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Academic Positions:

2026.11 – 2028.10: Guest Professor, UCSI Graduate Business School
2026.1 – present: Director, SMU Centre for Research on International Trade
2024.7 – present: Associate Dean (Research and Partnership & Engagement)
2019.7 – 2023.6: Lee Kong Chian Fellow
2018.9 – present: Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research (ABFER) Fellow
2012.7 – present: Associate Professor of Economics, Singapore Management University (tenured)
2002.7 – 2012.6: Assistant Professor of Economics, Singapore Management University

Editorial Positions:

2024.8 – present: Editor-in-Chief, *Review of World Economics / Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv* (Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany)
2024.1 – present: Editorial Board, *Journal of Economic Integration*
2021.5 – present: Editorial Board, *Journal of International Trade & Economic Development*
2020.8 – present: Editorial Board, *Taipei Economic Inquiry* (National Taipei University, Taiwan)
2019.10 – 2024.8: Associate Editor, *Economic Modelling*
2016.8 – 2024.7: Editorial Board, *Taiwan Economic Review* (National Taiwan University, Taiwan)
2015.10 – 2024.7: Associate Editor, *Review of World Economics / Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv* (Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany)
2015.9 – 2017.3: Guest Editor, *Academia Economic Papers*, Special Issue on International and Regional Economics (Academia Sinica, Taiwan)

Academic Administrative Positions:

2026.9: Scientific and Strategic Advisory Board Member, Istanbul Trade Congress
2024.6 – present: Asia Pacific Trade Seminars (APTS) Board Member
2018.9 – 2024.9: Conference Organizers (Economic Transformation of Asia / Trade, Growth and Development), ABFER.
2017.7 – 2026.6: Member (School of Economics), University Tribunal, Office of the President, SMU.

Education:

Ph.D., Economics, University of Michigan, 2002.
Dissertation: "Essays on International Trade and Econometrics"
Committee: Alan V. Deardorff (chair), Jim Levinsohn, Shinichi Sakata, David Weinstein

A.M., Economics, University of Michigan, 1997.
A.B., Business Administration, National Taiwan University, 1994.

Research Areas:

International Trade: GATT/WTO, Political Economy, Foreign Direct Investment, Institutions
Applied Econometrics: Firm-level Productivity Estimation, Nonparametric Matching, Impulse Response Estimation

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Research Interests:

GATT/WTO institution and laws
Political economy of trade policies
Empirical analysis of trade and foreign direct investment
Quantitative analysis of trade flows and welfare evaluations
Effects of political institutions on FDI flows
Impact of education systems on human capital composition and trade patterns
Measurement of global value chain
Effects of preference and demand shocks on trade flows
Estimation of firm-level production function with spatial dependence
Impacts of floods on firm-level micro performances
Firm-level production and knowledge networks

Consultancy:

Monetary Authority of Singapore: 2025.8 – 2026.3
United Nations Secretariat: 2014.10 – 2014.11
The Boston Consulting Group: 2013.11 – 2014.3

Public- and Private-Sector Engagements:

MAS, MTI, IPOS, Enterprise Singapore, Singapore Business Federation, World Economic Forum, PricewaterhouseCoopers Singapore, KPMG, APCO

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

2024.9: SMU Outstanding Graduate Supervisor Award
2024.1: SMU Research Grant Writing Fellowship
2021.7: Lee Kong Chian Fellow, Singapore Management University
2019.7: Lee Kong Chian Fellow, Singapore Management University
2018.9: Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research (ABFER) Fellow
2014: SMU School of Economics Teaching Excellence Award
2012: SMU School of Economics Research Excellence Award
2002 – 2003: Lee Foundation Fellowship, Singapore Management University
2001 – 2002: Dissertation Fellowships from the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (USA)
1999: University of Michigan Rackham Dissertation Fellowship
1997: University of Michigan Summer Research Fellowship

Research Grants:

2026 – 2031: Social Science Research Council, 2025 Special Programmatic Grant, SSRC2025-SPG-002: "Rethinking Regional Resilience in a Changing World" co-PI, S$9,929,400

2025 – 2030: MOE AcRF Tier 3 Grant MOET32024-0006: "Role of Firm-to-Firm Input-Output Linkages in Transmitting Aggregate Shocks: Impacts on Firm-Level Productivity, Labor Demand, and Innovation" Lead PI, S$6,940,900

