

# RAN GU

## Contact Information

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## Employment:

2018- Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Economics, University of Essex

2018- Research Associate, Institute for Fiscal Studies

2015-2018 Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies

2013-2015 PhD scholar, Cemmap

## Education:

*PhD*, University College London, 2018

*Visiting Student*, Yale University, 2016

*Master (Merit)*, Economics, UCL, 2011

*Master*, Policy Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2010

*B.A.*, Economics / Japanese, Peking University / Beijing Foreign Studies University, 2009

## Research Interests:

Labour Economics, Search and matching, Education Economics, Family Economics

## Publications:

1. “[\*Human Capital and the Business Cycle Effects on the Postgraduate Wage Premium\*](#),”  
Forthcoming, Review of Economic Dynamics

## Working Papers:

1. “[\*Durables and Lemons: Private Information and the Market for Cars\*](#),” with Richard Blundell,  
Soren Leth-Petersen, Hamish Low, Costas Meghir, R&R Quantitative Economics, NBER Working  
Paper 26281

2. "[\*The Gender Gap in Household Bargaining Power: A Portfolio-Choice Approach\*](#)," with Cameron Peng and Weilong Zhang, IFS Working Paper WP21/11
3. "[\*Effects of Stay-at-home Orders on Skill Requirements in Vacancy Postings\*](#)," with Ling Zhong

**Work in Progress:**

1. "The Impact of Unemployment Insurance on the Cyclicalities of Labour Force Participation" with Similan Rujiwattanapong

**Conference & Seminar Presentations:**

2022	IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists, RCEA
2021	SWUFE, AASLE, SOLE, SED, SEHO
2020	IFS WiP, ES World Congress
2019	Essex Search-Matching Workshop, Cambridge, EEA-ESEM, AMES, CMES, NAMES, ISER, RES, Bristol Search-Matching Workshop
2017-2018	Essex, RES, EIEF, Royal Holloway, IFS, UCL
2013-2016	Yale University, Sciences Po Paris, UCL, Peking University, Xiamen University

**Grants, Fellowships, and Awards:**

2020-	BA/Leverhulme small grand (2020 9,310 GBP); Keynes Fund (2020 16,158 GBP)
2013-2015	ESRC award for PhD student
2011	David Pearce Scholarships, UCL
2010	Excellence for the Future Award, UIUC

**Professional Services:**

Referee for: *Review of Economic Dynamics*, *European Economic Review*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *Labour Economics*, *Empirical Economics*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Economica*, *China Economic Review*

University of Essex Internal Seminar co-organizer, 2018-2019; Departmental Seminar co-organizer, 2019-2020; Macro Seminar co-organizer, 2020-2021

**Teaching:**

2021-	University of Essex: Computational Economics (Lecture, Master), Topics in Macro (Lecture, Ph.D.)
2018-2020	University of Essex: Topics in Macro (Lecture, Ph.D.), Computational Methods in Agent Based Economics and Policy Simulation (Lecture, Master)

Pre 2018 "Intermediate Macroeconomics", Spring 2016, Yale University, TA for Prof. William Nordhaus; "Intermediate Macroeconomics", Fall 2015, Yale University, TA for Prof. Michael Peters; "Stochastic Frontier and Efficiency Estimation", Spring 2015, Cemmap, TA for Prof. William Greene; "Microsimulation/Microeconometrics", Spring 2015, Cemmap, TA for Prof. Alan Duncan; "Microeconomics Principle/Intermediate Economics Theory", 2010, UIUC.

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