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Professional Experience

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| Jul 2016– | • Li Ka Shing Professor in Economics, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS |
| May 2018–Jun 2025 | • Dean and Li Ka Shing Professor in Economics, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS |
| Jul 2017–Apr 2018 | • Vice Dean (Academic Affairs) and Li Ka Shing Professor in Economics, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS |
| Aug 2014–Jul 2016 | • Director, Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre, LSE |
| Aug 2013–Jul 2016 | • Professor of Economics and International Development, LSE |
| May 2013–Jul 2014 | • Director, Kuwait Research Programme, LSE |
| Jan 2012–Jul 2014 | • Kuwait Professor, LSE |
| Oct 2009–Jul 2011 | • Co-Director, LSE Global Governance |
| Aug 2006–Sep 2009 | • Head of Department, Economics, LSE |
| Oct 1996–Jul 2016 | • Professor of Economics, LSE |
| Jul 1991–Sep 1992 | • Lecturer, then Reader, LSE Economics Department |
| Jul 1985–Jun 1991 | • Assistant Professor of Economics, MIT |
| Jan 2010–Jul 2016 | • Tan Chin Tuan Visiting Professor, Economics Department, National University of Singapore |
| Apr 2011 | • Visiting Professor of Economics, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore |
| May–Jun 2010 | • Visiting Professor of Economics, Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management, Beijing |
| Jul 2009–May 2011 | • Council Member, Malaysia's National Economic Advisory Council |

Education

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| Ph. D. | • Economics, Harvard University, June 1986. Thesis: Essays in Dynamic Macroeconometrics (supervisor: Thomas J. Sargent) |
| A. B. | • Economics, <i>magna cum laude</i> , Princeton University, June 1980, Phi Beta Kappa |

Research overview

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| Macroeconomics | • Shifting global economy. World order. International economic relations. Economic statecraft. Economic growth. Income distribution. |
| Econometrics | • Time series. Distribution dynamics. Spatial models. Stochastic processes. |

Academic Impact Summary

Total number of citations	• 31,008
<i>h</i> -index	• 47
<i>g</i> -index	• 176
Field-weighted citation impact FWCI*	• 3.2
Publications in top-25% journal percentiles*	• 64%
Top 5 citation counts	• 7172, 2959, 2460, 2427, 2239
Annual citations 2024–2020	• 682, 666, 792, 847, 842

[Source: Except where otherwise indicated, these data are from my [Google Scholar page](#), lifetime, processed by Harzing Publish or Perish software. Otherwise, * indicates SciVal, 1996–2025; SJR from ScopusID: 6603779078. All accessed 28 Dec 2025.]

Selected Awards

- Ranked in top 1% of world's scientists: Lifetime and each year 2021–. In Economics, lifetime-ranked 289 out of 51271 researchers. [Stanford-Elsevier study, 2022](#)–.
- Named one of the world's top 100 most influential academics in government, Apolitical Think Tank UK 2021 ([LKYSPP news](#)).
- Elected International Economic Association Fellow 2023.
- Global Policy and Global Public Policy Network 2011 Best Article Prize, for “The Global Economy’s Shifting Centre of Gravity” (in *Global Policy*, January 2011)

Writings overview

Current working papers

- “[Inadvertent Cooperation in a G-minus World](#)” (The Shinichi Ichimura Lecture, East Asia Economic Association, Nov 2025)
- “[Economics and the Future of Public Policy Education](#)” (Aug 2025)
- “[The Growth-Mobility and the Great Gatsby Curves: Upward Social Mobility across Nations](#)” (May 2025)
- “[Weaponising the International Economic System: Pitfalls and Opportunities](#)” (May 2025, joint with Shiro Armstrong)
- “[Correlating Economic and National Security Under Intensifying Great Power Rivalry](#)” (Feb 2025)
- “[China's Rise and the International Economic Order: The China Shock at the End of History](#)” (Oct 2024)
- “[Economic Principles for a New World Order of Multipolarity and Multilateralism](#)” (Apr 2024)
- “[Why Small Nations Surprisingly Succeed: Trade, Technology, and the Washington Consensus](#)” (Mar 2024)
- “[Economics for the Global Economic Order: The Tragedy of Epic Fail Equilibria](#)” (Oct 2023; joint with Shiro Armstrong)
- “[Platform Companies and Platform Workers: Price and Quantity Responses to Changing Cost](#)” (Oct 2022)
- “[Mobility and Political Upheaval in an Age of Inequality](#)” (Nov 2020)
- “[The US Is, Indeed, the Exceptional Nation: Income Dynamics in the Bottom 50%](#)” (working paper)