2019 – 2022: MOE AcRF Tier 2 Grant MOE2018-T2-1-174: "Globalization, Inequality, and Welfare: Theory and Quantitative Analysis" PI

2018: PHC Merlion Workshop Grant: "The SMU-NUS-Paris Joint Trade Workshop 2018" Supervisor

2017 – 2018: SMU Research Grant 17-C244-SMU-007: "The Impact of Media on International Trade and Tourism" co-PI

2016 – 2018: SMU Research Grant 16-C244-SMU-005: "Inferences for Spatial Dynamic Panel Data Models with Applications" collaborator

2013 – 2014: SMU Research Grant 13-C244-SMU-005: "Political Risk and Comparative Advantage of South-based MNE?" PI

2011 – 2012: SMU Research Grant 10-C244-SMU-014: "Does the country's image affect the world trade?" co-PI

2007 – 2007: SMU Research Grant 07-C208-SMU-010: "Talent Allocation, International Trade, and Education System" collaborator

2005 – 2006: SMU Research Grant 05-C208-SMU-033: "Firm Productivity and FDI Propensity" PI

2004 – 2005: SMU Research Grant 04-C208-SMU-024: "Protection for Sale under Monopolistic Competition: An Empirical Investigation" PI

2003 – 2004: SMU Research Grant 03-C208-SMU-008: "The Politics of WTO Enforcement Mechanism" PI

Publications:

Journal Articles

1. **"The Balance of Concessions in Trade Agreements,"** Accepted by *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2026. With Mostafa Beshkar and Shenxi Song.

   Working paper version: SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 05-2024. (https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2753)

2. **"Using Satellite-observed Geospatial Inundation Data to Identify the Impacts of Flood on Firm-level Performances: The Case of China during 2000–2009",** Accepted by *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 2025. With Fan Zheng.

   Working paper version: SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 01-2023. (https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2653/)

3. **"The Depth of Preferential Trade Agreements,"** Accepted by *IMF Economic Review*, 2025. With Kefang Yao and Wei Jin.

   Working paper version: SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 01-2024. (https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2722/)

4. **"Global Value Chains and the CPTPP,"** *The World Economy*, 2022, 45(12), pp. 3780-3832. With Phuong T. B. Nguyen.

   (https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/twec.13300)

   Working paper version: SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 12-2019. (https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2283/)

5. **"Good Names Beget Favors: The Impact of Country Image on Trade Flows and Welfare,"** *Management Science*, 2022, 68(10), pp. 7065-7791. With Tomoki Fujii and Wei Jin. (https://doi.org/10.1287/mnsc.2021.4250)

   Working paper version: SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 03-2018. Circulated previously under the title **"Does "America First" Help America? The Impact of Country Image on Exports and Welfare."** (https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2138/)

6. **"Informal Institutions and Comparative Advantage of South-Based MNEs: Theory and Evidence,"** *Journal of Development Economics*, January 2021, 148, Article 102566. With Yuting Chen. **(**https://authors.elsevier.com/sd/article/S0304-3878(20)30141-3)

7. **"The Optimal Degree of Reciprocity in Tariff Reduction,"** *East Asian Economic Review* (by Korea Institute for International Economic Policy), 2020, 24(3), pp. 237-252. (https://dx.doi.org/10.11644/KIEP.EAER.2020.24.3.378)

8. **"Made in Singapore,"** *Singapore Economic Review*, 2022, 67(06), pp. 1835-1904. With Phuong T. B. Nguyen. (https://doi.org/10.1142/S0217590820500150)

9. **"Geography, Trade and Power-Law Phenomena,"** *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance*, January 2020. Oxford University Press. With Wen-Tai Hsu. (http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190625979.013.296)

10. **"Trade and Divergence in Education Systems,"** *International Economic Review*, November 2014, 55(4): 1251–1280. With Fali Huang (SMU).

11. **"Risk and the Technology Content of FDI: A Dynamic Model,"** *Journal of International Economics*, March 2012, 86(2): 306–317. With Chia-Hui Lu (City University of Hong Kong).

12. **"The WTO Trade Effect,"** *Journal of International Economics*, September 2011, 85(1): 53–71. With Myoung-Jae Lee (Korea University).

