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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

MA, PhD Economics, University of California, Berkeley

MA (honorary), University of Oxford

SB, Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

CURRENT POSITION:

Professor of Chinese Studies

Director, Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies

The University of Melbourne

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

Dec. 2013- present Professor of Chinese Studies and Director of Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, The University of Melbourne

2007-2013 Professor of Chinese Public Finance and Director of Chinese Studies, School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies; Fellow, Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford

2000-2007 Henry M. Jackson Professor of International Studies, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

1997-2000 Senior Economist, World Bank

1986-1997 Department of Economics, University of California, Santa Cruz

1979-1986 Department of Economics, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA

OTHER POSITIONS/AFFILIATIONS/VISITING POSITIONS:

October 2013 Distinguished Visiting Professor, Robert Black College and School of Public Administration, University of Hong Kong

2003-2005 Guest Professor (honorary), Asia Department, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (German Institute for International and Security Affairs), Berlin, Germany

1995-1997 Resident Scholar (invited), The Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines

1989-1990 National Fellow, Hoover Institution for War, Revolution and Peace, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

1984-1985 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics; and Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Chinese Studies, University of California,

	Berkeley
1981-1982	Postdoctoral Fellow, Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies, Harvard University
1979-1986	Associate, Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies, Harvard University

CONSULTANCIES (recent major assignments):

2015	World Bank, Technical Assistance Program for Providing an Analytical Framework for Public Financial Management Reform for the Ministry of Finance, China
2014	Asian Development Bank, Evaluation of Country Assistance Program for the People's Republic of China
2014	World Bank, Study of Expenditure Assignments in Henan Province
2014	OECD National Urban Policy Review of China
2014	International Monetary Fund, Public Financial Management Advisor for High-level Seminar on Fiscal Reforms in China
2013	World Bank and State Council Development Research Centre, Urbanization Strategy for China to 2050
2013	World Bank and Provincial Government of Hubei, Reform of the Intergovernmental Fiscal System
2013	International Monetary Fund, High-level Technical Consultation Mission to China on Fiscal Institutions
2012-2013	OECD, Budgeting in China
2012	International Monetary Fund, High-level Technical Consultation Mission to China on Fiscal Institutions
2011-12	Asian Development Bank, TA Project on Strengthening Fiscal Policy and Public Finance Reform over the Medium-Term, Team Leader
2010	Asian Development Bank, Country strategy for the People's Republic of China

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

1. *China: Public Services for Building the New Socialist Countryside* (with Achim Fock), the World Bank, Report No. 40221-CN, 2007. http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2008/01/16/000020953_20080116091210/Rendered/PDF/402210CN.pdf
Chinese version: 改善农村公共服务. Beijing, CITIC Press, May 2008.
2. *China: Improving Rural Public Finance for the Harmonious Society* (with Achim Fock), the World Bank, Report No. 41579-CN, 2007. http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2007/12/21/000020953_20071221113708/Rendered/PDF/415790CN.pdf
3. *Paying for Progress in China: Public Finance, Human Welfare and Changing Patterns of Inequality* (co-edited with Vivienne Shue). London, Routledge, 2007.
4. *China: National Development and Sub-national Finance--A Review of Provincial Expenditures* (principal author). Report No. 22951-CHA, World Bank, Washington, DC. April 2002. <http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/main?pagePK=64193027&piPK=64187937&theSite>

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Chinese version: 中国：国家发展与地方财政 (with Deepak Bhattasali), Beijing, CITIC Press, April 2003 (second printing July 2003).

5. *Financing Local Government in the People's Republic of China*, editor and principal author, Oxford University Press, 1997.

Chinese version: 中国地方财政问题研究. Beijing. Chinese Supervision Press, February 1999.

