

# Hongtao Ma

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## 🎓 Education

**Beijing International Studies University - School of Economics** Sep 2020 - Jul 2025

Bachelor in Economics, major International Economics and Trade Beijing

- **Related courses:** Microeconomics 91, Macroeconomics 93, Statistics 92, Calculus 82, Linear Algebra 81, Probability Theory 82
- **Ranks:** Top 10%, GPA 87.5/100
- **Dual Major:** International Relations and International Affairs, GPA 85.2/100
- **Scholarship:** Wutong Medal Scholarship, Academic Scholarship
- **Competition honors earned:**
  - Asia-Pacific Mathematical Modeling Competition (contest in Chinese), International Second Prize
  - Asia-Pacific Mathematical Modeling Competition (contest in English), International Third Prize
  - China Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modelling (CUMCM), Second Prize

**Peking University - National School of Development** Sep 2022 - Jul 2025

Minor in economics Beijing

- Admitted in 2022 as **full time student** in Peking University for further studies in economics
- Related courses: **Applied Microeconometrics, Econometrics, Urban Economics**, Chinese economic topics, Development Economics, Economic Philosophy, Public Policy participation;
- Participate in **the Undergraduate Research Training Program in Peking University**, and do some research assistant work here.

## 🏢 Research experience

**Peking University - Undergraduate Research Training Program** May 2023 - Nov 2024

- **Research Topic:** China's local government implicit debt, Fiscal Decentralization and Development of China fiscal theory
- **Supervisor:** Dr. Yang Yao, Director of China Center for Economic Research
- **Funding:** Peking University - President's Fund
- **Outcomes:**
  - **Completed and published a compendium of China's fiscal system** (review article) for understanding and introducing the researches of China's fiscal development history in China.
  - **Finish a report of this program:** China's Implicit Debt Expansion under Soft Budget Constraints: A Study on Financialization of Fiscal Risks and Debt Reduction Strategies.

**Peking University - National School of Development** Jun 2024 - Present

Urban Economics RA Beijing

- **Project Supervisor:** Assistant Professor Cong Peng
- **Project 1:** Generation and Application of Economic Alternatives in Data-Scarce Regions
  - Using Africa as an Application Scenario,
  - Responsible for data cleansing and data analysis.
- **Project 2:** "Carbon Emission Reduction Pathways Based on Forest Resources".
  - Study on the impact of highways and forest cover,
  - Responsible for data cleaning,
  - Research on the heterogeneity of provinces under the background of different forest rights.

**Tsinghua University - Center for Global Studies** Apr 2022 - Mar 2023

Research Assistant Beijing

- Responsible for researching on hot topics of international affairs,
- Operating the Center's official media such as WeChat, Micro blog,
- Finish a research project with two Political Commentary outcome during the internship in Tsinghua, whose topic on Monetary Credit System and Process of RMB Internationalization.

## 🏠 Internship & Student Union Experiences

**Guoxin Securities Co., Ltd. Beijing Branch** Jul 2023 - Oct 2023

Internship as the assistant to the general manager Sales Department Beijing

- Assisting the Sales Department's General Manager by doing some sales data analysis;

- Dealing with departmental administrative affairs, such as daily document conference & recruitment works
- Participating in campus recruitment activities and establishing the connection with college student organizations;

**Peking University - Jingshuang Student Union, National School of Development**

Sep 2022 - Jul 2024

Director of Liaison Department

- On behalf of the Student Union to **negotiated the Internship agreements with Guosen Securities**, organized lectures & mock interviews **with 40+ participants**, made sure **10 internship positions** for the Student Union.
- Organized a visit to **Lenovo Group**, China's Internet giant, **with 40+ participants**
- Organized a visit to the **CCG Think Tank**, **with 30+ participants**
- Organized a visit to the **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**, **with 40+ participants**
- Organized online **oversea application sharing session**, **with 100+ participants**
- Co-organized a sharing workshop on secondary market employment, **with 80+ participants**

**Hong Kong Trade Development Council**

Sep 2021 - Sep 2023

Commercial assistant during China International Fair for Trade In Services

- Participate in the International Trade in Services Fair for three years since 2021 as a Commercial Assistant of HKTDC.
- Responsible for receiving media interviews (Beijing TV); Receiving VIPs to visit the exhibition and introduce the services and trade policies of Hong Kong;
- Responsible for organizing and servicing the whole process of exhibitors on-site within the fair, and handling various events.

**Volunteering experience**

**Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics**

Jan 2022 - Mar 2022

Assistant of National (Regional) Olympic Committee and Paralympic Committee Liaison Department

Beijing Yanqing

- Appointed as **the Assistant to the Team Germany**.
- Organized and led the German delegation to participate in major ceremonies such as the opening and closing ceremonies of the Winter Olympics and the awarding ceremonies.
- Received important guests, such as **IOC President Thomas Bach**.
- As an assistant, I helped the delegation arrange transportation for competitions and accompanied the delegation to various venues to provide translation services.

**Publications**

**2024 6th International Conference on Economic Management and Cultural Industry (ICEMCI 2024)**

Mar 2024

The first author

- This paper is an interim outcome of my Undergraduate Research Training Program at Peking University
- The title of the paper is "A Historical Overview of the Development of China's Fiscal Theory and Debt Governance"

**2022 International Conference on Public Services, Economic Management and Sustainable Development (PESD2022)**

Oct 2022

The first author

- Research on the American political electoral system in this conference paper as the first author;
- The title of the paper is "Is Democracy Equal to the Right to Vote? -An Analysis of Substantive and Procedural Democracy in the United States";

**2022 The 6th International Conference on Economic Management and Green Development (ICEMGD 2022)**

Mar 2022

- Research on NFT and Consumer Alienation and published as the only author in this conference paper;
- The title of the paper is "NFT Popularity-Digital Artwork and Baudrillard's Theory of Consumption Alienation";

**SKILLS, CERTIFICATIONS & OTHERS**

- **Skills:** Python, Matlab, Stata, QGIS
- **Languages:** English (CET-4), English (CET-6), CATTI International
- **Interests:** Tennis, Painting