

# Singapore Management University

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**Current Position:** Assistant Professor of Economics, Singapore Management University (July 2008 - present)

### **Visiting Periods:**

- Ecole Polytechnique (June-July 2011)
- Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (May 2011; July 2009)
- School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University at Bloomington (April 2011)
- Cambridge Judge Business School, Cambridge University (December 2010)

**Personal Information:** Date of Birth: June 18, 1980    Gender: Male    Nationality: Vietnamese

### **Education:**

Ph.D. Economics, Harvard University, 2008

**Thesis Committee and References:** Profs. Alberto Alesina, Philippe Aghion, Michael Kremer and Jerry Green.

M.A. Economics, Harvard University, 2005

M.A. Economics and Statistics, National School of Statistics and Economics (ENSAE), France, 2000 – 2002

M.A. Economics, Département et Laboratoire d’Economie Théorique et Appliquée (DELTA), École Normale Supérieure, France, 2001 – 2002

B.Sc. Applied Maths & Economics, Ecole Polytechnique, France, 1998 – 2000 (Ranked 27<sup>th</sup>/460)

### **Teaching and Research Fields:**

Research Interests: Applied Microeconomics, Political Economics, Social Network, Development Economics, Corporate Governance

Teaching fields: Applied Microeconomics, Empirical Methods, Economic Growth, Mathematics for Economics

### **Teaching Experience:**

2009 – present    Mathematics for Economics (U), Singapore Management University

2008 – present    Mathematics for Economics (G), Singapore Management University

Spring, 2006    Development Economics (G), Harvard University, Teaching Fellow for Professors Philippe Aghion

Fall, 2004    Macroeconomics (G), Harvard University, Teaching Fellow for Professors Alberto Alesina, Benjamin Friedman and Kenneth Rogoff

### **Teaching Awards:**

Fall, 2011    Nomination to the Most Promising Teacher Award, Singapore Management University

Fall, 2004    Harvard University, Graduate Instruction Committee Award for Excellence in Teaching Economics to Graduate Students (Macroeconomic Theory)

### **Thesis Committee:**

Current	Lee Yen Teik, Ng Wee Seng (Ph.D. in Finance), Huynh Bao Tan (Ph.D. in Economics), Freddy Chua (Ph.D. in Information Systems) at SMU
2009	Song Zhicheng (MSc in Economics, SMU)

### **Publications:**

**“What Do We Expect From Our Friends?”** (with Stephen Leider, Markus Mobius and Tanya Rosenblat, Harvard University and Iowa State University), March 2010, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, Vol. 8, No. 1, pp. 120-138 (previously part of *NBER Working Paper W13135*).

**“Directed Altruism and Enforced Reciprocity in Social Networks”** (with Stephen Leider, Markus Mobius and Tanya Rosenblat, Harvard University and Iowa State University), November 2009, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol. 124, No. 4, pp. 1815-1851 (previously part of *NBER Working Paper W13135*; earlier version circulated under the title “*Social Capital in Social Networks*”).

**“Instability and the Incentives for Corruption”** (with Filipe R. Campante and Davin Chor, Harvard University), March 2009, *Economics and Politics*, Vol. 24, No. 1, pp. 42-92.

### **Working Papers:**

**“Out of Sight, Out of Mind: The Value of Political Connections in Social Networks”** (with Yen-Teik Lee, SMU, Bang D. Nguyen, Cambridge University, and Kieu-Trang Nguyen, Indiana University, Bloomington), September 2011 (previously circulated as “*Politicians and Directors in Social Networks: Regression Discontinuity Design Evidence from Close Elections*”). Paper presented at: *City University of Hong Kong, Ecole Polytechnique, HEC, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, INSEAD, Manchester University, National University of Singapore Business School, Sciences Po, Singapore Management University School of Economics and Lee Kong Chian Business School, THEMA (Université Cergy-Pontoise), University of Cambridge Judge Business School, University of Exeter Business School, and Asian Conference on Applied Microeconomics/Econometrics at Academia Sinica, European Finance Association Meeting 2011, Econometric Society Meetings (Europe 2011, Asia 2011, North America Summer 2011 and Winter 2012), CAF Summer Research Conference in Finance at the Indian School of Business 2011, Asian Finance Association Meeting 2011, Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet on Public Economics 2011, SMU-ESSEC Workshop on Financial Economics 2011, and University of Cambridge Finance Research Day 2011.*

**“Isolated Capital Cities, Accountability and Corruption across US States”** (with Filipe R. Campante) November 2011.

**“One Mandarin Benefits the Whole Clan: Panel Data Evidence from Hometown Infrastructure in an Autocracy”** (with Kieu-Trang Nguyen and Anh Ngoc Tran, Indiana University, Bloomington), November 2011. Paper presented at *Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Singapore Management University, Northeast University Development Consortium (NEUDC) 2011.*

**“A Centered Index of Spatial Concentration: Expected Influence Approach and Application to Population and Capital Cities”** (with Filipe R. Campante, Harvard University), April 2010. Invited Revision for Resubmission to *Theoretical Economics*. Paper presented at: *George Washington University, SAET conference, GETA Workshop, Harvard Kennedy School.*

**“Inequality, Redistribution and Population”** (with Filipe R. Campante) May 2010. Paper presented at: *American Association of Law and Economics Conference, Association for Public Economic Theory Conference, NBER Political Economics Student Conference.* An earlier version is entitled **“Keeping Dictators Honest: the Role of Population Concentration”** (April 2008), and presented at: *GRIPS*

Tokyo, University of Oslo, Ecole Polytechnique, Paris School of Economics, University of Lausanne, Houston University, Clemson University, Singapore Management University, American Economic Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco), Far East Meeting of the Econometric Society (Singapore), Workshop on Conflicts and Inequality (PRIO, Oslo). This paper applies the Centered Index of Spatial Concentration to population concentration around capital cities, and shows that higher concentration creates a revolution threat in nondemocratic countries, forcing dictators to sustain better governance and policies.