6. "Economic Reform in the People's Republic of China," as Volume II in Rana, P. B. and Hamid, N. (eds) *From Centrally Planned to Market Economies: The Asian Approach*, Oxford University Press, 1996.
7. *Fiscal Management and Economic Reform in the People's Republic of China*, principal author, (with Christopher Heady and Wing T. Woo), Oxford University Press, 1995, paperback edition, 1996.
8. *New Perspectives on the Cultural Revolution*, co-edited with William Joseph and David Zweig, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1991.
9. *The Political Economy of Reform in Post-Mao China*, co-edited with Elizabeth J. Perry (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1985), second printing 1986, third printing 1989.

Recent Journal Articles, Chapters in Edited Books, and others:

1. China's war on air pollution: Can existing governance structures support new ambitions? (with V Karplus). Forthcoming *China Quarterly* (231), September 2017.
2. The financial crisis and the challenge of fiscal federalism in China: the 2008 stimulus and the limits of China's intergovernmental system, in Richard Eccleston and Rick Krever (Eds), *The Future of Federalism: Intergovernmental Financial Relations in an Age of Austerity*. Edward Elgar, 2017.
3. "Budget Reform in China: Progress and Prospects in the Xi Jinping Era", *OECD Journal on Budgeting*, Volume 15/3, 2016, 27–36. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/budget-15-5jm0zbtm3pzn>
4. "Can a modern system of governance work under Xi?", *Nikkei Asian Review*, 31 October 2015, <http://asia.nikkei.com/Viewpoints/Viewpoints/Can-a-modern-system-of-governance-work-under-Xi>
5. "China: Public Investment Management under Reform and Decentralization", World Bank, *The Power of Public Investment Management: Transforming Resources into Assets for Growth*. Washington, DC. 2014, <http://hdl.handle.net/10986/21045>
6. "Reforming China's public finances for long-term growth", in R. Garnaut and L. Song, Editors, *China Update 2013*, Australian National University, 2013. <http://epress.anu.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/ch101.pdf>

7. "Some Suggestions for Improving Municipal Finance in China – an Interview with Professor Christine Wong," *Bijiao (Comparative Studies)*, in Chinese), issue 64, 2013:1. Beijing. China CITIC Press, January 2013.
8. "Paying for Urbanization: Challenges for China's Municipal Finance in the 21st Century," R. Bahl, J. Linn and D. Wetzel, eds., *Financing Metropolitan Governments in Developing Countries*. Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute for Land Policy, 2013.
9. "Performance, Monitoring and Evaluation in China", World Bank PREM notes, Special Series on the Nuts and Bolts of M&E Systems. No. 23, January 2013.
http://siteresources.worldbank.org/EXTPOVERTY/Resources/336991-1345145100025/Nuts&BoltsENG_23.pdf
10. "Some Suggestions for Improving China's Municipal Finance for the 21st Century", the inaugural Paulson Policy Memorandum, the Paulson Institute, University of Chicago, December 2012 (in English and Chinese). <http://www.paulsoninstitute.org/>
11. "Toward Building Performance-Oriented Management in China: the Critical Role of M&E and the Long Road Ahead", World Bank Independent Evaluation Group, ECD Working Paper Series No. 27, September 2012.
http://siteresources.worldbank.org/EXTEVACAPDEV/Resources/wp_27_china_me.pdf
12. "Are Beijing's Equalization Policies Reaching the Poor? An Analysis of Direct Subsidies under the "Three Rurals" (*Sannong*)" (with Wanlong Lin), *The China Journal*, issue 67, January 2012, pp 23-45.
13. "Public Sector Reforms toward building the harmonious society in China", in E Lim and M Spence, Editors, *Medium and Long Term Development and Transformation of the Chinese Economy* (中国经济中长期发展和转型:国际视角的思考与建议)(bilingual). China CITIC Press, 2011. http://www.cairncrossfund.org/download/十二五项目报告/Background%20Papers/Wong%20-%20January%20version_Public_Sector_Reforms_toward_HSP%20final2.pdf
14. "The Fiscal Stimulus Program and Public Governance Issues in China", *OECD Journal on Budgeting*, Volume 2011/3. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/budget-11-5kg3nhljqrj>
15. "China: How Far across the River?" *East Asia Forum Quarterly, Governing China*, Volume 3 No. 2, April-June 2011, <http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2011/08/20/china-how-far-across-the-river/>
16. "Fiscal Reform: Paying for the Harmonious Society", *China Economic Quarterly*, Volume 14 Issue 2 June 2010, 22-27.,
<http://chinastudies.unimelb.edu.au/sites/www.chinastudies.unimelb.edu.au/files/3%EF%BC%89Paying%20for%20the%20harmonious%20society.pdf>
17. "Rebuilding Government for the 21st Century: Can China Incrementally Reform the Public Sector?" *The China Quarterly*, No. 200, December 2009, pp. 929-952,
<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=6865408&fileId=S0305741009990567>

