

# YIFAN ZHANG

## CURRENT POSITIONS

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**Norwegian School of Economics (NHH)**, Department of Economics, Norway 2025 –  
Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Macroeconomics

## EDUCATION

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**University of Oxford**, Department of Economics, UK 2020 – 2025  
Ph.D. (D.Phil) in Economics

**University of Oxford**, Department of Economics, UK 2018 – 2020  
M.Phil in Economics, *Distinction*

**University of Warwick**, Department of Economics, UK 2016 – 2017  
M.Sc. in Economics and International Financial Economics, *Distinction*

**Xiamen University**, Department of Economics, China 2012 – 2016  
B.Sc. in Economics, B.A in Advertising

## WORKING PAPERS

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**“Rational Inattention Choices in Firms and Households”**

**“Restoring Existence and Uniqueness at the Effective Lower Bound with Simple Fiscal Policy”**  
(with David Murakami and Ivan Shchapov). *Revise & Resubmit, Journal Economic Dynamics and Control.*

**“Sunspots, Expectations and Asset Pricing”** (with Guido Ascari)  
(*Under review*)

**“Silenced by Uncertainty: Firm Attention and the Effectiveness of Monetary Policy”**  
(with Silvia Albrizio, Allan Dizioli, and Pedro Simon)

## PUBLICATIONS

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**“Attention, please! Listening to the central bank in uncertain times”** (with Silvia Albrizio, Allan Dizioli, and Pedro Simon). *American Economic Association, Papers & Proceedings*, 2025, Vol. 115:1-7.

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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**Citadel** 06/2025 – 09/2025  
Economic Research Intern, Fixed Income & Macro

**International Monetary Fund (IMF)** 06/2024 – 09/2024  
Fund Intern, Research Department

**The World Bank** 05/2020 – 10/2021  
Consultant, Jordan Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment Division

**United Nations, ESCAP** 06/2019 – 10/2019  
Intern, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development

## TEACHING

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**Norwegian School of Economics (NHH)**  
*Behavioural Macroeconomics* (Graduate course)

2025–2026

**University of Oxford**

*Macroeconomics* (MPhil Economics)  
*Organising tutor for Economics* (BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics)  
*Probability & Statistics* (Undergraduate Course)  
*Introductory Economics* (Undergraduate Course)  
*Quantitative Economics* (Undergraduate Course)

2022 – 2025  
2024  
2023 – 2024  
2022 – 2024  
2021 – 2022

**AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

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World Congress Financial Award, The Econometric Society  
David Walton Distinguished Doctoral Student Scholarship  
Department of Economics Doctoral Bursary, University of Oxford  
George Webb Medley Research Grants  
The Bowers Fund Award (Oxford)  
Jesus College (Oxford) Graduate Research Grants  
European Economic Association (EEA) Travel Grants  
The MSc Best Dissertation Prize (2 out of 233), the University of Warwick  
Department of Economics Scholarship, Xiamen University  
Honours Graduate, Xiamen University  
The Best Thesis Award, Xiamen University  
Publishing Prize (1 out of 600 students), Xiamen University  
Deans Commendation Award (5 out of 87), Xiamen University

2025  
2023 – 2024  
2020 – 2023  
2022, 2024  
2024  
2021 – 2024  
2022  
2017  
2012 – 2016  
2016  
2016  
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2015

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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Econometrics Game (finalist), Amsterdam  
Mentor for Economics Applicant Mentoring Programme (AMP)  
Academic mentor for female MPhil Economics students, University of Oxford  
Interviewer in undergraduate admissions interviews, Somerville College, Oxford  
Co-organizer of the Academic Writing Exchange Program, DPhil in Economics  
Fellow | Data Science for All, Correlation One

2023  
2022 – 2025  
2020 – 2025  
2022 – 2023  
2021 – 2022  
2020

**SKILLS**

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**Programming:** Julia, MATLAB, Python, R, Stata, Dynare, LaTeX  
**Languages:** English (Professional), Chinese (Native)