Selected 3 technical writings

- “[The global economy's shifting centre of gravity](#)”, *Global Policy*, January 2011
- “Empirics for growth and distribution: Stratification, polarization, and convergence clubs,” *Journal of Economic Growth*, March 1997
- “The dynamic effects of aggregate demand and supply disturbances,” (with Olivier Blanchard) *American Economic Review*, September 1989

Selected 3 public writings

- “[Multilateralism Can Survive the Loss of Consensus](#)”, *IMF Finance and Development* (Sep 2025), pp. 14–15.
- “[Why America Should Drop Its Obsession With Being No. 1](#)”, *Foreign Policy* (Fall 2024), pp. 41–43
- “[The Geopolitics of Populism](#),” (with Kishore Mahbubani), *Project Syndicate*. 09 December 2016

Selected 3 public lectures

- “[Liberal Promise, Liberal Delusion: Emergence of New Global Powers](#)”, TEDxNTU Talk, Saturday 08 October 2016
- “[Economics, Democracy, and the New World Order](#)”, TEDxKL Talk, Saturday 09 August 2014
- “[Global Tensions from a Rising East](#)”, TEDxLSE Talk, Saturday 17 March 2012

Service

Public service

- Member, World Bank Group Institute for Economic Development's Advisory Board, 2025–
- Member, World Bank President Ajay Banga's Economic Advisory Panel, 2024–
- Vice-President, Economics Society of Singapore, 2022–2024 (Executive Committee Member, 2017–)
- Vice-Chair, Platform Workers Advisory Committee, Ministry of Manpower, Singapore, 2021–2022
- Member, Advisory Council, Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum OMFIF, 2021–

Service (continued)

- Member, Eminent Advisory Council, UNDP Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, 2021–
- Member, Advisory Board, World Economic Forum Global Risks Report, 2021–
- Member, Academic Advisory Board, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University, 2020–2025
- Member, Social Science Research Council, Singapore, 2020–
- Member, Global Advisory Board, Tsinghua School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University, 2019–
- Member, Global Future Council on Geopolitics, World Economic Forum, 2019–
- Member, Executive Committee, Global Public Policy Network, 2019–2025
- Member, Executive Committee, Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs, 2019–2025
- Member, Bennett Institute Advisory Council, Cambridge University, July 2018–
- Commissioner, [The Spence-Stiglitz Commission on Global Economic Transformation, October 2017–](#)
- Member, Executive Committee, International Economic Association, September 2017–
- Member, Social Science Research and Humanities Expert Panel, Singapore, September 2016–2019
- Member, LSE IDEAS Advisory Board, 2016–
- Member, Advisers Network, Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum OMFIF, 2010–2017
- Council Member, Malaysia's National Economic Advisory Council, 2009–2011
- Steering Committee, Abu Dhabi Economics Research Agency 2009–2011
- Specialist Adviser on Monetary Policy, Treasury Committee, UK House of Commons, 2006–2010

Major grants and awards

- Senior Fellow, Asian Bureau of Finance and Economics Research, August 2017–
- Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre at LSE, August 2014–July 2016
- Hanban's Confucius Institute Individual Performance Excellence Award for Year 2012, Beijing, December 2012
- Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, Kuwait Research Programme, 2012–2014
- Fellow, Royal Society of Arts, UK, 2011
- Fellow, Spatial Econometrics Association, 2006
- Fellow, European Economic Association, 2004
- Andrew Mellon Foundation, Programme for the Study of Information Technology and the Weightless Economy, 1998–2002
- Economic and Social Research Council (Realising Our Potential Award) “Trade across weightless economies,” 1998–2000
- British Academy Research Readership, 1996–1998
- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, 1996–2000, Research group: Social Interactions and Economic Inequality