13. **"Estimation of Impulse Response Functions Using Long Autoregression,"** *Econometrics Journal*, July 2007, 10(2): 453–469. With Shinichi Sakata (University of British Columbia).

14. **"Avoiding Arbitrary Exclusion Restrictions Using Ratios of Reduced-Form Estimates,"** *Empirical Economics*, 2007, 33: 339–357. With Myoung-Jae Lee (Korea University).

15. **"L S Penrose's limit theorem: Tests by simulation,"** *Mathematical Social Sciences*, January 2006, 51(1): 90–106. With Vincent C.H. Chua (SMU) and Moshé Machover (LSE).

16. **"Protection for sale under monopolistic competition,"** *Journal of International Economics*, July 2005, 66(2): 509–526.

17. **"How accurate are confidence intervals for impulse responses in large VAR models?"** *Economics Letters*, December 2000, 69(3): 299–307. With Lutz Kilian (University of Michigan).

Computer Science Conference Proceedings

1. **"Measuring AI Hardware Innovation: Corpus Construction, Validation, and Measurement Bias,"** *IEEE BigData*, 2026. With Khaing Phyo Wai. Accepted.

Chapters in Books

1. **"Quantifying Hallyu: A Structural Gravity Approach to the Nexus Between Cultural Exports and International Trade,"** with Iona Hyojung Lee, in *Mapping the Korean Wave: Disciplinary Approaches to Hallyu Studies*, Natalia Grincheva and Patrick Williams (eds), Routledge, forthcoming.

2. **"Balance of Concessions under the WTO and the Potential Direct/Indirect Impacts of the US Reciprocal Tariffs on ASEAN Economies"** in *The Forty-Second Singapore Economic Roundtable*, Sharanya Shanmugam, Manu Bhaskaran, and Faizal Bin Yahya (eds), NUS, 2025.

3. **"Singapore in the Global Value Chains,"** with Phuong T. B. Nguyen, in *The Singapore Economy: Dynamism and Inclusion*, Hian Teck Hoon (ed), Routledge, 2021. (http://bit.ly/SingaporeEconomyDynamics)

   Working paper version: SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 1-2020. (https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2340/)

4. **"The Evolution and Utilization of the GATT/WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism,"** in *Trade Disputes and the Dispute Settlement Understanding of The WTO,* James C. Hartigan (ed), Emerald, 2009.

5. **"Trade, FDI, and Regional Competition: The Case of Singapore,"** in *The Economic Prospects of Singapore*, Winston T.H. Koh and Robert S. Mariano (eds), Singapore: Addison Wesley, 2005.

Policy Reports

1. **"Networks of Knowledge,"** with Khaing Phyo Wai, Ruoqing Chen, Meng Xuen Lim, and Lin Ma. 2026. Annual Policy Report, SMU Centre for Research on International Trade. (https://doi.org/10.25440/smu.32249292.v1)

2. "**Singapore in Global Value Chains: Implications of the Trump II Tariffs,"** with Ruoqing Chen, 2026. Commission Paper: Trade Intelligence Center 2026. International Institute for Trade and Development, Thailand.

3. **"Global Rules for Global Value Chains: An ASEAN Perspective,"** with Gerald Foong, 2026. Verve Research Compendium.

Media Contributions and Citations

1. **"US says dozens of countries helped China dodge Trump's tariffs,"** BBC, 14 Aug 2026, mentioned in: https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c78gy6ep3n5o

2. **"Local Insights Into Global Value Chains,"** Asian Management Insights, July 2025 https://ccx.smu.edu.sg/ami/issues/volume-12-issue-2/insights/local-insights-global-value-chains?new=1

3. **"Tracking the Effects of Trade Shocks,"** Research@SMU, May 2025 https://research.smu.edu.sg/news/2025/may/tracking-effects-trade-shocks

4. **"Trump 2.0 vs Global Trade: What It Means for Singapore and the World,"** Channel News Asia, 14 Feb 2025, mentioned in: https://www.channelnewsasia.com/today/big-read/trump-international-trade-tariffs-protectionism-4935876

5. **"How Covid-19 Could Transform the Global Economy,"** SMU Engage: Thought Leadership, 21 April 2020 https://engage.smu.edu.sg/how-covid-19-could-transform-global-economy.