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18. "The New Social and Economic Order in 21st Century China: Can the Government Bring a Kinder, Gentler Mode of Development?" in *'Global Giant: Is China Changing the Rules of the Game?'*, E Paus, P Prime and J Western (Editors), Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.
19. "Financing Rural Development for a Harmonious Society in China: Recent Reforms in Public Finance and Their Prospects" (with Achim Fock), World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 4693, August 2008. <http://econ.worldbank.org/docsearch>.
20. "Free Compulsory Education: A Natural Next Step after TEOS" (with A Brock and W Hu), Special Issue on "The road to free compulsory education in China: Policy formation and implementation", *Chinese education and society*, Jan-Feb 2008. Vol. 41 No. 01, 87-95, <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.2753/CED1061-1932410112?journalCode=mced20#.VI5Gkf7skRY>
21. "Assessing the fiscal power of the Chinese state: assessing the central government's capacity to implement policies," in *'Power and Sustainability of the Chinese State'*, K Lee, J-H Kim and W Woo (editors), London, Routledge, 2008.
22. "China's Fiscal System: A Work in Progress" (with Richard Bird), in *'China's Great Transformation: Origins, Mechanism, and Consequences of the Post-Reform Economic Boom'*, L Brandt and T Rawski (editors), New York, Cambridge University Press, 2008.
23. "Fiscal Management for a Harmonious Society: Assessing the Central Government's Capacity to Implement National Policies", British Inter-University China Centre Working Paper Series, No. 4, August 2007, <http://bicc.blogs.ilrt.org/files/2012/06/04-Wong.pdf>
24. "Introduction: Is China Moving to a More Equitable Development Strategy?" (with V Shue), *Paying for Progress in China: Public Finance, Human Welfare and Changing Patterns of Inequality*, (Eds V Shue and C Wong), 2007; pp. 1-11.
25. "Can the Retreat from Equality Be Reversed? An Assessment of Redistributive Fiscal Policies from Deng Xiaoping to Wen Jiabao", in *Paying for Progress in China: Public Finance, Human Welfare and Changing Patterns of Inequality*, (Eds V Shue and C Wong), 2007; pp. 12-28.
26. "Budget Reform in China", *OECD Journal on Budgeting*, Volume 7, No.1, 2007; pp. 1-24, http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/budget-reform-in-china_budget-v7-art2-en
27. "Ethnic Minority Regions and Fiscal Decentralization in China: the Promises and Reality of Asymmetric Treatment", in R Bird and R Ebel, Editors, *Fiscal Fragmentation in Decentralized Countries: Subsidiary, Solidarity, and Asymmetry.* Edward Elgar, 2007.
28. "China: Deepening Public Service Unit Reform to Improve Service Delivery", (with C Zhang). World Bank, Washington, DC. 2005., <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/2005/07/6137556/deepening-public-service-unit-reform-improve-service-delivery>
29. "Public Sector Budgeting Issues in China" in *China in the Global Economy, Governance in China*, OECD, Paris, 2005 <http://www.oecdbookshop.org/browse.asp?pid=title-detail&lang=en&ds=Governance-in-China&K=5LH1RN45NV47>
30. "Public Expenditure on the Frontline: Toward Effective Management by Subnational Governments", (with E Mountfield), in *East Asia Decentralizes: Making Local*

