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| FIELDS                    | Quantitative Spatial Models, Urban Economics, Real Estate Economics                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                       |
| EDUCATION                 | MPhil/PhD in Economic Geography, LSE<br><i>Supervisors: Gabriel Ahlfeldt and Christian Hilber</i>                                                                                                                      | expected 2026                                                         |
|                           | MSc in Real Estate Economics and Finance, LSE (Distinction)                                                                                                                                                            | 2021                                                                  |
|                           | BA in Finance, Renmin University of China (GPA: 3.71/4.00)                                                                                                                                                             | 2020                                                                  |
|                           | Business Administration Exchange, LMU Munich (GPA: 4.00/4.00)                                                                                                                                                          | 2019                                                                  |
| WORKING PAPERS            | <b>“Cities as Portfolios”</b> (JMP)<br><br><b>“The Economics of Architecture”</b> with Gabriel Ahlfeldt and Elisabetta Pietrostefani<br><br><b>“Paths to Internal-Migration Liberalization and Productivity Gains”</b> |                                                                       |
| WORK IN PROGRESS          | <b>“Housing Constraints and Intergenerational Mobility”</b><br><br><b>“Volatile Cities, Mobile People”</b>                                                                                                             |                                                                       |
| TEACHING EXPERIENCE (GTA) | GY210 The Economics of Cities, LSE                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2025/26                                                               |
|                           | GY314 Economics of Housing Markets and Migration, LSE                                                                                                                                                                  | 2023/24–2024/25                                                       |
|                           | GY350 Undergraduate Dissertation Support, LSE                                                                                                                                                                          | 2023/24–2024/25                                                       |
|                           | GY457 Applied Urban and Real Estate Economics, LSE (one guest seminar)                                                                                                                                                 | 2023/24                                                               |
|                           | GY209 Economic Geography of Trade and Development, LSE                                                                                                                                                                 | 2023/24                                                               |
| PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES   | <b>Referee:</b> Regional Science and Urban Economics<br><b>Service:</b> Co-organizer, LSE Quantitative Spatial Models Reading Group                                                                                    | 2024/25                                                               |
| AWARDS                    | LSE PhD Studentship                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2022–2026                                                             |
|                           | MSc REEF Best Dissertation, LSE                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2021                                                                  |
|                           | MSc REEF Best Overall Performance, LSE                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2021                                                                  |
|                           | Renmin University of China First-Class Scholarship (top 5% in the faculty)                                                                                                                                             | 2019                                                                  |

PRESENTATIONS  
& CONFERENCES

**2026** (\**scheduled*) Urban Planning and Livability Workshop (Copenhagen, Jan.), UEA European (Barcelona, May), Workshop in Urban Economics and Economic Geography, University of Reading (June), RIEF Doctoral Meeting (Paris, June), Zurich–Bern–Wisconsin Conference on Real Estate and Urban Economics (Bern, June), Zurich–Oxford Doctoral Symposium on Real Estate Markets\* (Oxford, Sep.)

**2025** 13th Warwick Economics PhD Conference (June), Workshop in Urban Economics and Economic Geography, University of Reading (June)

**2023** Urban Labor Markets Workshop (IAB Nuremberg, Nov.), ECRC Cambridge (May)

SKILLS

**Software:** Stata, MATLAB, Python, QGIS, OxMetrics

**Languages:** Mandarin (native), English (fluent)

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