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Education	Ph.D. in Social Science, Caltech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thesis: "Essays in Behavioral Economics and Game Theory" - Advisor: Marina Agranov 	Oct 2018–Sep 2023
	M.A. in Economics, National Taiwan University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advisor: Joseph Tao-yi Wang 	Sep 2014–June 2016
	B.B.A. in Finance, National Taiwan University	Sep 2010–June 2014
Employment	Senior Research Fellow (Postdoc), MPI, Germany Data Collect Research, Amazon, U.S.A. Postdoctoral Scientist, Amazon, U.S.A. Research Assistant for Joseph Tao-yi Wang, NTU, Taiwan	Apr 2025– Nov 2024–Mar 2025 Oct 2023–Oct 2024 Nov 2017–July 2018
Research Interests	Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics, Game Theory	
Working Papers	"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.	
Published Papers	"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)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The recipient of First Prize in Best Master Thesis Competition, Taiwan Economic Association, 2016 	
Other Publications	"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>
Work in Progress	<p>“Belief Updating under an Ambiguous and Asymmetric Information Structure—An Experimental Study” (with En-Der Lai and Joseph Tao-yi Wang)</p> <p>“An Experiment on Threshold Public Goods Games with Communication under Unanimity Rule” (with Po-Hsuan Lin and Thomas R. Palfrey)</p> <p>“Conformity and Confirmation Bias”</p>
Professional Activities	<p><i>Research Assistant</i></p> <p>For Matthew Shum</p> <p>For Joseph Tao-yi Wang (full-time RA)</p> <p>For Joseph Tao-yi Wang (lab assistant at TASSEL)</p> <p><i>Teaching Assistant</i></p> <p>Economic Engineering, University of Cologne</p> <p>Behavioral Economics, Caltech</p> <p>Matching Market, Caltech</p> <p>Game Theory, Caltech</p> <p>Introduction to Finance, Caltech</p> <p>Microeconomic Theory I (Graduate), National Taiwan U.</p> <p><i>Referee Service</i></p> <p>Journal of Economic Theory, European Economic Review</p>
Honors and Awards	<p>The Linde Institute CTESS Graduate Research Grant, Caltech</p> <p>Davis Fellowship</p> <p>Ministry of Education Taiwan-Caltech Scholarship</p> <p>John O. Ledyard Prize for Graduate Research in Social Science, Caltech</p> <p>First Prize in Best Master Thesis Competition, Taiwan Economic Association</p> <p>Honorary Member of the Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society</p>
Conference and Workshop Presentation	<p>Economic Science Association North American Meeting, Tucson</p> <p>Taiwan Economics Research Workshop, Taipei</p> <p>Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory Conference, Ischia</p> <p>Maastricht Behavioral and Experimental Economics Symposium</p> <p>Los Angeles Experiments (LAX) Workshop (Poster Session)</p> <p>Behavioral and Experimental Economics Stanford-Caltech Student Workshop</p> <p>Economic Science Association North American Meeting, Tucson</p> <p>Economic Science Association Asia Pacific Meeting, Brisbane</p> <p>Economic Science Association World Meeting, Jerusalem</p>
Other	<p><i>Computer Skills</i></p> <p>oTree, zTree, Stata, R, Python, L^AT_EX</p> <p><i>Languages</i></p> <p>Chinese-Mandarin (native), English</p> <p><i>Citizenship</i></p> <p>Taiwan</p>