

# LUKE ZHAO

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## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD in Economics</b> , Duke University	<i>2020–2026 (Expected)</i>
• Dissertation Committee: Attila Ambrus (Chair), Curtis Taylor, Fei Li, Leslie Marx	
<b>MA in Economics</b> , Duke University	<i>2018–2019</i>
<b>Master in Management Science and Engineering</b> , University of Chinese Academy of Science	<i>2015–2018</i>
<b>Bachelor in Economics</b> , Renmin University of China	<i>2011–2015</i>

## RESEARCH

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### RESEARCH FIELDS

Microeconomic Theory (Theoretical Industrial Organization, Information Economics, Mechanism Design)

### PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

*Click [here](#) for drafts of papers in this section*

Invest or Fall Behind: Maintaining Quality in Hotelling Markets

*Job Market Paper*

Optimal Information Structures with Information Control

(joint with Attila Ambrus, submitted and under review)

Cheap Talk with Extreme States

(joint with Attila Ambrus)

Superficial Scrutiny: An Empirical Exploration on Blockchain Evidence from Chinese Courts

(joint with Zelin Su, submitted and under review)

### WORK IN PROGRESS

Restricted Information Disclosure

(joint with Attila Ambrus)

Full Refund Policy with Partial Implementation

### PRESENTATIONS

- **2025:** Triangle Micro Conference (UNC Chapel Hill), Theory @ Chapel Hill (*scheduled*)
- **2024:** Triangle Theory Workshop (North Carolina State University)

# TEACHING

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## INSTRUCTOR COURSES

ECON 201, Intermediate Microeconomics I

*2024 Summer*

## TEACHING ORGANIZATION

TEACHING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

*2023 Fall – 2025 Spring*

- Training and coordination of teaching assistants at Duke Econ.

## TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

ECON 885, Microeconomics Theory III

*2024 Fall, 2025 Fall*

- Instructor: Attila Ambrus

ECON 201, Intermediate Microeconomics I

*2021 Fall – 2023 Spring*

- Instructors: Atila Abdulkadiroglu (2023 Spring, 2021 Fall), Thomas Nechyba (2022 Fall, 2022 Spring)

ECON 620, Game Theory with Application of Economics

*2019 Fall*

- Instructor: Attila Ambrus

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Microeconomic Theory (undergraduate and graduate), Game Theory, Theoretical IO, Digital Economics

History of Political Economy

Economics and Law

# MISCELLANEOUS

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Legal name: Haoyang Zhao. Luke is my preferred first name.

Citizenship: China

Languages: Chinese (native), English (fluent)

*Last Updated: October 23, 2025*