Government Work, p85-106, Washington DC, World Bank, 2005

<http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download;jsessionid=98710F015F5D334B8C642D0B05440A5D?doi=10.1.1.547.1218&rep=rep1&type=pdf>

31. "Public Expenditure and the Role of Government in the Chinese Health Sector" (with P Smith and Y Zhao), Rural Health in China Briefing Notes, No. 5, The World Bank, May 2005, <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/2005/05/6217221/public-expenditure-role-government-chinese-health-sector>
32. "Can China Change Development Paradigm for the 21st Century? Fiscal Policy Options for Hu Jintao and Wen Jiabao after Two Decades of Muddling through", paper for Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin, 2005. http://www.swp-berlin.org/fileadmin/contents/products/arbeitspapiere/2005_03Wng_DevelopmentParadigm_ks.pdf
33. "Toward a Future Vision of Public Service Unit Reform in China: An Analytical Framework" (with C Zhang and E Mountfield), background paper for the World Bank study, *China: Deepening Public Service Unit Reform to Improve Service Delivery*, July 2005 http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2005/08/01/000012009_20050801102726/Rendered/PDF/32341rev01CHA.pdf

Published in *Bijiao (Comparative Studies*, in Chinese), issue 18, 2005: 5. Beijing. China CITIC Press, pp. 29-46.

Chinese translation published in *Journal of Comparative Studies*, No. 12, May 2004: 17-26.

Conferences and public lectures (from 2010):

1. Panelist for "China's Development Challenges towards a High Income Country: Fiscal and Tax Reform for Inclusive Growth". ADB-PRC Symposium for Commemorating 30 Years of Partnership, China's Economic Transformation: Towards a Sustainable Future. Shanghai, China, 10 November 2016.
2. Presentation on "Progress and prospects in China's fiscal reform", 7th International Conference on Public Administration in the 21st Century: Opportunities and Challenges, University of Macau and Sun Yatsen University, Macau, 27-28 October, 2016.
3. Presentation on "Fiscal reform, local government debt and the government's financial outlook". China Symposium: China's new sources of economic growth: Reform, resources and climate change, Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Melbourne. 20 July, 2016
4. Panelist on session "Can China reform?" Crawford Australian Leadership Forum, Global Realities, Domestic Choices, Responding to systems under strain, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU, 19-21 June 2016.
5. Panelist on "Slowing Growth in the EU and China: Implications for Security and Stability", Dahrendorf Symposium on Europe and the World – Global Insecurity and Power Shifts, Dahrendorf Forum, Berlin, Germany, 25 – 27 May 2016.
6. Public Lecture on "Federalism, Chinese style, and the institutional constraints on Xi Jinping's modernization agenda", Jackson School of International Studies, University of

Washington, Seattle, March 30, 2016.

