

# ZIWEI RAO

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## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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<b>Postdoctoral researcher</b> <i>University of Helsinki</i>	Dec. 2022 – present <i>Helsinki</i>
<b>Guest researcher</b> <i>Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research</i>	Nov. 2022 – present <i>Rostock</i>
<b>Lecturer</b> <i>Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Groningen</i>	Dec. 2021 – Aug. 2022 <i>Groningen</i>

## EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D. candidate</b> <i>Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Groningen</i> Supervisors: R.J.M. (Rob) Alessie and Max Groneck	Sept. 2018 – Jan. 2023 <i>Groningen</i>
<b>Research Master in Economics</b> <i>University of Groningen</i>	Sept. 2016 – Sept. 2018 <i>Groningen</i>
<b>B.A. in Economics</b> <i>Zhejiang Gongshang University</i>	Sept. 2012 – July 2016 <i>Hangzhou</i>

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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My primary field of research is applied microeconomics, with an emphasis on labor economics and family studies. I am interested in demographic studies, economics of aging, and health economics.

## RESEARCH

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### WORKING PAPERS

- **“Should I Stay or Should I Go? Intergenerational Transfers and Residential Choice: Evidence from China”** with Max Groneck and Rob Alessie [[Link](#)].  
*Q: Do different kinds of early-life transfers received from parents influence the location decision of the child and, hence, the differential caregiving at older ages?*
- **“Children or Work? The Impact of Fertility on Old-age Labour Supply”** with Yi Zhang (submitted) [[Link](#)].  
*Q: Does having more children or more male descendants, potentially as old-age security, save elder parents from “working until you drop”?*
- **“Trapped by Good Years – The Economic Impact of Weather Shocks”** with Xiaobing Wang and Guochang Zhao.  
*Q: How do rural families fare economically under weather risks with migration responses? Is good weather necessarily a good thing for the total household income?*

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Scheduled: Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE) 2023
- Ca' Foscari – Groningen Exchange Seminar, Venice; Annual Meeting of Society of the Economics of the Household (SEHO), London; Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), Calabria. 2022

- German Economic Association (VfS) Annual Conference (online); European Association of Labour Economics Annual Conference (EALE) (online); Pension Day of Network for Studies on Pensions, Aging and Retirement (Netspar), Utrecht; Leiden work-in-progress seminar, Leiden University (online); SOM PhD conference (online).
- Annual Congress of European Economics Association (EEA) (online); New Paper Session 2020 of the Royal Dutch Economic Association (online); EEF brownbag seminar, Groningen.
- Pension Day of Network for Studies on Pensions, Aging and Retirement (Netspar), Utrecht. 2019
- Accepted (canceled due to COVID-19): Symposium of Junior Researchers of Royal Economic Society (RES), Annual Meeting of Society of the Economics of the Household (SEHO), Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE).

#### TEACHING AND SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

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- Master level: Research Methods in Finance, STATA Computer Practical 2018/19
- Bachelor level: Statistics II for International Business, Tutorial 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21  
Economics for IB, Tutorial 2021/22  
Statistics I for IB, Tutorial 2021/22
- Thesis supervision: Bachelor's Thesis Economics (6); Master's Thesis Economics (4) 2021/22

#### HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIP

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- Full Scholarship of Research Master, University of Groningen 2016/17, 2017/2018
- Excellent Graduate of Zhejiang province 2016
- Outstanding scholarships, Zhejiang Gongshang University 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16
- ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR) affiliate Since 2021

#### LANGUAGE

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Chinese (native), English (fluent), Dutch (A2).

#### OTHER SKILLS

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STATA, Matlab, SPSS, Latex.

#### REFERENCES

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