Work Details

Teaching

- International Economic Development, LKYSPP PP5183 (postgraduate) 2017
- Redesigning Models for Global Power Relations, LKYSPP PP5182 (postgraduate) 2016
- Economic development policy, LSE DV409 (postgraduate) 2013
- Research Themes in International Development, LSE DV445 (postgraduate) 2014–2016
- Econometrics, LSE EC402 (postgraduate) 2010–2016
- Economics in public policy, LSE EC230 (undergraduate) 2011–2013
- Introductory macroeconomics for non-specialist students, LSE EC100 (undergraduate) 2011–2013
- The LSE Course LSE100. Module: Global Power Shift (With M. E. Cox, Peter Trubowitz 2015)
- The LSE Course LSE100. Module: Who caused the global financial crisis? (With Craig Calhoun, Paul de Grauwe 2012–2014)
- Macroeconomics, LSE EC413 (postgraduate) 1999–2005, 2008–2012
- The LSE Course LSE100. Module: Who caused the global financial crisis? (With Howard Davies, Niall Ferguson, Jeffrey Chwieroth 2010–2011)
- Introductory microeconomics, LSE EC102 (undergraduate) 1997–2005
- Singapore's Economy: Practice and Policy, NUS EC4103 (undergraduate) 2015
- Special topics in economic growth and macroeconomics: Global power shifts and the place of Asia, NUS EC4880 (undergraduate) 2010–
- Time series econometrics, MIT 14.384 (postgraduate) 1985–1988
- Various others, including probability and statistics, and monetary economics
- LSE MSc Strategy and International Diplomacy: Strategy in a Changing World (with others), 2011–2016

Work Details (continued)

- LSE MSc International Relations: Global Politics IR401 (postgraduate; with others), 2012
- LSE-PKU Summer School: The global economy – Rethinking world leadership and the great shift east EC206, August 2014–2015
- LSE-PKU Summer School: The global economy EC204, August 2009–2013
- LSE Executive Summer School: Business in the world economy (with Saul Estrin), June 2009–June 2012

