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POSITIONS HELD

Current:

- Associate Professor, Department of Economics, National University of Singapore (2019–).
- Vice Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore (2022–).

Past:

- Research Associate, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore (2016–).
- Visiting Researcher, Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration, Kobe University (2022).
- NUS Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University (2020–21).
- Visiting Associate Professor, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University (2014).
- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, National University of Singapore (2012–19).
- Postdoctoral Research Associate, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University (2011–12).

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Economics, Northwestern University, 2011.
Committee: Joel Mokyr (Chair), David Austen-Smith, Matthias Doepke, Melissa Macauley.
- M.A., Economics, Northwestern University, 2006.
- B.Sc., Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science, 1998.

RESEARCH FIELDS

Economic History and Political Economy with a focus on East Asia.

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Jesus Fernandez-Villaverde, Mark Koyama, Youhong Lin, and Tuan-Hwee Sng. ‘The Fractured-Land Hypothesis.’ *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (Forthcoming).
- Chiaki Moriguchi and Tuan-Hwee Sng. ‘The Size of Polities in Historical Political Economy.’ *Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy* (Forthcoming).
- Jiwei Qian and Tuan-Hwee Sng. ‘The State in Chinese Economic History.’ *Australian Economic History Review*, Volume 61, Issue 3, 359–395, 2021.
- Mark Koyama, Ahmed Rahman, and Tuan-Hwee Sng. ‘Seapower.’ *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, Volume 1, Issue 2, 155–182, 2021.
- Yi Lu, Mona Luan, and Tuan-Hwee Sng. ‘Did the Communist State Contribute to China’s Rural Growth?’ *Explorations in Economic History*, Volume 75, 101315, 2020.
- Mark Koyama, Chiaki Moriguchi, and Tuan-Hwee Sng. ‘Geopolitics and Asia’s Little Divergence: State Building in China and Japan after 1850.’ *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, Volume 155, 178–204, 2018.
- Tuan-Hwee Sng, Pei Zhi Chia, Chen-Chieh Feng, and Yi-Chen Wang. ‘Are China’s Provincial Boundaries Misaligned?’ *Applied Geography*, Volume 98, 52–65, 2018.

- Chiu Yu Ko, Mark Koyama, and Tuan-Hwee Sng. ‘Unified China and Divided Europe.’ *International Economic Review*, Volume 59, Issue 1, 285–327, 2018.
- Tuan-Hwee Sng and Chiaki Moriguchi. ‘Asia’s Little Divergence: State Capacity in China and Japan before 1850.’ *Journal of Economic Growth*, Volume 19, Issue 4, 439–470, 2014.
- Tuan-Hwee Sng. ‘Size and Dynastic Decline: The Principal-Agent Problem in Late Imperial China 1700–1850.’ *Explorations in Economic History*, Volume 54, 107–127, 2014.
- Chiu Yu Ko and Tuan-Hwee Sng. ‘Regional Dependence and Political Centralization in Imperial China.’ *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, Volume 54, Issue 5–6, 470–483, 2013.

RECENT WORKING PAPERS

- Jiahua Che, John K.-H. Quah, and Tuan-Hwee Sng. ‘A Theory of Aristocracy.’ In preparation.
- Yidan Han and Tuan-Hwee Sng. ‘Rethinking G. W. Skinner: Counting Counties in Song China.’ In preparation.

INVITED BOOK REVIEWS

- ‘No Great Wall: Trade, Tariffs, and Nationalism in Republican China, 1927–1945.’ By Felix Boecking. Cambridge (MA) and London: Harvard University Asia Center, 2017. In *Journal of Economic History*, Volume 78, Issue 1, 946–948, 2018.
- ‘Paths Toward the Modern Fiscal State: England, Japan, and China.’ By Wenkai He. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. In *Journal of Modern History*, Volume 87, Issue 1, 148–149, 2015.
- ‘Mixed Fortunes: An Economic History of China, Russia, and the West.’ By Vladimir Popov. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014. In Book Reviews, *EH.Net*, December 2014.
- ‘The Rise of Fiscal States: A Global History, 1500–1914.’ Edited by Bartolomé Yun-Casalilla and Patrick K. O’Brien. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. In *Economic History Review* Volume 67, Issue 1, 310–11, 2014.
- ‘Law and Long-Term Economic Change: A Eurasian Perspective.’ Edited by Debin Ma and Jan Luiten van Zanden. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2011. In Book Reviews, *EH.Net*, June 2012.

