

THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY
Curriculum vitae: Mei WEN (文 玫)



Position: SENIOR LECTURER

School: Economics and Political Science

Discipline: Economics

Academic Qualifications:

1993-1997 Ph.D. in Economics, Department of Economics, Monash University, Australia

1986-1989 MA in Quantitative Economics, Department of Quantitative Economics, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China

1980-1984 B.Sc. in Mathematics, Department of Mathematics, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China

PhD thesis title: *Three Essays on the Division of Labour, A Contribution to New Classical Economics*, 1997

Academic Awards and Distinctions

John Crawford Scholarship, March 1993- September 1996

Main Research Interests:

My PhD studies focused on *the welfare implications of the dichotomy between production and consumption decisions, application of general equilibrium models to describing and demonstrating the effect of the interplay between transaction efficiency and per capita resources on productivity and trade, as well as productivity implications of investment in infrastructure*. My other researches along this line include using general equilibrium models to catch the economy-wide impact of *e-commerce* such as changes in productivity and economic structure. Productivity implications of B2B e-commerce and emergency of new intermediaries are also in study.

I have been strongly interested in studies on *China's industry related issues and regional development*, such as capital allocation among industries, ownership and technical efficiency of industrial enterprises, location and agglomeration of industries, state owned enterprise reforms, capacity games in industrial

competition, implication of market competition and ownership diversification for industrial growth, relationship between FDI, regional industrial development and regional income growth, etc.

In addition to *Infra-marginal Analysis (New Classical Economics)*, studies on China's industry, enterprise performance, and regional development, I am keen on theoretical and empirical studies on topics which have strong implications to transitional economies, such as *privatization, auction, and optimal ownership structure*.

My interests in *development economics* include significance of transaction efficiency improvement or per capita resource endowment for the level of division of labor and economic structural change, the significance of infrastructure in evolution in division of labor, coordination between industrialization and urbanization, and Australian internet penetration.

Work Experience

Senior Lecturer, (December 2004-), Discipline of Economics, School of Economics and Political Science, the University of Sydney
Research Associate, October 2003 – (October 2006), Department of Economics, Monash University, Australia

Fellow, 2003-2004, Division of Economics, RSPAS, ANU, Australia

Research Fellow, December 1999-2002, Division of Economics, RSPAS, ANU, Australia

Research Fellow, January 1997--December 1999, Department of Economics, University of Melbourne, Australia

Lecturer (1991-1993), & Assistant Lecturer (1987-1990)

Department of Quantitative Economics, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China, 1987-1993

Assistant Lecturer, Department of Mathematics, Huazhong University Of Science and Technology, China, 1984-1987.

Record of Activity

• Publications

Journal Articles

1. “Foreign Direct Investment, Regional Market Conditions and Regional Development – A Panel Study on China”, *Economics of Transition*, 2007, 15(1), 125-51.
2. “Ownership and Sector Performance in Present-day China: A Regional Study” (with Ai, Chunrong), *Pacific Economic Review*, 2005, 10(4), pp471-84.
3. “Push or Pull? The Relationship between Development, Trade and Resource

- Endowment,” (with Stephen King), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2004, 53(4), 569-591.
4. “Relocation and Agglomeration of Chinese Industry,” *Journal of Development Economics*, 2004, 73(1), 329-47.
 5. “Bankruptcy, Sale, and Mergers as a Route to the Reform of Chinese SOEs,” *China Economic Review*, 2004, 15(3), 249-67.
 6. “E-commerce, Productivity and Fluctuation,” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2004, 55(2), 187-206.
 7. “Ownership and Technical Efficiency--A Cross-section Study on the Third Industrial Census of China”, (with Dong Li and Peter Lloyd), *Economic Development and Cultural Changes*, 2002, 50(3), 709-34.
 8. Is Excess Capacity in Public Firms Socially Optimal?” (with Dan Sasaki), *Economic Record*, 2001, 77(238), 283-90.
 9. “On Optimal Privatization” (with Dan Sasaki), *Rivista Di Politica Economica*, 2001, 3(4-5), 203-27.
 10. “Infrastructure and Evolution in Division of Labor”, *Review of Development Economics*, 1(2), June 1997, 191-206.

