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EDUCATION

Queen's University Ph.D. in Economics	Expected 2025
University of Toronto M.A. in Economics	2018-2019
University of Waterloo B.A. in Honours Economics (mathematics minor)	2016-2018
Shandong Normal University Bachelor of Management in Financial Management	2014-2018

RESARCH INTEREST

Industrial Organization, Political Economy, Applied Microeconomics

WORKING PAPERS

Policy-Induced Shifts in Bidding Behaviors: Insights from the Chinese Land Market (Job Market Paper)

Abstract: This paper investigates the impact of auction concentration on bidder behavior, using the case of a 2020 Chinese government policy that regulated residential land auctions in 22 cities. The policy mandates no more than three batches of auctions per year, with evenly spaced intervals and balanced auction volumes. Utilizing land auction-level data from 2019 to 2020, the analysis reveals that the policy's effect on land prices varies by auction format. However, the policy does not significantly influence the auction failure rate.

• presented the Annual Meetings of the CEA (2024)

Auctions vs Negotiations under Corruption: Evidence from Land Sales in China, with Hayri Alper Arslan and Robert Clark.

Abstract: This study investigates whether corruption differentially affects contracting through auctions and negotiations. Using data on Chinese land-market transactions, where corruption is known to be present, we first show that, on average, it exerts similar effects on transactions carried out via auctions and negotiation. However, this finding masks important heterogeneity - auctions featuring healthy competition are less affected by corruption, and significantly less so than negotiation. We then develop a simple model of bidding under the possibility of corruption that rationalizes our findings

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• presented at Centre interuniversitaire de recherche en économie quantitative Conference (CIREQ) 2023, the Annual Meetings of the CEA (2023), the 2024 Chinese Economists Society North America Conference, IIOC 2024, and the Conference on Auctions, Firm Behavior, and Policy in University of Oklahoma (2024)*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Queen's University, Teaching Assistant 2019-2023 ECON 810: Microeconomics Theory (M.A. level) ECON 813: Advanced Microeconomic Theory II (Ph.D. level) ECON 811: Advanced Microeconimic Theory I (Ph.D. level) ECON 846: Industrial Organization (M.A. level) ECON 310: Microeconomic Theory II ECON 351: Introductory Econometrics University of Toronto, Teaching Assistant 2018-2019 Eco220Y1: Microeconomic Theory Eco101H1: Principles of Microeconomics Honors And Awards Queen's University Conference Travel Award 2024 Queen's Graduate Award 2020, 2022 ECON Departmental Award 2021-2023 ECON FAS IQGA 2021 International Tuition Award 2019-2020 Neil Morrison Fellowship in Economics 2019 University of Waterloo Governor General's Academic Medal (Silver) 2019 for the highest academic standing in a Bachelor degree program Economics 2+2 Achievement Award 2019 Economics Achievement Award 2019 Statistics & Actuarial Science Competition Prize 2018 for American Statistical Association DataFest (2018)-Best Use of External Data Robin K. Banks Scholarship 2018 Shandong Normal University National Approval for College Students' Innovation and Entrepreneurship Training Program Project 2017 Second-class Scholarship 2016 First-class Scholarship 2015 Excellent Student 2015

SKILLS

Programming: Stata, MATLAB, R, LATEX, Python

Languages: English, Chinese (Native)

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REFERENCES

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