PRESENTATIONS AT SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, AND CONFERENCES (online in italics)

- 2022: *Hitotsubashi University, China Europe International Business School, Tsinghua University, East China University of Political Science and Law.*
- 2021: *Northwestern University, Stellenbosch University, Korea University, UC Riverside, UC Irvine, Economic History Association Annual Meeting (Tucson), Peking University, ESSEC Asia Pacific.*
- 2020: *China Economics Summer Institute (HKUST), ShanghaiTech University, Stanford University, ESSEC Asia Pacific.*
- 2019: *China Europe International Business School, Understanding State Capacity Conference (University of Manchester).*
- 2018: *Economic History Association Annual Meeting (Montreal), Asian Historical Economics Conference (University of Hong Kong), Singapore Management University, Academia Sinica.*
- 2017: *CEPR-NYUAD Workshop (NYU Abu Dhabi), Australasian Cliometrics Workshop (Australian National University), Jinan University.*
- 2016: *University of Tokyo, South China Normal University, Academia Sinica, NBER Japan Project Meeting (Tokyo), Econometric Society Asia Meeting (Kyoto),*

- University of Hong Kong, Beijing University, Hitotsubashi University, Waseda University.
- 2015: ASSA meetings (Boston), University of Hong Kong, World Economic History Congress (Kyoto), Chinese University of Hong Kong, Frontiers in Chinese Economic History Conference at UC Berkeley, CUHK-Fudan-Tsinghua Conference on Chinese Economy (Chinese University of Hong Kong).
- 2014: George Mason University, Osaka Workshop on Economics of Institutions and Organizations, Hitotsubashi University, Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- 2013: Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Shandong University, Academia Sinica, Singapore Economic Review Conference, Econometric Society Asia Meeting (Singapore), World Congress of Cliometrics (Honolulu).
- 2012: Conference of Hong Kong Economic Association, PKU Guanghua, Asian Historical Economics Conference (Hitotsubashi University), Econometric Society North American Summer Meeting (Northwestern University), Caltech, UC Irvine, Rutgers University.
- 2011: UC Irvine, Columbia University, George Mason University, NBER Conference on the Chinese Economy, Cliometrics Conference (University of Colorado, Boulder), Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Asia-Pacific Economic and Business History Conference (Berkeley), World Bank, Calstate Fullerton, Williams College, National University of Singapore, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.
- 2010: University of Michigan, Peking University, Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting (Evanston).
- 2009: Economic History Association Annual Meeting (Poster; Tucson).
- 2008: National University of Singapore.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Microeconomic Analysis II (EC3101), Global Economic History (EC3377, EC4377).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- NUS Fellowship, CASBS, Stanford University (2020–21).
- NUS FASS Faculty Teaching Excellence Award 2012–13, 2015–16.
- Australian Economic History Review Excellence in Refereeing Award 2015.
- NCGG Globalization and Governance Fellowship, Princeton University 2011.
- Kenneth Sokoloff Fellowship, Economic History Association 2009.
- Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, Northwestern University 2007.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Editorial Board, Explorations in Economic History, 2022–.
- Editorial Board, Australian Economic History Review, 2015–.
- Associate Editor, Journal of Asian Economics, 2020–22.
- Referee Service (alphabetical order): American Political Science Review, Asian Journal of Social Science, Australian Economic History Review, Comparative Political Studies, Economic History Review, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics of Transition, European Economic Review, European Review of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, International Economic Review, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Ming Studies, Journal of Politics, Mathematical Social Science, Oxford Economic Papers, Pacific Economic Review, Public Choice, Review of Economic

RESEARCH GRANTS

- (2018–2021) MOE Academic Research Fund Tier 2. Project Title: ‘North China as Part of the Inner Asian System, 10th–15th Centuries’ (Co-Principal Investigator).
- (2018–2021) MOE Academic Research Fund Tier 1. Project Title: ‘Misaligned Administrative Boundaries and their Consequences: Evidence from China’ (Principal Investigator).
- (2015–2018) MOE Academic Research Fund Tier 1. Project Title: ‘Unified China and Divided Europe’ (Principal Investigator).
- (2012–2015) NUS Start-up Grant. Project Title: ‘Taxation and Public Goods Provision in China and Japan before 1850.’