**“Corruption, Delays and the Pattern of Trade”** (with Karine Serfaty de Medeiros, OC&C), May 2008. *Tullock Prize for Best Empirical Paper, Australasian Public Choice Conference, Melbourne 2009*. Paper presented at: *American Economic Association Annual Meeting (Atlanta), Nanyang Technological University, Australasian Public Choice Conference, Monash University, Singapore Management University*.

### **Work in Progress:**

**“Social Connections of Politicians and Directors”** (with Bang D. Nguyen and Yen-Teik Lee, Cambridge University and Singapore Management University)

- Governors and their business connections (with Jia-Cheng Chen)
- Default risk of politically connected firms: Evidence from bond yields
- The market for directors: An empirical investigation

**“Labor Supply of Taxi Drivers in a Poor Country”** (with Anh Ngoc Tran, Indiana University at Bloomington)

**“Hometown Clans: Political Collusion in an Autocracy”** (with Kieu-Trang Nguyen, Edmund Malesky, and Anh Ngoc Tran)

### **Professional Activities**

Invited seminars	<p>2012 (planned): Ecole Polytechnique, University of Warwick, Tufts University</p> <p>2011: HEC, INSEAD, THEMA (Université Cergy-Pontoise), Sciences Po, Ecole Polytechnique, Indiana University at Bloomington, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, City University of Hong Kong, Sim Kee Boon Institute for Financial Economics of Singapore Management University</p> <p>2010: Cambridge University Judge Business School, Nanyang Technology University</p> <p>2009: Singapore Management University, Monash University</p> <p>2008: GRIPS Tokyo, University of Oslo, Ecole Polytechnique, University of Lausanne, Houston University, Clemson University, Singapore Management University</p> <p>2007: Harvard University, Fulbright Economics Teaching Program, Vietnam</p> <p>2005: Fulbright Economics Teaching Program, Vietnam</p>
Conferences	<p>2012: North American Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society</p> <p>2011: Asian Conference on Applied Microeconomics/Econometrics – Academia Sinica, Taiwan (<i>invited speaker</i>), CGIO Workshop, National University of Singapore Business School (<i>discussant</i>), North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet on Public Economics (Marseilles), 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Social Informatics, SMU (<i>organizing committee</i>)</p> <p>2010: 10<sup>th</sup> Society for Advancement of Economic Theory Conference (Singapore), 7<sup>th</sup> Asian General Equilibrium Theory Workshop (Hanoi), American Economic Association Annual Meeting</p> <p>2009: Australasian Public Choice Conference, Melbourne, American Economic Association Annual Meeting</p>

	2008: Far East Meeting of the Econometric Society, American Association of Law and Economics, Workshop on Conflicts and Inequality, PRIO (Oslo)
	2006: NBER Student Political Economy Workshop, Association for Public Economic Theory Conference
Refereeing	<i>National Science Foundation Grants, Journal of the European Economic Association, Economics and Politics, Economics of Transition, Singapore Economic Review, Labour Economics</i>
Affiliations	Graduate Student Associate, Center of International Development, the Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences, and the Weatherhead Center For International Affairs, Harvard University (2004-2008)
Summer Schools	Price Theory Summer Camp, University of Chicago (2007) Behavioral Economics Summer School, Trento University (2003)

### **Other Research Experience:**

Summer – Fall 2005	UNDP Vietnam, Consultant for Vietnam’s National Targeted Program on Poverty Reduction, Monitoring and Evaluation component. Project: Randomized experiment on subsidized credit for the poor
Fall 2003 – Spring 2004	Harvard University, Research Assistant (Prof. Philippe Aghion) Projects: “Volatility and Growth: Financial Development and the Cyclical Composition of Investment” and “Entry Liberalization and Inequality in Industrial Performance”.
June 2003 – Sep 2003	Asian Development Bank, Consultant Project: Health Care Funds for the Poor in Vietnam.
June 2001 – Sep 2001	Division of Forecasting, Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry, Paris, France Project: VAR Forecast with Industry Surveys.
Apr 2000 – June 2000	Centre Pour la Recherche Economique et Ses Applications (CEPREMAP), Paris Project: The Integration of International Stock Markets.

### **Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:**

2009	Tullock Prize for Best Empirical Paper, Australasian Political Economy Conference
2009 – 2010	Lee Foundation Research Award, Singapore Management University
2007 – 2008	Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2006 – 2007	Justice, Welfare and Economics Fellowship, Weatherhead Center For International Affairs, Harvard University.
2005	Center for International Development Research Grant
2005 – 2006	Humane Studies Fellowship
2003 – 2004	Dillon Fellowship
2003 – 2005	IMF-Japan Fellowship (declined)
2003 & 2004	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Grants
2002 – 2006	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, Harvard University
2000 – 2002	Scholarship of the Fondation de l’X
1999 – 2002	Eiffel Excellence Scholarship of the French Government
1998 – 1999	French Government’s CNOUS Scholarship
1996 – 1997	International Mathematical Olympiads: Bronze Medal (1996), Gold Medal with absolute score 42/42 (top 4) (1997).

### **Languages and Computer Skills**

Vietnamese (mother tongue), French (fluent), English (fluent), Chinese (beginner).  
Good programming skills in Stata, Matlab, Java, C/C++, SAS, RATS.