Book Chapters

1. “An Analytical Framework of Consumer-producers, Economies of Specialization and Transaction Costs”, in *Increasing Returns and Economic Analysis*, ed. by K. J. Arrow, et al., 1998, London: Macmillan, 170-85.
2. “Competition, Ownership Diversification and Industrial Growth of China”, in *China 2002*, ed. by R. Garnaut and L. Song, 2002, Canberra: Asian Pacific Press, 63-80.
3. “Privatization: Theory and Evidence”, in Guoqiang Tian eds. *Frontier Development of Modern Economics and Finance*, (2002), Beijing: Shangwu Press, 564-609.
4. “Corporate Governance and Firm performance”, in Garnaut, R. and L. Song ed. *China Boom and Its Discontents*, pp128-38, Canberra: Asian Pacific Press.
5. “Development of West China: Marketization vs. FDI”, in D. Lu and W. A. W. Neilson eds. *China’s Western Region Development – Domestic Strategies and Global Implications*, 2004, 547-65, Singapore: World Scientific.

6. “Structural Adjustment of Chinese Industries”, in *China: Is the Rapid Growth Sustainable?* ed. by R. Garnaut and L. Song, 2004, 39-56, Canberra: Asian Pacific Press.
7. “Further Reform of SOEs and State Banks”, in *China: New Engine of World Growth* ed. by R. Garnaut and L. Song, 2003, 369-385, Canberra: Asian Pacific Press. The title of the paper was changed to “Building Modern Enterprises: Challenges and Requirements” by the editors.
8. “Can China Sustain Fast Economic Growth? A perspective from transition and development”, in *The Asia Recovery: Issues and Aspects of Development, Growth, Trade and Investment*, ed. by Tran Van Hoa, Edward Elgar, 2001, 136-173.
9. “Spatial Distribution of Industries and Cities___ Coordination between Industrial and Urban Development,” in A. Chen, G. G. Liu, and K. Zhang eds. *Urbanization and Social Welfare in China*, 2004, 151-74, England: Ashgate.
10. “Spatial Distribution of Manufacturing in China,” (with Mary Amiti), in *Modeling the Chinese Economy* ed. by P. Lloyd and X. Zhang, Edward Elgar, 2001, 135-48.
11. “Capital Allocation in China,” (with Xiaoguang Zhang), *Modeling the Chinese Economy*, ed. by P. Lloyd and X. Zhang, Edward Elgar, 2001, 271-89.
12. “Saving Functions for a Multi-sector CGE Model of the Chinese Economy” (with Peter Lloyd), in *China in Global Economy*, ed. by P. Lloyd and X. Zhang, Edward Elgar, 2000, 43-61.

• **Publications in Chinese**

1. “中国工业在区域上的重新定位和聚集”， 《经济研究》， 2004年第二期， 84-95.
2. “外商直接投资及地理和市场状况对区域发展的贡献__ 一个基于中国地区平行数据的研究”， 《经济学报》， 1(2), pp, 北京: 清华大学出版社.
3. “民营化(私有化)的理论和实证分析”， 田国强编《现代经济和金融学前沿发展》， (2002), 北京: 商务印书馆, 564-609.
4. “中国工业和城市的地理分布___ 工业与城镇发展的协调性”， 陈甬军、陈爱民编《中国城市化 __ 实证分析与对策研究》， 2002, 厦门: 厦门大学出版

社, 72-84.

5. “中国制造业的区域分布”(with Mary Amity), 文贯中等编《走经济全球化的发展道路》, 2001, 北京: 中国人民大学出版社.

• **Working papers**

1. “Productivity Linkages between IT Sector and the Other Sectors and Changes in Economic Structure”
2. “Australian Internet Diffusion”
3. “To set up a business in China? Where to invest next? ___An Investigation on China’s Industry”
4. “Invigorating Northeastern China __ Seeking Additional Growth Points”
5. “The Dichotomy between Production and Consumption Decisions and Economic Efficiency,” 2000, presented at the Australian Theory workshop 1998, Melbourne.

• **Teaching Experience**

Intermediate Microeconomics, Postgraduate Microeconomics, Econometrics, Introductory macroeconomics, Mathematical Statistics, Mathematical Analysis, Calculus

• **Professional activities**

Referee: for *The Economic Journal*, *Social Choice and Welfare*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *China Economic Review*, *Economics of Transition*, *Journal of Economic and Management Strategy*, *Journal of Division of Labor and Transaction Cost*, *Australian Economic Papers*, *Journal of Economics*, *Pacific Economic Review*, *the Southern Economic Journal*, *Urban Studies* and *Journal of Developing Areas*

Memberships: American Economic Association, the Econometric Society, the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics, Economics Society of Australia, and the Chinese Economist Society, the Association for Chinese Economic Studies, Australia (ACESA), Inframarginal Analysis Society