6. **"Singapore in the Global Value Chains,"** *The Business Times*, Date: 18 March 2020 https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/hub-projects/tackling-societal-challenges/singapore-in-the-global-value-chains.

7. **"When Firms Turn Weakness into Strength,"** *Asian Scientist Magazine*, September 2019 https://www.asianscientist.com/2019/09/features/investments-singapore-china-government/.

8. **"The Intersection of Education and Trade,"** *Asian Scientist Magazine*, December 2013 https://www.asianscientist.com/2013/12/features/smu-professor-huang-fali-chang-pao-li-2013/. With Fali Huang.

Working Papers:

1. **"The Response of the Chinese Economy to the U.S.-China Trade War: 2018-2019,"** with Kefang Yao and Fan Zheng, 2026. SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 25-2020. Revise and Resubmit: *Journal of Development Economics*. (https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2415/)

2. **"Cultural Exposure and International Trade: Evidence from the Korean Wave,"** with Iona Hyojung Lee, 2026. SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 05-2018. Revise and Resubmit: *The World Economy*. (https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2142/)

3. **"Estimating Firm-Level Production Functions with Spatial Dependence in Output, Input, and Productivity,"** with Ryo Makioka, Bo Lin Ng, and Zhenlin Yang, 2026. SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 10-2024. (https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2769)

4. **"The GATT/WTO Welfare Effects: 1950-2015,"** with Wei Jin and Kefang Yao, 2025. SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 02-2018 (update No. 04-2022). (https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/1957/)

5. **"Disentangling the Effects of GATT/WTO on Variable and Fixed Trade Costs: Trade Status, Trade Margins, and Export Sales Distribution,"** with Renjing Chen and Wei Jin, 2025. SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 05-2022. (https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2612/)

6. **"Labor Market Participation, Income Distribution, and Welfare Gains from Trade,"** with Yi-Fan Chen and Wen-Tai Hsu, 2026. SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 06-2022. Under review.
(https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2614/)

7. **"A Dynamic Quantitative Analysis of Labor Market Implications of Taiwan's WTO Accession: Skill, Capital, and the China Shock,"** with Yi-Fan Chen and Wen-Tai Hsu, 2026. SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 07-2022.
(https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2613/)

8. **"The Missing Middle in Product Price Distribution,"** with Xin Yi and Haeyeon Yoon. SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 05-2021. Also available at SSRN.
(https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_working_paper/7/)
(https://ssrn.com/abstract=3889907)

9. **"The Potential Impacts of COVID-19 on the Global Value Chains: GVC Positioning and Linkages**," with Gerald Foong. SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 24-2020.
(https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2411/)

10. **"Quantifying Quality Specialization Across Space: Skills, Sorting, and Agglomeration,"** with Angdi Lu and Xin Yi. SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper No. 2-2020.
(https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2341/)

Work in Progress:

1. **"Knowledge Networks in Taiwan's Semiconductor Industry,"** with Ruoqing Chen and Lin Ma. 2026.

2. **"Firm-Level Decomposition of GVC,"** with Yosuke Higashiyama and Jin-Tan Liu, 2026.

3. **"The SMU Trade Dashboard: Tracking and Quantifying the Trump II Tariffs,"** with Ruoqing Chen and Lin Ma. 2026.
(https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=6449743)
(https://ink.library.smu.edu.sg/soe_research/2860/)

4. **"Unifying Patent Data from Heterogeneous Data Formats for Scalable Integration and Analysis,"** with Khaing Phyo Wai, Ruoqing Chen, and Lin Ma. 2026.

5. **"A Hybrid Patent Analytics Framework for Monitoring AI Hardware Innovation,"** with Khaing Phyo Wai and Lin Ma. 2026.

6. **"sppmlhdfe: Sparse Poisson Pseudo-Maximum Likelihood Estimation with High-Dimensional Fixed Effects,"** with Lin Ma and Bohan Xue. 2026.

