

# Melanie Meng XUE

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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics and Political Science, September 2021 –  
Assistant Professor of Economics, New York University - Abu Dhabi, September 2020 –  
—Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow (Year Zero), September 2019 – August 2020  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Northwestern University, Department of Economics & Center for Economic History,  
September 2017 – August 2019

## VISITING POSITIONS

Visiting Fellow, Toulouse School of Economics, Institute for Advanced Study, March 2018 – April 2018  
Visiting Scholar, Brown University, Department of Economics, January 2017 – August 2017

## EDUCATION

Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), September 2015 – December 2017  
Mentor: Paola Giuliano  
PhD in Economics, George Mason University, 2015  
MA in Finance, Claremont McKenna College, 2010  
BA in International Economics, Fudan University, 2009

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic History, Political Economy, Cultural Economics, Development Economics

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Folklore” (with Stelios Michalopoulos), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, forthcoming.  
“Friends from Afar: The Taiping Rebellion, Cultural Proximity and Primary Schooling in the Lower Yangzi, 1850-1949” (with Yu Hao), *Explorations in Economic History* 2017, 62 (1).

## WORKING PAPERS

“High-Value Work and the Rise of Women: The Cotton Revolution and Gender Equality in China”, 2020. *Revise and Resubmit*, *Review of Economic Studies*.  
“Autocratic Rule and Social Capital: Evidence from Imperial China”, 2020  
“Violence and Missing Women in China”, 2020, with Tuan-Hwee Sng and Songfa Zhong.  
“Raising Dragons”, 2015, with John Nye.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Women and Asylums”

“Extreme Poverty and a Culture of Violence”

“The Short- and Long-Run Effects of Affirmative Action: Evidence from Imperial China”, with Boxiao Zhang.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Book Review for “M. Tanimoto and R. B. Wong, Public Goods Provision in the Early Modern Economy: Comparative Perspectives from Japan, China, and Europe”, *Economic History Review*, 73, 1 (2020), 335-336.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Refereeing

Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Economic Journal, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Resources, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Economic Inquiry, Cambridge Journal of Economics; Economics and Politics, Journal of Peace Research; Princeton University Press, Palgrave Macmillan.

[Economic History] Journal of Economic History, Economic History Review, Explorations in Economic History, Economic History of Developing Regions, European Review of Economic History, Australian Economic History Review.

### Invited Seminars

“Women and Asylums”

Brown Growth Breakfast (April 2021); Northwestern Economic History Lunch (March 2021); Warwick (scheduled); Queen Mary (scheduled); King’s College London (scheduled); Chicago Booth (scheduled).

”The Short- and Long-Run Effects of Affirmative Action: Evidence from Imperial China”

Peking University (June 2021); Korea University (scheduled).

“High-Value Work and the Rise of Women: The Cotton Revolution and Gender Equality in China”

London School of Economics (February 2021); Amherst College (Asian Languages and Civilizations, April 2019); Stockholm School of Economics (SITE, February 2019); Trinity College (December 2018); Université Catholique de Louvain (June 2018); University of Copenhagen (March 2018); NYU Stern (October 2017); Northwestern University (April 2017); Brown University (February 2017); Toulouse IAST (November 2016); University of Arizona (October 2016); Chapman University (October 2016); University of New South Wales (September 2016); Monash University (August 2016); University of Bologna (May 2016); University of California at Davis (March 2016).

“Autocratic Rule and Social Capital: Evidence from Imperial China”

Chicago Harris (February 2019); New York University - Abu Dhabi (February 2019); CKGSB (January 2019); UC San Diego (November 2018); Higher School of Economics (March 2018); University of California at Irvine (June 2017); Williams College (March 2017); Brown University (February 2017); Bonn (November 2016); Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (September 2016); NUS Business School (August 2016); UCLA Anderson Brown Bag (May 2016); UCLA Economic History Proseminar (April 2016).