7. Public Lecture on “Challenges for China’s economic reform: institutional constraints on Xi Jinping’s modernization agenda”, The Institute for the Study of Social Change and the Asia Institute Tasmania, University of Tasmania, Hobart, 25 February, 2016.
8. Presentation on “China’s financial markets – a peek below the surface”, luncheon talk at Allens Chinese New Year event, “China's financial markets – where to next?” Melbourne, 15 February 2016.
9. Public Lecture on “Federalism, Chinese style, and the outlook for intergovernmental fiscal reform under Xi Jinping”, Asia Global Institute and Hong Kong Institute of Economics and Business Strategy, The University of Hong Kong, 30 January, 2016.
10. “Fiscal Reform in China: progress and prospects in the Xi Jinping era”, Presentation at Greater China-Australia Dialogue on Public Administration conference, Graduate Institute of Public Affairs, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, November 14-16, 2015
11. “From China’s fiscal architecture to the outlook for reform under Xi Jinping”, Invited lectures at;
 - a. National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, November 9, 2015
 - b. Beijing Normal University, Beijing, October 26, 2015
 - c. China Agricultural University, Beijing, October 22, 2015
12. “Prospects for Reform under Xi Jinping: Let’s Look at China’s Fiscal Architecture”, University of Sydney China Centre, 10 September, 2015.
13. “Prospects for Intergovernmental Reform under Xi Jinping”, 2015 Melbourne Conference on China: Accountability and control in the Xi Jinping era, University of Melbourne, 21-22 August, 2015.
14. “Can Xi Jinping’s Reforms Be Implemented? Let’s Look at China’s Fiscal Architecture”, International Consortium for Chinese Studies Second Annual Conference, St. Edmunds Hall, Oxford. 6-7 August, 2015.
15. “Environmental Policy under Xi Jinping: Evolution, Reach and Realism”, Brown–Hertie School Workshop on China Environmental Governance, Brown University, Providence, RI. 15- 16 May, 2015.
16. “Can Xi Jinping’s Reforms Be Implemented? Let’s Look at China’s Fiscal Architecture”. Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Melbourne, 5 March, 2015.
17. “Fiscal reform to address China’s development challenges”, public lecture at the Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines, 30 October, 2014.
18. “Urbanization and Its Implications for Intergovernmental Reform”, keynote address to the Lien China Development Forum: "Improving Social Governance Capabilities, Promoting New Patterns of Urbanization", Beijing, 25 October, 2014.
19. “China’s Fiscal Architecture and the Challenge of Managing a Large Multilevel System”, the Hertie School of Governance and the Mercator Institute for China Studies, Berlin, 7 October, 2014.
20. “The Challenge of Fiscal Federalism in China”, The Financial Crisis and the Future of

Federalism: Multi-level governance in an age of austerity, Monash University Prato Centre, Italy, 2-3 October, 2014.

21. "State of the Local State in China: Challenges for Xi Jinping and Beyond", The Morrison Lecture in Chinese Studies, Australian National University, Canberra, 11 September, 2014.
22. "Public Finance in China: the Challenge of Central – Local Relations Continued", International Conference on Reform and Public Policy in China, South China University of Technology, Guangzhou, 16-17 August 2014.
23. "The restructuring of government in Deepening Reform: choices for the Third Plenum and beyond", Workshop at the Australian Centre on China in the World, ANU, Canberra, 15 July 2014.
24. "Public Financial Management in China: Fiscal Decentralization and the Challenge of Local Government Debt", The Wellington Conference on Contemporary China 2014: The Third Plenum – Policy Prospects for China, New Zealand and the World, Wellington, 2 July, 2014.
25. "Intergovernmental expenditure assignments: theory and practice", Public lecture to provincial and prefectural officials at the Henan Provincial Department of Finance, April 23, 2014.
26. "The Challenge of Containing Local Government Debt: Fiscal Decentralization and Public Financial Management in China", The International Consortium for China Studies, National School of Development, Peking University, Beijing, April 20-21, 2014.
27. "Public Policy for a Modernizing China: the Challenge of Financing Services for a Footloose Society", Seminar in Citizenship and Social Rights, Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism, Philadelphia, January 24, 2014;
28. "Building Performance-Oriented Management in China: the Critical Role of M&E and the Long Road Ahead", The World Bank, Washington, DC, January 22, 2014.
29. "Growth at What Cost? China's Long Road to Building Performance Management", Workshop on Politics and Consequences of Performance Measurement, Melbourne School of Government, 11 December 2013.
30. "Financing China's Transition to a Market Economy", International Conference on Public Policy in the 'Asian Century', Melbourne School of Government, University of Melbourne, 10 December, 2013.
31. "Public Policy for a Modernizing China: the Challenge of Financing Services for a Footloose Society", Workshop on Shifting Identities: Individuals, Society, and the State in Contemporary China, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 4-5 December 2013.
32. "Is China at a Turning Point? Beijing's Policy Choices and Administrative Capacity", Robert Black College Salon, University of Hong Kong, November 29, 2013.
33. "The Challenge of Financing Urbanization in China under Fiscal Decentralization", Forum on China's Urbanization Strategy: Challenges and Prospects, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, November 18, 2013.
34. "Public Policy for a Modernizing China: the Challenge of Financing Services for a

