

## Biographical Sketch

Dr. Hongsong Zhang is assistant professor of economics in the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Hong Kong (HKU), where he teaches graduate and undergraduate Microeconomics and Topics in Economic Research. His research covers Empirical Industrial Organization and International Trade, with a focus on productivity and firm dynamics. He is especially interested in questions broadly related to firm heterogeneity, international trade, quality upgrading, SOE performance, and the impact of relevant policies on individual firms and aggregate economy.

His research has been published in leading general interest and top field journals in Economics, including *International Economic Review* (x2), *Journal of Development Economics*, and *European Economic Review*. He has won multiple external grants from the General Research Funds of the Hong Kong Research Grants Council. His ongoing research focuses on how supplier network and productivity determine firm dynamics and international sourcing; how production and demand shocks drive firms' inventory and markup dynamics; how firms upgrade output quality in the global markets; how to measure the "importance" of each product in the global input-output network.

Before joining HKU, Dr. Zhang received his Ph.D. in Economics from the Pennsylvania State University in 2013, where he taught undergraduate-level "Intermediate Macroeconomics". He received his M.A. in Economics from Peking University in 2008 and B.A. in Economics from the China Youth University for Political Sciences (now University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences) in 2004.

He was elected as a member of the executive committee of the China Trade Research Group in 2018, and appointed as an external expert researcher at the Center for International Finance and Economic Research in Tsinghua University. He frequently reviews academic papers for leading general interest and top field journals, such as *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of International Economics*, and *Journal of Development Economics*.