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EDUCATION

University of Alberta <i>Ph.D. in Economics</i>	2025 – 2030 Edmonton, Canada
McGill University <i>M.A. in Economics</i>	2023 – 2024 Montreal, Canada
University of Ottawa <i>B.A. in Economics (Magna Cum Laude)</i>	2019 – 2023 Ottawa, Canada

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Alberta <i>Research Assistant & Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics</i>	2025 – Present Edmonton, Canada
McGill University <i>Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics</i>	2023 – 2024 Montreal, Canada
University of Ottawa <i>Research Assistant, Department of Economics</i>	2022 Ottawa, Canada

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Econometrics, International Economics, Political Economics, Conflict Economics, Game theory

PUBLISHED OR PAPERS UNDER REVISION

[E] = Elite Journals; [DJ] = Distinguished Journals]

- Gong, W., Smith, A., and Lee, J. (2026). “[The Economic Impact of Sanctions on GDP and Trade.](#)”
*Revise & Resubmit, Journal of International Economics [E]; A**].
- Gong, W., and Kim, R. (2026). “[Conflict Economics and International Trade Disruptions.](#)”
Under Review, Review of International Economics [DJ]; A].
- Gong, W., and Chen, M. (2025). “[Economic Sanctions, Trade Networks, and Capital Flows.](#)”
Under Review, International Review of Economics & Finance [DJ]; A].
- Gong, W., Park, D., and Zhang, Y. (2025). “[Geopolitical Conflicts and Global Economic Interdependence.](#)”
Revise & Resubmit, World Economy [DJ]; A].
- Gong, W., and Liu, Y. (2025). “[The Long-run Effects of Economic Sanctions on Developing Economies.](#)”
Economic Modelling, Forthcoming [DJ]; A].

WORKING PAPERS

- Gong, W., Smith, A., and Lee, J. (2026). “[Sanctions, Trade Fragmentation, and Global Supply Chain Adjustment.](#)”
[Link to the full paper \(main body + appendix\)](#)
- Gong, W. (2026). “[Conflict Shocks and International Capital Flow Dynamics.](#)”
[Link to the full paper \(main body + appendix\)](#)
- Gong, W., and Chen, M. (2025). “[Geopolitical Risk, Economic Resilience, and Trade Network Reorganization.](#)”
[Link to the full paper \(main body + appendix\)](#)
- Gong, W., Park, D., and Zhang, Y. (2025). “[The Political Economy of Economic Sanctions and Development Outcomes.](#)”
[Link to the full paper \(main body + appendix\)](#)
- Gong, W., and Kim, R. (2024). “[International Conflicts and the Propagation of Macroeconomic Shocks.](#)”
[Link to the full paper \(main body + appendix\)](#)

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Gong, W., Kim, M., and MacKenzie, G. (2026). “The Geography of Trade Diversification and Economic Resilience to Extreme Weather Events.”
- Gong, W., Bouakez, H., Ladeira, C., and Smirnyagin, V. (2026). “Is Public Capital Productive? Evidence from Bridge Collapse.”
- Gong, W., Kim, D., Lee, Y., and Smirnyagin, V. (2025). “Returns to Scale and Markups: Micro-level Decomposition Using Administrative Data.”

POLICY WORKS

- Gong, W., and Lee, Y. (2020). “Sectoral Price Rigidity, Production Networks, and Monetary Policy Transmission in Korea.”
Research Department Funded Project, Bank of Korea.
- Gong, W., and Zhou, X. (2023). “Evaluating the Resiliency of Supply Chain Logistics Under Targeted Trade Interruptions.”
Policy Brief, Department of International Trade and Economic Cooperation.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Graduate Doctoral Fellowship** May 2026
University of Alberta 
- **SSHRC Connection Grant (Co-PI)** September 2025
Government of Canada & University of Alberta 
- **Principal’s Graduate Fellowship** September 2024
McGill University 
- **Dean’s Honor List** June 2024
McGill University 
- **Dean’s Honor List** June 2023
University of Ottawa 

CONFERENCES (* SCHEDULED, † VIRTUAL, § COAUTHOR)

