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Dr. Wei Xiong is a Lecturer in Economics under Department of Management and Enterprises at Munster Technological University (MTU). She is an active researcher in the areas of education economics, international education, economic evaluation on education, silver economy and entrepreneurship education. Her PhD explored foreign study decision making processes for international students, a special group of immigrants and a minority group in Irish tertiary education, and evaluated their investment and return on education. Concurrent triangulation design of data collection and analysis methods were used for the research. Both quantitative and qualitative data were collected to support the research study. Her PhD research was awarded the William J Leen Postgraduate Scholarship in 2013 which is worth €36,000. Wei has contributed to the handbook and Community of Practice work for WeRin, a project that is funded by ERASMUS+Knowledge Alliance Programme, which aims to make entrepreneurship education and programmes more supportive, approachable and inclusive for women.

Wei is currently involved in Senior Eco-Nect, a Horizon Europe funded project, whose goal is to involve all the primary stakeholders to take joint actions for establishing a sustainable European ecosystem that contributed to ageing economy. Moreover, Wei is currently a Work Package Manager and Communication Manager which representing Munster Technological University in the Blue Shuttle Project. The project is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) under the European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) in response to the EU Cohesion Policy. The project aims to accelerate the digitalisation of the blue bio-economy sectors in the Atlantic Area, via developing a Blue Innovation Network.

Since joining MTU, Wei has taught foundation and advanced economics modules at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, including mature students and international students. Wei is also a MTU judge for Young Economist of the Year in 2022.

Third-level Education:

School of Economics, University College Cork, College Road, Cork PhD (Economics)	2013-2017
School of Economics, University College Cork, College Road, Cork MSc (Financial Economics)	2010-2011
School of Economics, University College Cork, College Road, Cork BSc (Hons) (Business and Financial Economics)	2006-2010

Lecturing Experience:

April 2021 –Present Lecturer (Economics)	Munster Technological University
January 2018 – March 2021	Cork Institute of Technology

Assistant Lecturer (Economics)

April 2014 – April 2017
Tutor (Economics)

UCC PLUS, 1-2 Brighton Villas, UCC

February 2013 – November 2016
Lecturer

Cork School of Business, 9 Patrick's Hill, Cork

September 2011– August 2012
Lecturer (Economics)

School of Economics, University College Cork

October 2010 – May 2011
Teaching Assistant (Economics)

School of Economics, University College Cork

Publications:

Cruz Garcia, A. and Xiong, W. (2023) 'Entrepreneurship as a Positioning to Alleviate the Stigma of Migration'. *Stigma and Respect in a Divided Society Conference*.

Robinson, R. and Xiong, W. (2023a) *Senior EcoNect Composite Regional SWOT Analyses Report*. Available at: <https://www.senior-eco-nect.com/download-our-composite-regional-swot-analyses-report/>.

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Xiong, W. (2018). Quantitative and Qualitative Evidence on Students' Decision on Study Abroad: Why go to Ireland? (Abstract Presentation), 58th European Regional Science Association (ERSA) Congress

Xiong, W., and O'Connor, F., (2012), "Whether Gold Price as a Hedge against Inflation Risk in Gold Producing Countries" (Abstract Presentation), 41st Annual Conference of Regional Science Association International: British and Irish Section (RSAIBIS)

Professional Body Membership:

Member of Regional Science Association International – British and Irish Section (RSAI-BIS)

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