preparing technical inputs for discussions with the IMF mission team in Nairobi in June 2017

### **12/15 – 12/16 Consultant for the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Sierra Leone, Budget Strengthening Initiative**

- Conducted training on macroeconomic policies to government economists and budget officers
- Assisted Macro-Fiscal Group to update the macroeconomic statistics and produce sensible forecasts before the IMF mission in 2016
- Redesigned the macroeconomic forecast model to make it more user-friendly for local officials

### **08/15 – 11/15 Consultant, Sierra Leone, World Bank**

- Analysed the impact of Ebola crisis on cross-border activities between Sierra Leone and Guinea
- Conducted field visit to Gbalamuya border and meetings with various government stakeholders

### **10/13 – 10/15 Senior Economist/ODI Fellow, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Sierra Leone**

- Managed macro-fiscal framework, which served as an important tool for policy discussion within the Ministry
- Redesigned the Mining Revenue Forecast Model, which greatly improved the process of recording and estimating mining revenues
- Authored in several key government documents (e.g., Budget Speech 2014/15 and 2015/16; Macroeconomic Bulletin 2013 and 2014)
- Assisted the Minister of Finance on various negotiations with the Chinese government and financing bodies during a delegation trip in December 2013

## RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

### **02/18 – Present Research Associate, Agenda for International Development**

- Writing blog-style commentaries on contemporary economic development issues

### **10/12 – 10/15 Researcher, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford**

- Assisted Professor Sabina Alkire (Director) on reviewing methods in poverty measurements
- Prepared the MPI data for Côte d’Ivoire, Honduras, and Vietnam, which published in the UN report

### **08/12 – 10/12 Intern, Oxford Policy Management**

- Prepared research report on financial inclusion in Pakistan
- Designed questionnaire for the Mongolian government's food stamp programme

**06/10 – 08/10 Management Consulting Intern, BDO UK**

- Populated the database of local education service assessments
- Wrote social-economic profiles for district councils

**10/10 – 06/11 Research Assistant, Institute of Microfinance, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

- Initiated collaboration activities in Microfinance training and research with China International Centre for Economic and Technical Exchanges, China Association of Microfinance.
- Researched on various business models of microfinance institutions in Bangladesh and China
- Evaluated government social safety net programmes in Bangladesh

**08/08 – 06/10 Assistant Economist, Oxford Economics**

- Conducted economic impact analysis for the proposed fiscal tightening in Northern Ireland
- Developed the regional skills study model for London area.
- Constructed input-output model and the environmental model prototype for Northern Ireland
- Created economic databases for all the boroughs in the UK and provided product support to clients

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**01/18 – 03/18 Tutor, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge**

- Providing tutorials for International Business Economics module (final year Management Tripos)

**10/17 – Present Tutor, Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge**

- Providing tutorials for Development Theory and International Trade module (second year Economics Tripos)

**10/17 – 12/17 Tutor, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge**

- Providing tutorials for Economics of Firms and Market module (final year Management Tripos)

**10/17 – Present Tutor, Department of Engineering, University of Cambridge**

- Providing tutorials for Business Economics module (final year Engineering Tripos)

**06/17 Teaching Assistant, Said Business School, University of Oxford**

- Assisted the teaching of the Oxford Programme on Negotiation in June 2017

**PUBLICATION AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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**02/18 Panel Speaker, Inaugural Cambridge Malthus Development Conference**

- Invited to discuss the controversial role of foreign aid along with Prof Krishnan, Dr Sidebottom, and Dr Aidt

**10/17 Contributor, Agenda for International Development**

- Authored the article - "China's role in South Sudan's economic development"

**05/17 Panel Speaker, Oxford University China Africa Network Annual Conference**

- Invited to present "The Ebola Crisis, public health, and economic development – a Case of China-Sierra Leone"

**01/16 – 06/16 Contributor, China Going Global Think Tank**

- Authored various case analyses on PPP projects and financial market development

**10/13 – 10/15 Contributor, Economist Intelligence Unit, The Economist Group**

- Published eighteen articles on major political and economic affairs in Sierra Leone

**LEADERSHIP**

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**10/16 – 08/17 Member Fellow, The Diaspora Emerging Leadership Programme**

- Elected as one of the young leaders in the UK by the programme and mentored by Lord Wei of Shoreditch together with his Management Team in the House of Lords
- Organized the Diaspora Summit (Nov 2017) to inspire young Chinese diaspora residing in Britain

**05/16 – 04/17 Treasurer, MCR, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge**

- Elected by the graduate body (MCR) of the College to manage the social and general funds

**09/13 – 10/13 Telethon fund raiser, Balliol College, Oxford**

- Raised £7,043 for the College Annual Fund from the old members over two weeks. The fund contributes greatly towards the welfare of college students

**03/13 – 06/13 Team Leader, The Student Consultancy**

- Managed a team of four to provide consultancy report for the Oxford University Humanitas Programme on marketing strategies

**SKILLS PROFILE**

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**Languages:** *Native:* Chinese (Mandarin) *Full professional proficiency:* English; *Elementary:* French (A2)

**IT skills:** Microsoft Office, Stata, Eviews, R, and LaTeX

**Hobbies:** Wine tasting (WSET Level 4 Dip in progress; WSET level 3: Pass with Merits; WSET level 2: Distinction); Carpentry (fountain pen making)

**REFERENCES**

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Available upon request