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EDUCATION

Nanyang Technological University, Nanyang Business School, Singapore
Doctor of Philosophy in Finance, expected year of completion 2027
Thesis Title: “Essays on Corporate Finance”
Dissertation Committee: Hong Ru (chair), Simba Chang, Kelvin Law

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT Sloan School of Management, MA
Visiting PhD Student, 2025-2026
Host: Antoinette Schoar

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Corporate Finance, International Investment, Political Economy, Retail Trading

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Reproducibility in Management Science” with Miloš Fišar, Ben Greiner, Christoph Huber, Elena Katok, Ali I. Ozkes, and the Management Science Reproducibility Collaboration, *Management Science*, 2024, 70(3), 1343-1356
As a member of the Management Science Reproducibility Collaboration.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

- “China’s Global Ownership”, with Jennie Bai (Georgetown University and NBER), Luc Laeven (European Central Bank, Tilburg University and CEPR), and Hong Ru (Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Nanyang Technological University), started April 2024
We document the rise in China's global corporate ownership across 162 countries over the past decade using detailed firm-level data, and assess its real impact on target firms, its spillover effect on non-Chinese-owned firms in the same country and industry.
- “ESG Activities Surrounding New Debt Issues”, with Dan Li (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen), started June 2022
We examine whether bond-issuing firms increase ESG activities compared to other firms to obtain a lower cost of borrowing.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (includes presentations by co-authors)

- ABFER 12th Annual Conference (scheduled), AFA 2025 Annual Meeting PhD Student Poster Session, 2025
- Singapore Scholars Symposium, CBS-NBS 2024 Research Day PhD Student Poster Presentation, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, London Business School, Georgetown University, 2024

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Prof Antoinette Schoar (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and Prof Igor Makarov (London School of Economics), (February 2025-January 2026)

Project: eToro, working in progress

Skills: Databricks

Research Assistant for Prof Chi-Yang Tsou (University of Manchester), (August 2019-February 2020)

Project: The Pollution Premium, Journal of Finance (2023)

Skills: programming skills in Python and STATA

Research Assistant for Prof Grace Xing Hu (Tsinghua University) and Prof Dan Li (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen), (October 2020-November 2021)

Project: Analysis of Macro Announcements, working in progress

Skills: RavenPack news database, programming skills in SAS and STATA

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

Vice President of Nanyang Business School Graduate Student Club (2024)

President of Nanyang Business School Graduate Student Club (2023)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- NTU-GAIP (NBS) Research Scholarship (2022-2026)

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Member, American Finance Association

SKILLS

- Computer: Python, STATA, MATLAB, SAS, WRDS, Microsoft Office
- Languages: TOEFL 110 (*R 30, L 30, S 23, W 27*), GRE 326 (*V 161, Q 165, W 4.0*), Mandarin & Cantonese (*Native*)