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Dr. Saizi Xiao (Holly) is an Associate Professor and the Director of External Engagement at the School of Economics, University of Nottingham Malaysia. A distinguished academic, Dr. Xiao earned her Bachelor's degree from Hainan University, where she was honored as an Outstanding Alumna. She went on to receive her Master's and PhD in Development Economics from the University of Glasgow and University of Malaya, respectively.

Dr. Xiao's research expertise lies in the areas of development economics, labor market reform, and digital transformation, with a special focus on East Asia and Southeast Asia. Her academic contributions are widely recognized, with publications in top-tier economic journals such as *Applied Economics*, *Journal of Policy Modeling*, *China Economic Review*, *Feminist Economics*, *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*, *Asian Development Review*, and *Empirical Economics Letters*. Her work has also been presented at high-profile national and international conferences across countries including the United States, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, China, Russia, Qatar, Australia, South Korea, Singapore, and South Africa.

Beyond her academic achievements, Dr. Xiao is an influential consultant who has led and contributed to projects for various Malaysian government agencies such as the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE), Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development (MWFC), and the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC). Her consulting work also extends to international organizations, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and the ASEAN Secretariat. Additionally, she serves as an Economic Advisor to the Malaysia Hainan Chamber of Commerce and as an Associate Researcher with the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM).

As a renowned public intellectual, Dr. Xiao is frequently featured as a guest speaker, commentator and columnist, on major media outlets including Astro Awani, Astro AEC, 8TV, Bernama, Phoenix TV (Hong Kong), ATV News SEA (Hong Kong), New Straits Times, Sin Chew Daily, The Star, Nanyang Siang Pau, China Daily, The Business Times (Singapore), AiFM, BFM, and CityPlus FM. Her media presence covers a wide spectrum of vital issues, such as national budget, regional economic outlooks, labor market reforms, social protection schemes, and industrial digital transformation.

Dr. Xiao is also a sought-after speaker at global and domestic forums and roundtables organized by esteemed institutions such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), and Deloitte etc. In recognition of her outstanding contributions, she was honored as one of the Women of Excellence Awardees by MCWEA in 2022.



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肖赛子博士现任诺丁汉大学马来西亚分校经济学院副教授兼对外联络主任。作为一名出色的青年学者，她在海南大学完成了本科阶段的学习，并被该校授予“杰出校友”的荣誉称号。随后，她在英国格拉斯哥大学和马来亚大学分别获得发展经济学硕士学位和博士学位。

她专注于研究东亚和东南亚地区的发展经济学、劳动力市场改革和数字化转型课题。她的学术成果已广泛发表在 *Applied Economics*, *Journal of Policy Modeling*, *China Economic Review*, *Feminist Economics*, *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*, *Asian Development Review*, *Empirical Economics Letters* 等国际核心经济学期刊上。其研究成果不仅在马来西亚得到重视，还多次受邀在美国、瑞士、意大利、希腊、中国、俄罗斯、澳大利亚、新加坡、韩国、卡塔尔和南非等地举办的大型会议上宣读和分享。

除学术研究外，她还曾多次参与国际和国家级重大咨询项目，担任项目负责人或重要小组成员，向马来西亚政府机构（如高等教育部，妇女、家庭与社区发展部，通讯与多媒体委员会等）及国际组织（如联合国开发计划署，伊斯兰合作组织，东盟秘书处等）提供咨询服务。此外，她还担任马来西亚海南商会经济顾问及马来西亚制造业联合会研究员。

作为财经领域的知名学者，她常以嘉宾、评论员和专栏作家的身份出现在主流媒体，发表见解。Astro Awani、Astro AEC、8TV、Bernama、凤凰卫视（香港）、亚视新闻（香港）、《新海峡时报》、《星洲日报》、《南洋商报》、《中国日报》、The Business Times（新加坡）、AiFM、BFM和CityPlus FM等媒体上时常能看到她的身影或读到她的评论文章。她的媒体评论内容涉及多个重要议题，如国家财政预算案、区域经济前景、劳动力市场改革、社会保障政策以及工业数字化转型等。

肖博士还是全球和马来西亚国内财经论坛及圆桌会议的热门演讲嘉宾，曾应联合国开发计划署、联合国人口基金、马来西亚统计局、德勤（Deloitte）等知名机构的邀请发表主旨演讲。她于2022年荣获MCWEA授予的大马年度“卓越女性奖”。