- Footloose Society”, Seminar in Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Hong Kong, November 14, 2013;
35. “Public Policy for a Modernizing China: the Challenge of Financing Services for a Footloose Society”, The Second Annual Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Municipal Finance, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, November 10, 2013.
 36. “Public Policy for a Modernizing China: the Challenge of Financing Services for a Footloose Society”, “Who Will Deliver the Chinese Dream? The Human Resource Management Angle”, presentation at the China-Australia Dialogue on Public Administration, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, November 8-9, 2013.
 37. “Public Finance, Local Governments, and Challenges for China in the 21st Century”, Contemporary China Studies Public Lecture, University of Hong Kong, 6 November, 2013, Hong Kong.
 38. “Financing Local Government in China”, invited Lecture at Harvard University Asia Center and the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Cambridge, MA, USA, 9 October, 2013.
 39. “China’s Struggle with Macroeconomic Management”, Keynote speech for the Chinese Economic Association Conference (UK/Europe) on Balancing China’s Economy, The Hague, Netherlands, 30 August 2013.
 40. “Reforming public finance for long-term growth: the Ministry of Finance and macroeconomic management in China,”
 - a. “Public Policy and Social Governance: Meeting the Needs for Social and Economic Development”, the 2nd Wilton Park – Communist Party School of China Conference, 16-18 December, 2012, Wilton Park, UK;
 - b. “China: A New Model for Growth and Development”, China Update 2013, ANU, Canberra, July 11, 2013;
 - c. Roundtable at the Melbourne Institute and Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Melbourne, July 10, 2013; and
 - d. “Paying for Urbanization in China: Challenges of Municipal Finance in the 21st Century”, book launch for **Metropolitan Government Finance in Developing Countries**, the Lincoln Institute and Peking University, 20 May, 2013, Beijing.
 41. “Riding the Tiger: Challenges of China’s Municipal Finance in the 21st Century”, public lectures at:
 - a. Seminar for the Cross-Party Group on China, Scottish Parliament, Scottish Parliament, 28 November, 2012 Edinburgh;
 - b. Contemporary China Studies Public Lecture, University of Hong Kong, 19 November, 2012 Hong Kong;
 - c. Asia Center, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, 19 September, 2012;
 - d. Glasgow China Lecture 2012, 21 May, 2012, University of Glasgow;
 - e. Central China Normal University on 17 May, 2012, Wuhan;
 - f. Peking University – Lincoln Institute Center, 9 May, 2012, Beijing;
 - g. J.F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 10 April, 2012 Cambridge, MA; and
 - h. luncheon seminar at the Universities Service Centre, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 7 February 2012, Shatin, Hong Kong;