Publications

- “Correlated Trade and Geopolitics Driving a Fractured World Order”, in Ing, Lili Yan and Rodrik, Dani (eds.) *The New Global Economic Order* (2026) Ch. 5, pp. 54–66, New York: Routledge.
- “China Plus One vs world minus one”, issue no. 24, pp. 33-35, in *Recalibrating Asia's Frontiers*, 38th Asia-Pacific Roundtable, Institute of Strategic and International Studies ISIS Malaysia Focus (2025).
- “Rethinking Multilateralism”, IMF podcast. Washington DC (Sep 2025)
- “Multilateralism Can Survive the Loss of Consensus”, *IMF Finance and Development* (Sep 2025), pp. 14–15.
- “Concede or Resist”, *Straits Times* (02 Sep 2025), pp. 22-23.
- “Three Ironies in Fracturing World Order”, KopiTime DBS video (May 2025) no. 153.
- “Response to Ricardo Hausmann by Danny Quah: The Trade-Technology Relation in Small and Poor Economies”, in Besley, Tim, Bucelli, Irene, and Velasco, Andres (eds.) *The London Consensus: Economic Principles for the 21st Century*, London: LSE Press (2025), pp. 181-193
- “Navigating Great Power Rivalry in the 21st Century”, Singapore: Front Row with Keith Yap video (Dec 2024)
- “Bretton Woods at 80”, Geneva: UNCTAD podcast (Oct 2024) no. 116
- “Why America Should Drop Its Obsession With Being No. 1”, *Foreign Policy* (Fall 2024), pp. 41–43
- “The Only Way to Make Climate Progress (with Samir Saran), *Foreign Policy* (17 Jan 2024)
- “Global intervention may be necessary to pull the US and China back from brink of disaster, *South China Morning Post* (20 Apr 2023)
- “The Hard Truth? Almost Everyone May Be a Platform Worker in the Future, *Straits Times* (02 Mar 2023), pp. B1–B2
- “Building resilience and preventative responses to withstand global crises”, *East Asia Forum*, with Vinod Thomas (Apr 2022).
- “The Roles of Central Banks: Evolution, or Demand and Supply”, *Monetary Authority of Singapore Macroeconomic Review* (Apr 2022) pp. 110–118.
- “A Thucydides Fallacy: The New Model of Power Relations for Southeast Asia, the US, and China,” *THINK, The Head Foundation Digest* (June 2021) Issue 8, pp. 2-7. Reprinted from the *Diplomat* (July 2019), with new introduction.
- “Taking Stock of an Unprecedented Epidemic,” (with Toon Hui ONG) *Ethos* (June 2021) Issue 22, pp. 6–19
- “The Complicated Question of COVID-19 vs The Economy”, *American Committee on Asian Economic Studies: Asia Economics Blog* (09 June), 2021.
- “Post COVID-19, How Will We Be Better?”, Ch. 22 in Agarwal, Sumit; He, Zhiguo; and Yeung, Bernard (eds.), *COVID-19: Collective Learning from the East*, Singapore: World Scientific, 2021.
- “Singapore’s Policy Response to COVID-19,” in Richard Baldwin and Beatrice Weder di Mauro (eds.) *Mitigating the COVID Economic Crisis: Act Fast and Do Whatever It Takes*, CEPR, 2020. Reprinted as Ch. 12 in Agarwal, Sumit; He, Zhiguo; and Yeung, Bernard (eds.), *COVID-19: Collective Learning from the East*, Singapore: World Scientific, 2021.
- *An Asian Strategy for Recovery and Reconstruction After COVID-19*, with other contributing experts Chatib Basri, Suman Bery, Gordon de Brouwer, Yiping Huang, Motshige Itoh, Heather Smith, Rebecca Sta Maria, Somkiat Tangkitvanich, and the ABER Convening Secretariat Peter Drysdale, Shiro Armstrong, Adam Triggs, Jacob Taylor, and Jiao Wang. June 2020
- “The Invisible Hand and the Weightless Economy,” in Roger Fouquet (ed.) *Handbook on Green Growth*, Edward Elgar, 2019
- “A Thucydides Fallacy: The New Model of Power Relations for Southeast Asia, the US, and China,” *The Diplomat*. July 2019
- “Convergence Determines Governance—Within and Without”, in Kemal Dervis and Homi Kharas (eds.) *Growth, Convergence, and Income Distribution*, Brookings, November 2014
- “The global economy's shifting centre of gravity”, *Global Policy*, January 2011
- “Post-1990s East Asian economic growth: The inexorable rise and influence of China”, Chapter 1 in Takatoshi Ito (ed.) *The Rise of China and Structural Changes in Korea and Asia*, Edward Elgar, 2010
- “The Hydra-Headed Crisis,” with David Held and Mary Kaldor. *Global Policy Journal online*, April 2010

Work Details (continued)

