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Personal

Date of Birth: Nov 14, 1999

Nationality: China

Research Interests: Political Economy of Money and Finance, International and Comparative Political Economy, Marxian Economics, History of Economic Thoughts, Applied Game Theory

Programming: R, STATA, MATLAB, SAS

Language: English, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese

Education

University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMass Amherst)

Amherst, MA, USA

PHD ECONOMICS

Aug 2025 - present

- Advisor: N/A

Renmin University of China (RUC)

Beijing, CHN

MASTER OF ECONOMICS (POLITICAL ECONOMY)

Sept 2022 - June 2025

- Advisor: Dr. Dic Lo
- Thesis: Platform Economy, Labor Extraction and Network Effects

Kyushu University (KU)

Fukuoka, JPN

MASTER OF ECONOMICS (ECONOMIC ENGINEERING)

Oct 2023 - Mar 2025

- Advisor: Dr. Nobuaki Hori
- Thesis: Industrial Policy, Regime Stability and Cultural Transmission of Entrepreneurship

Renmin University of China (RUC)

Beijing, CHN

BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS (FINANCE)

Sept 2018 - June 2022

- Minor in Political Science and Public Administration
- Undergrad research advisor: Dr. Zhongyang Chen

Professional Experience

Spr 2026 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Economics, UMass Amherst

Fall 2025 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Economics, UMass Amherst

Fall 2024 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, School of Economics, RUC

Fall 2020 **Undergraduate Student Assistant**, National Academy of Development and Strategy, RUC

Publications

Lo, Dic and **Zhong, Shaozhi**. 2025. "China and Marxist Political Economy Confronting World Capitalism: Revisiting the 'Social Nature' Debate of the 1930s-1940s," *Research in Political Economy*, 40: 19-36.

Gao, Ling and **Zhong, Shaozhi**. 2024. "A Political Economic Review of Skill-Based Heterogeneous Labor Theory: From Human Capital, Complex Labor to Organizational Integration," *Bulletin of the History of Economic Thought*, 02: 59-100. (In Chinese)

Working Papers

- Zhong, Shaozhi.** 2026. “From External Constraints to Internal Debt Networks: A Dynamic Structural Explanation of Financialization in China,” *Working Paper*.
- Zhong, Shaozhi.** 2026. “Articulation of Modes of Production: A Temporality Perspective,” *Working Paper*.
- Zhong, Shaozhi.** 2026. “‘Deconstructing’ the State: Revisiting Marxist State Theory from Althusser and Poulantzas to Jessop,” *Working Paper*.

Research Experience

Contributor, Textbook Development Project

Lingnan College, SYSU

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: DR. DIC LO

May 2024 - Present

- Textbook title: *In the Midst of Historical Change: An Overview of China’s Economic Development from Comparative Theoretical Perspectives*.
- Authored Chapter 1: “Modern China, Historical Capitalism, and Socialist Direction.”

Participant, Academic Workshop on Chinese Political Economy

School of Economics, RUC

ORGANIZER: DR. XIN FAN

Sept 2022 - Dec 2022

- Presented and discussed research articles related to international trade and structural change theories.

Participant, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Training Program

BMEC

ADVISOR: DR. JIUJIE MA & DR. FANG WANG

June 2020 - May 2021

- Presented research titled “*Evaluation of the Role of Supply Chain Finance in Supporting the Sustainable Development of Rural Specialty Industries*.”

Participant, “Innovation Cup” Academic Competition

School of Law, RUC

ADVISOR: DR. SHENGPING GAO

Oct 2020 - Mar 2021

- Presented research titled “*The Dilemma and Optimization Path of ‘Equally Entering the Market’ of Collective Construction Land for Commercial Use in the Context of the New Land Management Law*.”

Teaching Experience

- Spr 2026 **Introduction to Macroeconomics**, Teaching Assistant
- Fall 2025 **Intermediate Microeconomics**, Teaching Assistant
- Fall 2024 **Advanced Microeconomics**, Teaching Assistant