Academic Activities:

Member: *American Economic Association, Econometric Society*

Referee for:

Academia Economic Papers (12/2021, 3/2022, 6/2022)

Agricultural Economics (10/2020, 3/2021)
American Economic Journal: Microeconomics (3/2024)
ASEAN Economic Bulletin (12/2002, 7/2012)
Asian Development Review (3/2016)
Bulletin of Economic Research (3/2020)
Canadian Journal of Economics (5/2011, 5/2012, 4/2014, 3/2017, 4/2019, 6/2021)
Contemporary Economic Policy (9/2007, 11/2011)
East Asia Forum at Australian National University (9/2020, 10/2022, 12/2023, 2/2024, 12/2024)
Economic Development and Cultural Change (8/2024)
Economic Inquiry (7/2015, 1/2016, 12/2020)
Economic Journal (12/2019)
Economic Policy (3/2021)
Economics (5/2015)
European Economic Review (9/2011, 12/2018, 8/2019, 3/2020)
International Economic Journal (11/2010, 1/2011)
International Economic Review (10/2009, 7/2010, 6/2011, 10/2024, 6/2026)
International Game Theory Review (8/2006)
International Journal of Economic Theory (7/2019, 10/2019)
International Review of Economics and Finance (3/2012, 11/2015, 1/2017)
Journal of Asian Economics (4/2017, 9/2017, 6/2020, 12/2020)
Journal of Development Economics (3/2025)
Journal of Economics and Management (9/2011)
Journal of Economic Theory (7/2016)
Journal of International Economics (6/2011, 7/2013, 2/2014, 3/2015, 6/2016, 1/2017, 11/2017)
Malaysian Journal of Economic Studies (5/2005)
Management Science (4/2023, 6/2023)
Nature Communications (4/2024)
Pacific Economic Review (5/2007, 5/2007, 8/2007, 4/2008, 9/2009, 11/2009, 10/2012, 6/2013)
Pakistan Journal of Statistics (8/2013)
Review of Economics and Statistics (8/2022)
Review of International Economics (5/2014, 12/2014, 1/2016)
Review of International Organizations (4/2012, 7/2018)
Review of World Economics (5/2018, 8/2019)
Scandinavian Journal of Economics (3/2016, 9/2017, 6/2018)
Singapore Economic Review (4/2004, 10/2004, 12/2008, 4/2010, 9/2012, 12/2012, 4/2013, 4/2013, 11/2015)
The World Economy (4/2016, 7/2026, 8/2026)
World Development (4/2011, 2/2014, 11/2014, 7/2015)
World Trade Review (10/2016, 9/2017)

Review grant applications for:

National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) / Research Grants Council (RGC) (8/2024)
Ministry of Science and Technology, Taiwan (3/2022, 3/2023, 4/2023, 6/2025)
Academia Sinica, Taiwan (7/2021)
Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (9/2019, 5/2020)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (1/2014)

Serve as external reviewer of:

midterm review case for: *National Taiwan University* (5/2024)

book review for: *Routledge Historical Resources - Economics, Labour and Trade* (12/2019)
recruitment case for: *Academia Sinica, Taiwan* (1/2019)
award case for: *Academia Sinica, Taiwan* (6/2025); *National Science and Technology Council, Taiwan* (10/2026)
tenure case for: *University of Queensland, Australia* (3/2016); *Academia Sinica, Taiwan* (11/2024)
candidates for: the *ETSG 2015 RoWE Prize for best young author* (9/2015)

Academic Visits:

Visiting Fellow, Kobe University, Graduate School of Business Administration (14 Dec – 18 Dec, 2018)

Visiting Fellow, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (Oct – Dec, 2015)

Visiting Fellow, City University of Hong Kong (26 Nov – 1 Dec, 2013)

Visiting Fellow, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany (17 Sep – 21 Sep, 2012)

Visiting Fellow, Institute of Economics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan (24 July – 25 July, 2012)

Visiting Fellow, City University of Hong Kong (20 Aug – 27 Aug, 2011)

Visiting Fellow, Graduate School of Systems and Information Engineering, University of Tsukuba, Japan (13 Oct – 20 Oct, 2006)

Visiting Fellow, Institute of Economics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan (2 Oct – 13 Oct, 2006)

Visiting Fellow, Institute of Economics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan (17 May – 16 Aug, 2005)

Visiting Fellow, Department of Economics, University of Kiel, Germany (01 May – 14 May, 2005)

Conference/Symposia and Seminar Presentations:

2026: Computational Social Science Roundtable, MOE, Singapore
International Symposium on Digitalization and Regional Economic Development, Chongqing, China
Trade Intelligence Forum 2026, ITD, Thailand
Rethinking Regional Resilience (RRR) in A Changing World Conference, Singapore
HKUST- Fudan- SMU Conference 2026, Singapore
2026 SMU Trade Conference, Singapore
Academic Roundtable on Singapore's role as a Hub of Flows, The Treasury, Singapore
Southeast Asia Meeting: SEA Trade Intelligence Regional Foresight Dialogue 2026, Bangkok, Thailand
Verve Research–Rockefeller Foundation Roundtable, Singapore

2025: Workshop on the Future of the Global Trading System, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany (invited speaker)
2025 42nd Singapore Economic Roundtable (invited speaker)
2025 SMU Mini Trade Workshop
2025 SMU-INSEAD Trade Workshop
2025 Asia Pacific Trade Seminars, Tokyo, Japan
2025 HKUST-Fudan-SMU Conference on International Economics
2025 High-Level Roundtable on Revitalising the Multilateral Trading System: ASEAN

2024: National University of Singapore;
INSEAD-SMU Mini-Conference on Trade;
2024 Asia Pacific Trade Seminars, Bangkok, Thailand (plenary speaker);
2024 SMU-INSEAD Trade Workshop;
2024 Mapping the Global Impacts of Hallyu, the Korean Wave,
University of the Arts Singapore (invited panel discussant);
2024 SMU-Jinan Conference on Urban and Regional Economics

2023: 2023 SMU Mini Trade Workshop I;
2023 SMU Mini Trade Workshop II;
Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research (ABFER), Singapore;
SMU-INSEAD International Economics Workshop;
2023 Taiwan Economics Research

2022: Online Australasian Seminar in International Economics (invited speaker);
2022 SMU Trade Workshop

2021: Bank of Italy conference on "Global Value Chains: implications for firms' competitiveness, macroeconomics and trade policy";
2021 Asia Pacific Trade Seminars, Tokyo, Japan;
2021 APEC summit – SMEs in the Asia-Pacific Region (invited speaker);
2021 SMU Trade Workshop;
Workshop on Trade and Development, Kobe University, Japan (invited speaker)

2019: 2019 IEFS-EAER Conference, Seoul National University, South Korea (invited speaker);
2019 SMU-INSEAD International Economics Workshop, Singapore;
2019 Singapore Economic Policy Forum, Singapore (invited speaker)

2018: London School of Economics, UK;
Birkbeck University of London, UK;
Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research (ABFER), Singapore;
Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory, Academia Sinica, Taiwan;
Asia Pacific Trade Seminars, Hong Kong;
SMU-NUS-Paris Joint Trade Workshop, Singapore;
Seoul National University, South Korea;
Kobe University, Japan

2017: International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Economics Research, Singapore (keynote speaker);
SMU-NUS Joint Trade Workshop, Singapore;
Asia Pacific Trade Seminars, Hanoi, Vietnam (keynote speaker);
Taiwan Economics Research at Academia Sinica, Taiwan;
Workshop on Trade and Development, Delhi School of Economics, India (invited speaker);
Conference on Global Production, National University of Singapore

2016: SMU-NUS Joint Trade Workshop, Singapore;
Taipei International Conference on Growth, Trade, and Dynamics, Taiwan;
Asia Pacific Trade Seminars, Taipei, Taiwan;
Trade and Development Workshop, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia (invited speaker);

Taiwan Economics Research at Academia Sinica, Taiwan

2015: Australian Trade Workshop, Sydney, Australia;
Tsinghua University, Beijing, China (invited speaker);
International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Economics Research, Singapore (keynote speaker);
Asia Pacific Trade Seminars, Canberra, Australia;
University of Queensland, Australia (invited speaker);
Taiwan Economics Research at Academia Sinica, Taiwan;
Singapore Management University;
Fall Midwest International Trade Meetings at Pennsylvania State University;
UC Berkeley Trade workshop

2014: Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Taipei, Taiwan

2013: National University of Singapore (invited speaker);
Asia Pacific Trade Seminars, Nanjing, China;
Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Singapore;
Chinese University of Hong Kong (invited speaker)

