

Bio

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Michael is an applied microeconomist. His research focuses on labor economics, housing economics, organizational economics, and monetary economics. His work combines a wide range of methodological approaches, including the use of administrative data, field experiments, rigorous causal inference, parsimonious models, and structural estimation methods.

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In addition to academic research, Michael is an active contributor of policy research on Hong Kong. He is the research director of local policy research think tank Hong Kong Future Economy Institute. He is also a Fellow of the HKU Centre on Contemporary China and the World, an affiliate researcher of the HKU Jockey Club ESG Research Institute, and a member of the HKU Real Estate Lab. His policy writings have been featured in the SCMP, Ming Pao, HKET, HKEJ, HK01, and the HKU Policy Green Paper series.

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王教授為應用微觀經濟學者，研究涵蓋勞動經濟學、住房經濟學、組織經濟學及貨幣經濟學。其學術工作融合多元方法論，包括運用行政數據、田野實驗、因果推論、數學模型與結構估計方法。其學術貢獻聚焦多項議題：他現正探究香港公營房屋政策，亦深入研究巴西國內外包對其勞工及勞動市場的影響。他也通過蒐集並分析實地貨幣與易貨交易的詳細微觀數據，探討數位貨幣的設計與實施機制。

除學術研究外，王教授積極參與香港政策研究，他是本地政策研究智庫「未來經濟學院」研究總監，亦身兼多重身份：香港大學當代中國與世界研究中心研究員、賽馬會環球企業可持續發展研究所成員以及港大 Real Estate Lab 成員。其政策論述見載於《南華早報》、《明報》、《香港經濟日報》、《信報財經新聞》、《香港 01》及《港大政策綠皮書》系列。攻讀博士前，他曾任職芝加哥大學專業研究員及三藩市商業顧問。