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<b>Education</b>	Ph.D. in Social Science, Caltech	Oct 2018–Sep 2023
	- Thesis: “Essays in Behavioral Economics and Game Theory”	
	- Advisor: Marina Agranov	
	M.A. in Economics, National Taiwan University	Sep 2014–June 2016
	- Advisor: Joseph Tao-yi Wang	
	B.B.A. in Finance, National Taiwan University	Sep 2010–June 2014
<b>Employment</b>	Senior Research Fellow (Postdoc), MPI, Germany	Apr 2025–
	Data Collect Research, Amazon, U.S.A.	Nov 2024–Mar 2025
	Postdoctoral Scientist, Amazon, U.S.A.	Oct 2023–Oct 2024
	Research Assistant for Joseph Tao-yi Wang, NTU, Taiwan	Nov 2017–July 2018
<b>Research Interests</b>	Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics, Game Theory	
<b>Working Papers</b>	“A Note on Cursed Sequential Equilibrium and Sequential Cursed Equilibrium,” 2023 (with Po-Hsuan Lin and Thomas R. Palfrey)	
	<i>Abstract:</i> In this short note, we compare the cursed sequential equilibrium (CSE) by Fong et al. (2023) and the sequential cursed equilibrium (SCE) by Cohen and Li (2023). We identify eight main differences between CSE and SCE with respect to the following features: (1) the family of applicable games, (2) the number of free parameters, (3) the belief updating process, (4) the treatment of public histories, (5) effects in games of complete information, (6) violations of subgame perfection and sequential rationality, (7) re-labeling of actions, and (8) effects in one-stage simultaneous-move games.	
<b>Published Papers</b>	“Cursed Sequential Equilibrium,” 2025, <i>American Economic Review</i> , 115(8): 2616–2658 (with Po-Hsuan Lin and Thomas R. Palfrey)	
	“Measuring Higher-Order Rationality with Belief Control,” 2025, <i>Experimental Economics</i> : 1–28 (with Wei James Chen and Po-Hsuan Lin)	
	- The recipient of John O. Ledyard Prize (best second-year paper) for Graduate Research in Social Science, Caltech, 2020	
	“Extreme (and Non-Extreme) Punishments in Sender-Receiver Games with Judicial Error: An Experimental Investigation,” 2023, <i>Frontiers in Behavioral Economics</i> , 2. (with Joseph Tao-yi Wang)	
	- The recipient of First Prize in Best Master Thesis Competition, Taiwan Economic Association, 2016	
<b>Other Publications</b>	“Vendor Cost Transfer On Retail (VECTOR),” 2025 (with Jiaxuan Li and Dirk Bergemann) <i>Accepted at 2025 Consumer Science Summit (Amazon)</i>	

	“Vendor Negotiation Experiment and Training Tool,” 2024 (with Jiaxuan Li, Linfeng Li, Dirk Bergemann, and Yan Chen) <i>Accepted at 2024 Consumer Science Summit (Amazon)</i>	
<b>Work in Progress</b>	“Belief Updating under an Ambiguous and Asymmetric Information Structure—An Experimental Study” (with En-Der Lai and Joseph Tao-yi Wang)	
	“An Experiment on Threshold Public Goods Games with Communication under Unanimity Rule” (with Po-Hsuan Lin and Thomas R. Palfrey)	
	“Conformity and Confirmation Bias”	
<b>Professional Activities</b>	<i>Research Assistant</i>	
	For Matthew Shum	Dec 2019–Mar 2020
	For Joseph Tao-yi Wang (full-time RA)	Oct 2017–July 2018
	For Joseph Tao-yi Wang (lab assistant at TASSEL)	Aug 2015–July 2016
	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
	Economic Engineering, University of Cologne	Sep 2025–Jan 2026
	Behavioral Economics, Caltech	Jan 2023–Mar 2023
	Matching Market, Caltech	Apr 2022–June 2022
	Game Theory, Caltech	Apr 2021–June 2021
	Introduction to Finance, Caltech	Dec 2020–Mar 2021
	Microeconomic Theory I (Graduate), National Taiwan U.	Nov 2015–Jan 2016
	<i>Referee Service</i>	
	Journal of Economic Theory, European Economic Review	
<b>Honors and Awards</b>	The Linde Institute CTESS Graduate Research Grant, Caltech	2022
	Davis Fellowship	2022
	Ministry of Education Taiwan-Caltech Scholarship	2018–2022
	John O. Ledyard Prize for Graduate Research in Social Science, Caltech	2020
	First Prize in Best Master Thesis Competition, Taiwan Economic Association	2016
	Honorary Member of the Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society	2016
<b>Conference and Workshop Presentation</b>	Economic Science Association North American Meeting, Tucson	2025
	Taiwan Economics Research Workshop, Taipei	2025
	Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory Conference, Ischia	2025
	Maastricht Behavioral and Experimental Economics Symposium	2025
	Los Angeles Experiments (LAX) Workshop (Poster Session)	2023
	Behavioral and Experimental Economics Stanford-Caltech Student Workshop	2022
	Economic Science Association North American Meeting, Tucson	2021
	Economic Science Association Asia Pacific Meeting, Brisbane	2018
	Economic Science Association World Meeting, Jerusalem	2016
<b>Other</b>	<i>Computer Skills</i>	
	oTree, zTree, Stata, R, Python, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X	
	<i>Languages</i>	
	Chinese-Mandarin (native), English	
	<i>Citizenship</i>	
	Taiwan	