

Curriculum Vitae – Yican Liu

Ph.D. Candidate in Finance

Department of Finance
HKU Business School

K. K. Leung Building
University of Hong Kong
Pokfulam, Hong Kong

+852 5160 7396
yicanliu@connect.hku.hk

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

Research Interests

FinTech; Digital Economy

Working Papers

- 2025 Crypto ATMs: Material Effects of Virtual Currencies
Lin William Cong, Tingyu Feng, Yican Liu, Fangzhou Lu
Presented at HKU Economics; HKU Finance PhD Brownbag; NYU; MIT*, Joint Conference on Sustainable Finance and Development in the Digital Era (Scheduled)*
- 2025 AI Exposure and Policy Preferences: Experimental Evidence from Latin America
Yiming Cao, Tian Chen, Yican Liu, Guillermo Rosas
RCT Pre-Registration Revised and Resubmitted, 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*
- 2025 How Valuable are Consumers' Digital Footprints?
Tingyu Feng, Yican Liu, Fangzhou Lu
Presented at Tsinghua PBC School of Finance; HKU Finance*
- 2025 Happy App Happy Tip: The Return Predictability from Amusement Apps Downloads Around the World
Tse-Chun Lin, Yican Liu, Fangzhou Lu

Presented at Renmin University of China; HKU Finance; Waseda University; National Taiwan University*; Shenzhen University; New York University**

*Note: * for co-author presentation.*

Works in Progress

- 2025 Media Reports About Technological Developments, *joint with Yiming Cao, Tian Chen, and Guillermo Rosas*
- 2025 AI Usage among Left-Behind Adolescents in China, *joint with Junyou Chen and Jingyuan Hu*
- 2024 Economic Consequences of Conflicts, *joint with Tian Chen, Pei Gao, and Yu-Hsiang Lei*

Grants for Academic Research

- 2024 Weidenbaum Fund for Public Policy Research, *Washington University in St. Louis*
25,000 USD, *joint with Yiming Cao, Tian Chen, Guillermo Rosas*
- 2024 OpenAI Researcher Access Program, *OpenAI*
10,000 USD, *joint with Yiming Cao, Tian Chen, Guillermo Rosas*
- 2024 International Peace and Security Grant Award, *Carnegie Corporation of New York*
300,000 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)*