- Academy of International Business Annual Meeting (Manchester)^{*§}, CEA (Vancouver)^{*}, Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference (Banff)^{*}, Canadian Macroeconomics Study Group (U Alberta)^{*} 2026
- InsTED (U Alberta), CEA (UQAM)[§], Midwest International Trade Conference (Michigan State), Queen’s Workshop on Firms and Inclusive Economic Growth, McGill Economics Alumni Workshop 2025
- Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings (U Rochester), CEA (Toronto Metropolitan U), Canadian Resource and Environmental Economics (CREEA), International Trade and Macro Workshop (uOttawa) 2024
- NBER: International Fragmentation (Central Bank of Chile)[§], CEA (U Manitoba), European Economic Association 2023 Annual Congress[†], Western Economic Association International (San Diego)
- Montreal Macro Brownbag (McGill), Midwest International Trade Conference (Notre Dame)[†], Infrastructure and Trade Workshop (UBC), Canadian Economic Association (Simon Fraser)^{†§} 2022
- Urban Economics Association North America[†], Dynamics of Global Supply Chains (LSE)[§], Macroeconomic Policy 2021 under Geopolitical Risks (Virtual)[†]

INVITED SEMINARS (* SCHEDULED, † VIRTUAL)

- University of Alberta, University of Calgary 2026
- University of Winnipeg, Carleton University, Bank of Canada 2025
- McGill University, University of Ottawa, Simon Fraser University 2024
- University of Montreal (Economics), Brock University, Université du Québec à Montréal^{*} 2023
- University of Toronto[†], Western University, McMaster University[†] 2022

DISCUSSIONS (* SCHEDULED, † VIRTUAL)

- “Sanctions and Supply Chain Realignment,” by J. Border & T. Vance (CEA Annual)^{*} 2026
- “Trade Policy Uncertainty and Investment Dynamics,” by R. Davies & M. Stehr (Midwest Trade) 2025
- “Geopolitical Risks and Sovereign Debt Volatility,” by A. Gari & L. Thomas (WEAI Annual) 2025
- “The Macroeconomics of Climate Shocks in Open Economies,” by P. Krug & S. Fischer (RMET) 2024
- “Exchange Rate Pass-Through and Market Power,” by M. Melitz & E. Rossi (CMSG Workshop) 2023
- “Tariffs, Intermediate Inputs, and Firm Productivity,” by F. Giavazzi & K. Rogoff (uOttawa Seminar)[†] 2022

TEACHING

University of Alberta, Teaching Assistant

- Game Theory and Economic Applications (ECON 473) Winter 2029
- Political Economy (ECON 452) Fall 2028
- Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory II (ECON 385) Fall 2027, Winter 2028
- Intermediate Microeconomic Theory II (ECON 384) Fall 2027, Winter 2028
- Introduction to Macroeconomics (ECON 102) Fall 2026, Winter 2027
- Introduction to Microeconomics (ECON 101) Fall 2026, Winter 2027

McGill University, Teaching Assistant

- Intermediate Macroeconomics (ECON 332) Fall 2023

University of Ottawa, Teaching Assistant

- ISSUES IN INDIGENOUS ECONOMICS (ECON 4128) Fall 2022

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Xingyu Zhou (M.A., Thesis Committee — In progress) 2026

Brennan Vance (B.A., Research Assistant Supervisor), Hongtao Wang (B.A., Letter Writer) 2025

Liam Mackenzie (M.A., Co-supervisor), Camille Ladeira (B.A., Letter Writer) 2025

Julia Ross (B.Com., Undergrad Research Mentor), David Park (B.Com., Letter Writer) 2024

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee Service

American Economic Review; Journal of Political Economy; Review of Economic Studies; Journal of Monetary Economics; Journal of International Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Journal of Econometrics; Canadian Journal of Economics; Macroeconomic Dynamics; Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control; Economic Inquiry; Open Economies Review; Journal of Macroeconomics.

Editorial Position

Editorial Board, *International Economic Journal*

- Impact Factor: 3.2, CiteScore: 5.1, ABDC JQL: B (2025–)

Academic Service, Program Committee, and Conference Organization

- Organizing Committee, Canadian Economic Association (CEA) Annual Conference (2026);
- Program Committee, Canadian Macroeconomics Study Group (CMSG) Meeting (2025);
- Organizer, Workshop on Geopolitics and International Trade — University of Alberta (2025);
- Selection Committee, McGill Economics Graduate Research Exchange (2024);
- Scientific Committee, Macro-Volatility and Trade Policy Workshop — HEC Montréal (2024);
- Graduate Curriculum Committee — Department of Economics, University of Ottawa (2023).

Short-term Visit

Bank of Canada (Summer 2025), University of British Columbia (Fall 2024), McGill University (Summer 2023)

Consulting

World Bank Group Trade Policy Project (2025), Deloitte Canada Economic Advisory (2024)

Other Activities

Statistics Canada Research Data Centre (RDC) Approved Researcher (May 2024–)

PERSONAL

Legal Name Wenfei Gong

Citizenship and Residency China (Citizen), Canada (Study Permit)

Language English (fluent), French (advanced), Mandarin (native)

International Experience China, Canada, Lebanon