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Education

2022- University of Hong Kong
Ph.D., Finance

2020-2022 Duke University
M.A., Economics, with Honor

2015-2019 Renmin University of China
B.A., Finance

Research

Working Papers

- 2025 Crypto ATMs: Material Effects of Virtual Currencies
Lin William Cong, Tingyu Feng, Yican Liu, Fangzhou Lu
Presented at HKU Development Economics; HKU Finance; NYU*; MIT*; ASU*; Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance; Remin University of China; Jinan-Lingnan Joint Conference on Sustainable Finance
- 2025 Happy App Happy Tip: The Return Predictability from Amusement Apps Downloads Around the World
Tse-Chun Lin, Yican Liu, Fangzhou Lu
Revise and Resubmit, Review of Finance
Presented at Renmin University of China; HKU Finance; Waseda University*; National Taiwan University*; Shenzhen University; New York University*
- 2025 AI Exposure and Policy Preferences: Experimental Evidence from Latin America
Yiming Cao, Tian Chen, Yican Liu, Guillermo Rosas
Conditionally Accepted, Journal of Development Economics
Presented at HKU Economics; HKU Finance; Innovation Growth Lab (IGL) Experimentation Webinar Series*; the Experimentation Webinar of Innovation Growth Lab*; the Political Data Science Lab and International Relations Workshop at Washington University in St Louis; Jinan University*

- 2025 How Valuable are Consumers' Digital Footprints?
Tingyu Feng, Yican Liu, Fangzhou Lu
Presented at Tsinghua PBC School of Finance*; HKU Finance

*Note: * for co-author presentation.*

Works in Progress

- 2025 Scientists in the Media, *joint with Yiming Cao, Tian Chen, and Guillermo Rosas*
2025 AI and the labor market, *joint with Yiming Cao, Shaokai Ding, Tian Chen, and Guillermo Rosas*
2025 AI Usage among Left-Behind Adolescents in China, *joint with Junyou Chen and Jingyuan Hu*
2024 The Capitalization of Innovation in China, *joint with Zongyuan Deng, Fangzhou Lu, and Wenzheng Niu*
2024 Economic Consequences of Conflicts, *joint with Tian Chen, Pei Gao, and Yu-Hsiang Lei*

Grants for Academic Research

- 2024-2026 OpenAI Researcher Access Program, *OpenAI*
10,000 USD, *joint with Yiming Cao, Tian Chen, Guillermo Rosas*
2023-2026 Graduate Student Grant for Business Research, *HKU Business School, University of Hong Kong*
45,000 HKD

Awards, Fellowships, and Honors

- 2022-2026 HKU Presidential Ph.D. Scholarship, *University of Hong Kong*
2022-2025 Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme, *Research Grants Council of Hong Kong*
2022 Ph.D. Student Entrance Scholarship, *HKU Business School, University of Hong Kong*
2022 Award for Academic Excellence for Graduate Students, *Department of Economics, Duke University*
2020, 2021 M.A. Merit Scholar Award, *Department of Economics, Duke University*
2016, 2017 Merit Student of Renmin University of China, *School of Finance, Renmin University of China*

Professional Experiences

Research Group Organization

- 2024- Applied econometrics study group, *University of Hong Kong*
2023- FinTech and behavioral economics research group, *University of Hong Kong*
2023- South China village gazetteer program, *with Tian Chen, Pei Gao, and Yu-Hsiang Lei, Washington University in St. Louis, National University of Singapore, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and University of Hong Kong*
2018-2019 Empirical asset pricing study group, *Renmin University of China*

Surveys and Experiments

- 2025- (Field experiment) The AI therapist (Hong Kong), *with Junyou Chen and Jingyuan Hu, University of Hong Kong and University of California Irvine*
- 2024- (Field experiment) AI adoption and its impact (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, and Mexico), *with Tian Chen, Yiming Cao, and Guillermo Rosas, University of Hong Kong, Rice University, and Washington University in St. Louis*

Conference and Seminar Organization

- 2026 The Future of AI and New Technology, *joint with Yiming Cao, Tian Chen, and Guillermo Rosas (scheduled, hosted at Washington University in St. Louis)*