## “Folklore”

Swansea (March 2021); Bonn (October 2020); Stellenbosch University (LEAP, July 2020); Asian Global Institute (January 2020); George Mason University (March 2019); University of Nottingham (February 2019); Northwestern University (November 2018); Universitat Pompeu Fabra (April 2018); New Economic School (March 2018); Toulouse IAST (March 2018).

## Conference Presentations

- 2021 NYU QCSS-2021 (discussant); EHS; EHA (discussant); “Sex Ratios and Missing Girls in History” Online Seminar.
- 2020 BREAD/CEPR/STICERD/TCD Conference on Development Economics.
- 2019 NBER Organizational Economics Meeting, NYU QCSS-3, IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting for Labor Economists, WPSA Mini-Conference on Autocratic Politics, ASREC.
- 2018 Barcelona GSE Summer Forum - V Calvó-Armengol International Prize Workshop, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum - Towards Sustained Economic Growth, Northwestern “Narrow Corridor” Book Conference, Deep-Rooted Factors in Comparative Development Conference (Brown), Northwestern’s Economic History of Religion Conference (discussant), Life & Legacy of Douglass North Conference, EHA (presenter; discussant), Cliometric Society, North American Meeting of the Econometric Society, World Economic History Conference(2), Asian Historical Economics Conference.
- 2017 NBER Political Economy Meeting, NBER Summer Institute - Income Distribution and Macroeconomics, ASSA(3), NEUDC, All-UC Economic History Conference, WEAI-Clio, ASREC.
- 2016 NBER Summer Institute - Development of the American Economy, PacDev, EHA, All-UC Economic History Conference, IOEA (Corsica), HEDG Mini-Conference, ASREC.
- 2015 NBER Chinese Economy Meeting (discussant), NEUDC, All-UC Economic History Conference, ASREC, SSHA, World Economic History Conference, IRES Graduate Student Workshop.
- 2014 “Deep Causes of Economic Development” Conference (Utrecht), EHA, Washington Area Development Economics Symposium, Economic History Society, International Society for New Institutional Economics, Southern Economic Association, Hong Kong Economic Association.

## Sessions Organized

Co-organizer, “The Infrastructure of Power in East Asian Empires”, World Congress of Economic History, August 2022 (scheduled).

Organizer, “Gender Norms in a Historical Perspective”, Economic History Society Annual Meeting, April 2021.

## Other Activities

NYUAD Social Science History Seminar, Co-organizer, September 2020 – May 2021

NYUAD Social Science Division’s Postdoc Recruitment Committee Member, 2020 – 2021

CEPR-NYUAD Workshop on Economic History Scientific Committee Member, March 2020

Northwestern Economic History Lunch, Organizer, 2017-2019

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2017 – 2019 Northwestern’s Center for Economic History Postdoctoral Fellowship (Supervisor: Joel Mokyr)
- 2018 Institute of Advanced Study in Toulouse Visiting Fellowship
- 2015 – 2017 Dan Searle Fellowship in Economics (\$180,312)

2015	Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Fellowship (declined)
2014	IHS Conference and Research Grant
2013	NSF Graduate Student Travel Grant
2013	APEE Young Scholar Award

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Michaelmas 2021	Historical Analysis of Economic Change, London School of Economics
Michaelmas 2021	The Making of an Economic Superpower: China since 1850, London School of Economics
Spring 2020 – Spring 2021	Global Economic, Political and Social Development Since 1500, New York University (AD)
Fall 2017, Fall 2018	Topics in Economic History: Economic History of China, Northwestern University
Spring 2015	Topics in Economic History, George Mason University

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

2013 – 2014	Economic Research Services, United States Department of Agriculture, Economist
2009	IBM, Blue Pathway Summer Internship Program
2009	ZS Associates, Part-Time Research Associate
2008	Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Consulting Intern

## LANGUAGES

English, Chinese, Shanghainese