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EDUCATION

2019 – Present PhD in Economics, University of Reading, UK (expected April, 2021)
Thesis: “Measuring uncertainty and its effects on economy”, supervised by Shixuan Wang, Simon Burke, and James Reade
2014 – 2015 MSc Financial Mathematics, University College London, UK
2009 – 2013 BBus (Hons) Industrial Economics, Tamkang University, Taiwan

RESEARCH FIELDS

Labour economics; Empirical finance; Uncertainty measure

RESEARCH OUTPUT

Publications:

1. [Building sectoral job search indices for the United States](#). *Economics Letters* 180 (2019): 89-93.
2. [Debt maturity, leverage, and political uncertainty](#). *The North American Journal of Economics and Finance* 50 (2019): 100981. (with Xinjie Wang and Shanxiang Yang).
3. [How does the macroeconomy respond to stock market fluctuations? The role of sentiment](#). *Macroeconomic Dynamics* 24.2 (2020): 421-446.
4. [Does investor sentiment drive stock market bubbles? Beware of excessive optimism!](#). *Journal of Behavioral Finance* 21.1 (2020): 27-41.
5. [Detecting bubbles in China's regional housing markets](#). *Empirical Economics* 56.4 (2019): 1413-1432.
6. [Does the stock market really cause unemployment? A cross-country analysis](#). *The North American Journal of Economics and Finance* 44 (2018): 34-43.
7. [Sentiment and asset price bubble in the precious metals markets](#). *Finance Research Letters* 26 (2018): 106-111.
8. The Impact of COVID-19 on the Economic Growth in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Policy paper, in Chinese)

Working papers:

1. [The Labour Market Effect of Fiscal Policy Uncertainty](#) (Job Market Paper, Under Review)
2. Job Search Behaviour in the United States during the COVID-19 Pandemic (Under Review)
3. Measuring US Regional Economic Uncertainty (with Shixuan Wang, and James Reade, Under Review)
4. [Public News and Market Liquidity: Evidence from the CDS Market](#) (with Xinjie Wang, Shanxiang Yang, Jinfan Zhang, and Zhaodong Zhong, Under Review)
5. Measuring Regional Economic Uncertainty in China (with Xinjie Wang and Shixuan Wang, revision request at *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*)
6. Epidemics and Firms' Capital Structure: Evidence from the United States (Under Review)
7. [The Effect of Economic and Political Uncertainty on Sovereign CDS Spreads](#) (R&R at *International Review of Economics and Finance*, with Xinjie Wang, Yaqing Xiao, WeiKe Xu, and Jinfan Zhang)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

2020 CEC 5th Hangzhou virtual seminar (Virtual); University of Reading internal seminar (Virtual); Third Conference on Law and Macroeconomics (Virtual)
2019 CEC 9th Wuhan Seminar (China); International Conference of Taiwan Finance Association (Taiwan); Singapore Economic Review Conference (Singapore); The Impact of Macroeconomic Conditions and Policies on Corporate Decisions" conference (China); Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) Conference (Singapore)

REFEREEING SERVICES

Journal of Money, Credit and Banking; Economics Letters; Journal of Financial Stability; International Journal of Finance and Economics; Journal of Macroeconomics; North American Journal of Economics and Finance; Emerging Markets Finance and Trade; Empirical Economics; Abacus; Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance; Housing Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020-2021 Tutor for *Economics of Big Social Data*, University of Reading
2012-2013 Teaching assistant for *Money and Banking*, Tamkang University

RELEVANT POSITIONS

2018- present Research Assistant (part-time) at Department of Finance, Southern University of Science and Technology, China
2016 – 2018 Research Associate (full-time), First Capital Securities Co. Ltd., China
2015 – 2016 Research Analyst (full-time), PingAn Securities Co. Ltd., China
2012 – 2014 Research Assistant & Tutor (part-time) at Department of Industrial Economics, Tamkang University, Taiwan
2012 Research Assistant (part-time) at Academia Sinica, Taiwan

AWARDS AND HONOURS

2019-2021 University of Reading PhD studentship
2013 Honoured member of Phi Tau Phi
2009-2013 Prize for Academic Excellence
2011-2012 TKU Alumni Association Scholarship
2012 Scholarship from YongShou Foundation

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

IT SKILLS

Stata, Excel VBA, R, MATLAB, SAS, EViews, C/C++, Access, MS office packages

LANGUAGES

Mandarin (Native); English (Fluent), Taiwanese (Native)

CERTIFICATES

Professional Risk Manager Holder; CFA Level II candidate; China Securities Qualification Certificate; China Fund Qualification Certificate; SAS Certified Advanced Programmer; MOS EXCEL 2010 Expert

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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