42. "Reform of Public Investment Management in China: Achievements and Challenges,"
 - a. Presentation at the First World Bank – Korean Development Institute Development Forum, 14-18 November, 2011, Seoul, Korea;
 - b. Workshop on Reform of the Fiscal System, National Institute for Fiscal Studies and Boyuan Foundation, Tsinghua University, 20 October, 2011, Beijing;
 - c. State Assembly of Vietnam and UNDP International Conference on Fiscal Reform in Transition Countries, 15-16 September, 2011, Hoi An, Vietnam; and
 - d. Conference on Metropolitan Government Finance in Developing Countries, Brookings Institution and Lincoln Institute, 10-11 July, 2011, Washington, DC.
43. "Reforming Public Finance for the Harmonious Society in China: How Far across the River?"
 - a. Presentation in the SOAS Centre for Chinese Studies Seminars, 28 November, 2011;
 - b. Public lecture in the Century Outstanding Economists Forum, Renmin University, Beijing, 10 November, 2011;
 - c. Distinguished Public Lecture, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, 10 August, 2011;
 - d. Keynote speech at the 2011 Melbourne Conference on China, University of Melbourne, 6-7 August, 2011, Australia;
 - e. Public lecture at the China Research Centre, University of Technology, 3 August, 2011, Sydney, Australia; and
 - f. Public lecture in the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, 1 August, 2011, Canberra, Australia.
44. "The Fiscal Stimulus Program and Problems of Macroeconomic Management in China"
 - a. 8th OECD-Asian Senior Budget Officials Annual Meeting, Bangkok, 2-3 February 2012;
 - b. Public lecture in the Department of Economics, University of Adelaide, 29 July, 2011, Australia;
 - c. Presentation at the World Bank Conferência Investimentos Públicos no Brasil: desafios e oportunidades para a melhoria do gasto public, Brasilia, 16-17 June, 2011; and
 - d. Presentation at the 32nd Annual Meeting of OECD Senior Budget Officials, Luxembourg, 6-7 June, 2011.
45. "The State of the Local State: Revisiting Local Public Finance in China in the 21st Century", Distinguished Public Lecture, School of Public Administration, Sun Yat-sen University, 13 April, 2011, Guangzhou, China.
46. "Public Finance and Public Service Management in China Today: Opportunities and Risks", Public Lecture in the School of Public Administration, Zhejiang University, 23 December, 2010, Hangzhou, China.
47. "Assignment of Responsibilities for Infrastructure in the PRC", International Workshop on Local Government Finance and Risk Management, State Council Development Research Centre and Asian Development Bank, Beijing, December 6-7, 2010.
48. "Financing the Local State: is there a new era?", Presentation at the joint conference with Chinese University of Hong Kong, State of the Local State, Oxford, 23-24 October, 2010.

49. "Paying for the Harmonious Society: why China needs intergovernmental fiscal reform", Lecture at Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines, 10 August, 2010.
50. "From Tax Sharing System Reform to Building the Harmonious Society in China: Central-local Relations Revisited", International Symposium on Institutions in Development and Transition in Honor of Professor Wu Jinglian's 80th Birthday, 27 Jan 2010, Beijing.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (selected)

1. Member, OECD Advisory Panel on Budgeting and Public Expenditures, 2012-
2. Honorary Fellow and member of Academic Committee, Center for Industrial Development and Environmental Governance, School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University, Beijing, September 2005-
3. Member, Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Visiting Committee, National Technology University, Singapore, March 2015.
4. Member, Steering Committee, Open Society Institute, Local Government and Public Policy Initiative, March 2009-May 2011.
5. Member, Academic Advisory Committee, the National Institute for Fiscal Studies, Tsinghua University, Beijing, December 2008 – 2010.
6. Member, Hong Kong Research Grants Council Short-listing Committee and Review Panel of the Areas of Excellence Awards, 5th Round, January 2009 – September 2009.
7. Editorial Board, The China Journal, 2015-
8. Editorial Board, Journal of Chinese Governance, 2015-
9. Editorial Board, Economic and Political Studies, 2015-
10. Editorial Board, Hong Kong Journal of Social Sciences, 1992-
11. Advisory board for Palgrave series: China in Transformation, 2010-
12. Editorial Board, The China Quarterly. 2003- 2013.
13. Editorial Board, China Information, 2008-
14. Editorial Board, The China Review, 2001-
15. Editorial Board, Pacific Affairs, 1994-2008.