2012: Asia Pacific Trade Seminars, Singapore;
Academia Sinica, Taiwan (invited speaker);
Trade Workshop at National Taiwan University (invited speaker);
European Trade Study Group 2012, Belgium;
Kiel Institute for the World Economy (invited speaker);
Hitotsubashi GCOE Conference on International Trade & FDI 2012 (invited speaker)

2010: Econometric Society World Congress, Shanghai, China

2009: Asian Conference on Applied Micro-Economics/Econometrics, Korea University (invited speaker);
Western Economic Association Conference, Kyoto, Japan;
Trade Workshop at National Taiwan University (invited speaker)

2008: Dynamics, Economic Growth, and International Trade, Manila, Philippines

2007: Empirical Investigations in International Economics, Keio University, Japan (invited speaker);
Asia Pacific Trade Seminars, Shanghai, China;
Far Eastern Meeting of the Econometric Society, Taipei, Taiwan;
European Trade Study Group, Athens, Greece

2006: Asia Pacific Trade Seminars, Kobe, Japan;
University of Tsukuba, Japan (invited speaker)

2005: University of Kiel, Germany (invited speaker);
Xiamen University International Trade Symposium, Xiamen, China (invited speaker);
Academia Sinica, Taiwan (invited speaker);
Econometric Society World Congress, London, UK;
European Economic Association Annual Congress, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2004: International Trade and Finance Association Conference, San Antonio, the US; Australasian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Melbourne, Australia; EEA-ESEM, Madrid, Spain

2003: National University of Singapore (invited speaker)

Chair/Discussant Duties:

2026: IMF Economic Review Conference, Bangkok, Thailand
2026 SMU Trade Conference Policy Session, Singapore
NUS Ideas Festival, Singapore

2024: Asian Bureau Finance and Economic Research (ABFER), Singapore
Mapping the Global Impacts of Hallyu, The Korean Wave, University of the Arts Singapore

2022: Asian Bureau Finance and Economic Research (ABFER), Singapore

2021: SMU Economics Lecture Series by Pol Antras, Singapore (host)
SMU Economics Lecture Series by Jan De Loecker, Singapore (host)
Asian Bureau Finance and Economic Research (ABFER), Singapore (invited)

2019: Asian Bureau Finance and Economic Research (ABFER), Singapore (invited)

2017: Taiwan Economics Research at Academia Sinica, Taiwan (invited)

2016: Asian Bureau Finance and Economic Research (ABFER), Singapore (invited);
Trade and Development Workshop, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia (invited);
Taiwan Economics Research at Academia Sinica, Taiwan (invited)

2015: Australasian Trade Workshop, Sydney, Australia;
International Conference on Evolving Finance, Trade and Investment in Asia, Singapore (invited)

2009: Western Economic Association Conference, Kyoto, Japan

Teaching Experience:

1. *International Trade*, Economics 724. PhD program, Singapore Management University.

   Term Two 2014-15. Term Two 2015-16. Term One 2016-17. Term One 2017-18. Term One 2018-19. Term One 2019-20. Term One 2020-21. Term One 2021-22. Term One 2022-23. Term One 2023-24. Term Two 2024-25. Term One 2026-27.

2. *Advances in the Singapore and ASEAN Economies*, Economics 735, CKGSB-SMU Doctor of Business Administration, Singapore Management University.

   Term Three 2024-25.

3. *International Trade*, Economics 234. Undergraduate program, Singapore Management University.

   Term Two 2010-11, Term Two 2011-12, Term Two 2012-13, Term Two 2013-14. Term Two 2014-15. Term Two 2015-16. Term Two 2016-17. Term Two 2017-18. Term Two 2018-19. Term One

2019-20. Term One 2020-21. Term One 2021-22. Term One 2022-23. Term One 2023-24. Term One 2024-25. Term One 2025-26. Elective course for economics majors.

4. *International Economics*, Economics 203. Undergraduate program, Singapore Management University.

   Term Two 2021-2022. Term Two 2022-2023. Required course for economics majors.

5. *International Economics B*, Economics 203. Undergraduate program, Singapore Management University.