- “Crecimiento económico posterior a los 90 en el este de Asia” in *Claves de la Economía Mundial 2009*, Instituto Espanol de Comercio Exterior, Secretaria de Estado de Comercio, Ministerio de Industria, Espana, 2009, pp. 40-52
- “Knowledge: The driver of economic growth,” in Swee-hock Saw and Danny Quah (eds.) *The Politics of Knowledge*, ISEAS and LSE, 2009, Ch. 4
- Editor (with Swee-hock Saw), *The Politics of Knowledge* ISEAS and LSE, 2009
- “[A class of spatial econometric methods in the empirical analysis of clusters of firms in space](#),” (with Giuseppe Arbia and Giuseppe Espa), *Empirical Economics*, February 2008, vol. 34 no. 1.
- Editor (with Robin Mansell, Chrisanthi Avgerou, and Roger Silverstone), *Oxford Handbook of Information and Communications Technologies* Oxford University Press, 2007
- “[One third of the world's growth and inequality](#),” in Theo Eicher and Steve Turnovsky (eds.) *Growth and Inequality: Issues and Policy Implications*, MIT Press, 2003
- “[Digital goods and the New Economy](#),” in Derek C. Jones (ed.) *The New Economy Handbook*, Academic Press/Elsevier Science, 2003
- “Technology dissemination and economic growth: Some Lessons for the New Economy,” in Chong-en Bai and Chi-Wa Yuen (eds.) *Technology and the New Economy*, MIT Press, 2002
- “[Matching demand and supply in a weightless economy: Market-driven creativity with and without IPRs](#),” *De Economist*, October 2002
- “[Spatial agglomeration dynamics](#),” *American Economic Review*, May 2002
- “Comment: ‘Searching for Prosperity’ by Michael Kremer, Alexei Onatski, and James Stock,” *Carnegie-Rochester Conference Series on Public Policy, Journal of Monetary Economics*, December 2001
- “Economic growth: Measurement,” *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, ed. Orley Ashenfelter, 2001
- “ICT Clusters in Development: Theory and Evidence,” *European Investment Bank Papers*, April 2001
- Editor, *European Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*, Special Issue of the *European Economic Review*, April/May 2001
- “The weightless economy in economic development,” in *Information Technology, Productivity, and Economic Growth*, Matti Pohjola (ed.), Oxford University Press, 2001
- “Cross-country growth comparison: Theory to empirics,” in *Proceedings of the Twelfth World Congress of the International Economic Association*, Buenos Aires, vol. 1, Jacques Dreze (ed.), Macmillan, 2001
- “Internet cluster emergence,” *European Economic Review*, May 2000
- “Discussion of Andrew Rose’s ‘One Money, One Market: Common Currencies and Trade’ ”, *Economic Policy*, April 2000
- “Technology in growth,” (with Louise C. Keely) in *Economic Growth and its Determinants*, Thijs Ruyter van Steveninck (ed.), Kluwer, 2000
- “UK Phillips Curves and Monetary Policy,” (with Andrew Haldane) *Journal of Monetary Economics*, October 1999
- “Convergence as distribution dynamics (with or without growth),” in *Market Integration, Regionalism, and the Global Economy*, Richard Baldwin, Daniel Cohen, Andre Sapir, and Anthony Venables (eds.), Cambridge University Press, 1999
- “The new empirics of economic growth,” (with Steven Durlauf) Chapter 4 in *Handbook of Macroeconomics*, John B. Taylor and Michael Woodford (eds.), North-Holland, 1999
- “Regional convergence from local, isolated actions: II. Conditioning,” Centre for Economic Performance DP 379, LSE, December 1997. Published in Spanish as “Cohesión Regional Mediante Actuaciones Locales Aisladas: Condiciones,” in *Dimensiones de la Desigualdad (Dimensions of Inequality)*, III Simposio Sobre Igualdad y Distribucion de la Renta y la Riqueza, Volumen I, 1999
- “Comments on ‘Productivity convergence and international openness’ by Gavin Cameron, James Proudman, and Stephen Redding,” October 1997. In *Openness and Growth*, Proceedings of a Conference, Bank of England, 1998
- “Empirics for growth and distribution: Stratification, polarization, and convergence clubs,” *Journal of Economic Growth*, March 1997
- “Increasingly weightless economies,” *Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin*, February 1997
- “Convergence, endogenous growth, and productivity disturbances,” (with Charles K. Leung) *Journal of Monetary Economics*, December 1996
- “Twin peaks: Growth and convergence in models of distribution dynamics,” *Economic Journal*, July 1996 (reprinted in Huw Dixon (ed.) *Controversies in Macroeconomics: Growth, Trade, and Policy*, Blackwell, 1999)
- “Empirics for economic growth and convergence,” *European Economic Review*, June 1996
- “Regional convergence clusters across Europe,” *European Economic Review*, April 1996
- “Aggregate and regional disaggregate fluctuations,” *Empirical Economics*, March 1996

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- “Convergence empirics across economies with (some) capital mobility,” *Journal of Economic Growth*, March 1996
- “Business cycle empirics: Calibration versus estimation. An introduction,” *Economic Journal*, November 1995
- “Misinterpreting the dynamic effects of aggregate demand and supply disturbances,” *Economics Letters*, November 1995
- “Measuring core inflation,” (with Shaun P. Vahey), *Economic Journal*, September 1995
- “Identifying vector autoregressions. Discussion of P. Englund, A. Vredin, and A. Warne: Macroeconomic shocks in Sweden 1925–1986,” in Villy Bergström and Anders Vredin (eds.), *Measuring and Interpreting Business Cycles*, Oxford Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1994
- “La riqueza de las regiones. Evidencia y teorías sobre crecimiento regional y convergencia: Comentario,” *Moneda y Crédito*, 1994
- “One business cycle and one trend from (many,) many disaggregates,” *European Economic Review*, April 1994
- “Exploiting cross section variation for unit root inference in dynamic data,” *Economics Letters*, January 1994
- “Galton’s fallacy and tests of the convergence hypothesis,” *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, December 1993 (reprinted in T. M. Andersen and K. O. Moene (eds.), *Endogenous Growth*, Blackwell, 1993)
- “Discussion of R. Engle and S. Kozicki: Testing for common features,” *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, October 1993
- “The dynamic effects of aggregate demand and supply disturbances: Reply to Lippi and Reichlin,” (with Olivier Blanchard), *American Economic Review*, June 1993
- “Empirical cross-section dynamics in economic growth,” *European Economic Review*, April 1993
- “A dynamic index model for large cross sections,” (with Thomas J. Sargent), in J. Stock and M. Watson (eds.), *Business Cycles, Indicators, and Forecasting*, NBER and University of Chicago Press, 1993
- “The relative importance of permanent and transitory components: Identification and some theoretical bounds,” *Econometrica*, January 1992
- “Permanent and transitory movements in labor income: An explanation for ‘excess smoothness’ in consumption,” *Journal of Political Economy*, June 1990
- “An improved rate for nonnegative definite consistent covariance matrix estimation with heterogeneous dependent data,” *Economics Letters*, June 1990
- “The dynamic effects of aggregate demand and supply disturbances,” (with Olivier Blanchard) *American Economic Review*, September 1989
- “Estimation and hypothesis testing with restricted spectral density matrices,” (with Takatoshi Ito) *International Economic Review*, February 1989
- “Comments on: Matthew Shapiro and Mark Watson, ‘The sources of business cycle fluctuations,’ in S. Fischer (ed.) *NBER Macroeconomics Annual* 1988, MIT Press
- “Money market mutual funds are hardly money,” (with Gary Stern and Thomas Supel) *Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Quarterly Review*, Summer 1984
- Appendix 3 to Thomas J. Sargent and Neil Wallace, “Some unpleasant monetarist arithmetic,” *Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Quarterly Review*, Summer 1981

Professional Organizations and Activity

- Khazanah Research Institute Senior Fellow (2016–2017)
- *Asia Pacific Business Review*, Editorial Board (2014–)
- *Journal of Global Analysis*, Advisory Board (2013–)
- *Princeton University Press*, European Advisory Board (2011–)
- Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum OMFIF, Education Advisory Board (2010–2020)
- *Global Policy*, Editorial Board (2009–)
- Senior Fellow, IDEAS, LSE (2009–2016)
- *East Asian Policy*, Editorial Board (2009–)
- *Journal of Economic Integration*, Editorial Board (2009–)
- *Journal of Economic Growth*, Associate Editor (1996–)
- National Institute of Economic and Social Research, Governor (2002–2016)
- Senior Research Associate, Centre for the Study of Human Rights, LSE (2008–2016)
- Director, Andrew Mellon Program for the Study of IT and the Weightless Economy, LSE (1998–2002)
- Executive Director, National Economic Performance programme, Centre for Economic Performance, LSE (1994–1999)
- European Economic Association, Program Chair (2000), Program Committee (1995, 1996)
- Econometric Society, Program Committee (1991, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2003)

Work Details (continued)

- Royal Economic Society, Programme Committee (1997, 1998)