   Term Two 2003-04, Term Two 2004-05, Term Two 2005-06, Term Two 2006-07, Term Two 2007-08, Term One 2008-09, Term Two 2009-10, Term Two 2010-11, Term Two 2011-12, Term Two 2012-13, Term Two 2013-14. Term Two 2016-17. Term Two 2017-18. Term Two 2018-19. Term One 2019-20. Required course for economics majors.

6. *International Economics A*, Economics 103. Undergraduate program, Singapore Management University. Term Two 2002-03, Term One 2004-05, Term Two 2004-05, Term Two 2005-06. Core course for business and non-economics majors.

Services:

1. Conference/Workshop Organizing Committee member:

   2026: 2026 SMU Trade Conference, Conference Organizers
   2025: APTS, Conference Organizers
   2024: APTS, Conference Organizers
   2024: ABFER, Conference Organizers (Trade, Growth and Development)
   2023: ABFER, Conference Organizers (Trade, Growth and Development)
   2023: SMU Economics Lecture Series (Speaker: David Dorn)
   2023: SMU Mini Trade Workshop I and II (Speakers: Robert W. Staiger / David Weinstein)
   2022: ABFER, Conference Organizers (Trade, Growth and Development)
   2022: SMU Trade Workshop;
   2021: SMU Economics Lecture Series (Speakers: Pol Antràs / Jan De Loecker)
   2021: ABFER, Conference Organizers (Trade, Growth and Development)
   2021: SMU Trade Workshop;
   2019: SMU-INSEAD International Economics Workshop, Singapore
   2019: ABFER, Conference Organizers (Economic Transformation of Asia)
   2018: Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory, Taiwan
   2018: SMU-NUS Joint Trade Workshop, Singapore
   2017: SMU-NUS Joint Trade Workshop, Singapore
   2016: SMU-NUS Joint Trade Workshop, Singapore
   2012: Asia Pacific Trade Seminars, Singapore

2. University Committee member:

   2024 – present: University Research Committee
   2024 – present: MOE/SMU START program
   2024 – 2025: University External Engagement Council
   2024 – present: SMU Mentoring program
   2021: SMU Taskforce on Gender Equality
   2020: SMU Office of President, SPEP (Strategic Priorities Expert Panel) for Growth in Asia
   2017 – 2027: SMU Faculty Tribunal / University Tribunal

2016: SMU Committee on Future Economy
2013 – 2015: Secretary, SMU Faculty Senate

3. School Committee member (recent):

Chair:
2024 – 2026: SOE Faculty Recruitment Committee
2024 – 2027: START program
2024 – 2027: Economic Policy and Influence Committee
2014 – present: Organizer, SOE trade study group
2013 – 2015: Chair, SOE Seminar Series
2012 – 2013: Co-Chair, SOE Seminar Series

Member:
2019 – 2027: Deans Evaluation Committee (Research Grants)
2015 – 2017, 2019, 2021– 2027: School Evaluation Committee / Reading Evaluation Committee
2015 – 2016, 2020 – 2021, 2022 – 2024: SOE Faculty Recruitment Committee
2015 – 2027: SOE Postgraduate Programs
2015 – 2016: SOE PhD in Economics
2012 – 2015: SOE Graduate Programs by Research
2018 – 2027: SOE Undergraduate Programs, Economics Major
2013: SOE Curriculum Mapping Working Group
2010 – 2012: SOE Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
2014 – 2015: SOE Social Committee

4. Postdoc Research Fellows Supervised:

2025 – present: Khaing Phyo Wai
2025 – present: Wenze Li
2025 – present: Yosuke Higashiyama
2025 – present: Qiugu He
2026 – present: Tao Wang
2026 – present: Zili Yang
2026 – present: Naqun Huang

5. PhD Dissertation Committee:

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2015 – 2018: Wei Jin	(placed at Nankai University, Tianjin, China)
2016 – 2019: Yuting Chen	(placed at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China)
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2020 – 2024: Bo Lin Ng	(placed at Energy Market Authority, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore)
2021 – 2024: Xincheng Huang	(placed at OKX, cryptocurrency exchange, Singapore)

2024 – : Ruoqing Chen

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2016 – 2019: Xin Zou (placed at Dongbei University of Finance and Economics, China)
2018 – 2021: Qiugu He (placed at Nankai University, Tianjin, China)

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2026 – 2026: YANG Jiangjin, CKGSB–SMU DBA

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