Miscellaneous

Selected other writings

- “Building Back Better With Trampolines,” *Straits Times*, 17 November 2021
- “Inequality: A tale of three countries,” *Straits Times*, 25 February 2021
- “A New Way for Asia to Lead in Global COVID-19 Recovery,” *Straits Times*. 03 June 2020
- “Could it be time to swap fast car for slower, sturdier one?,” *Straits Times*. 23 April 2020
- “How important is America to global trade?,” *Straits Times*. 08 September 2018
- “When Open Societies Fail”, *Global Policy*. Nov 2017
- “Can Asia Lead the World?”, *South China Morning Post*. 08 April 2017
- “The Geopolitics of Populism,” (with Kishore Mahbubani), *Project Syndicate*. 09 December 2016
- “New Age of Anxiety as Trump Strikes Security, Trade Deals,” (with James Crabtree), *Straits Times*. 12 November 2016.
- “Should Basic Economic Principles Determine World Order?,” *WCIE*. Summer 2016
- “How America Might Yet Prove LKY Wrong: Why Offshore Balancing is Economically Sensible But Can Do Even Better,” *Global Policy*. August 2016.
- “An Economic Perspective on the International System: Demand, Supply, and a Rational World Order,” *Global Policy* May 2016. Also 16 December 2015.
- “The World’s Tighest Cluster of People,” *Global Policy* April 2016. Also 22 September 2015, revised August 2016.
- “Is China’s Collapse Finally at Hand?,” *Asia House UK*. 19 January 2016.
- “A Realistically Dangerous Southeast Asian Neighborhood,” *The Edge*. 17 October 2015.
- “How China’s Rise is Revealing the Cracks in US Claims to Legitimacy as Global Leader,” *South China Morning Post*. 19 August 2015.
- “Going Rogue: Malaysia and the 1MDB Scandal,” *The Diplomat*. 05 August 2015.
- “Lee Kuan Yew: An Appreciation. He Broke the Model.” *Malay Mail*. 30 March 2015. Chinese version in *FT Chinese*, March 2015.
- “The Simple Arithmetic of China’s Growth Slowdown.” *Brookings Future Development*. 18 February 2015.
- “Chinese Lessons: Singapore’s Epic Regression to the Mean.” *World Bank Future Development*. 10 November 2014. Chinese version in *FT Chinese*, 15 December 2014.
- “Look to Asia for the Rebirth of Democracy.” *World Economic Forum*. 18 August 2014. Chinese version in *Guancha Syndicate*, 03 October 2014.
- “Dangers facing China’s Economy.” (interview by Haishan WU, in Chinese) *The Economic Observer of China*, 25 August 2014
- “It is Not Easy Being Leader of the World.” *Global Policy*. 30 July 2014
- “The World Needs New Leadership Not From Those Whose Lives Have Been Easy, But From Those Whose Lives Have Been Hard.” *Global Policy*. 24 July 2014
- “How We Choose Our Political Leaders Tells the World a Lot About Us.” *Democratic Audit*. 23 July 2014. Chinese version in *Guancha Syndicate*, 20 October 2014.
- “This Growth Model is Just Not Sustainable in the Long Run.” *Global Policy*. 18 July 2014
- “Ending the Drug Wars,” Report of the LSE Expert Group on the Economics of Drug Policy. May 2014
- “Malaysia—Why The World Wants In.” *The Edge Malaysia*, 17 March 2014
- “Beyond China and India.” *LSE Connect*, 04 December 2013
- “Is China’s Economy Crashing?”, in *Chinese* and *English*, *BOAO Review*, October 2013
- “A Globalised Renminbi Can Transform Both China and London.” *Financial Times*, 18 October 2013. Chinese version in *FT Chinese*, 23 October 2013.
- “The End of US Exceptionalism.” *Global Policy*, 14 October 2013
- “Global Hegemony. In One Picture”, *Global Policy*, 05 September 2013
- “Is China’s Economy Crashing?”, *Global Policy*, 23 August 2013
- “China and the Middle-Income Trap: Indiscriminate Tuna Fishing”, *Global Policy*, 18 July 2013
- “Singapore Needs To Embrace The Great Shift East, But With Caution (interviewed by Danxu YANG, in Chinese)”, Singapore’s *Lianhe Zaobao*, 05 April 2013
- “China’s Journey to the West”, *Global Policy*, 02 February 2013. Chinese version “The World Needs Leadership” in *China’s People’s Daily*, 30 January 2013.
- “Rebalancing China’s Concerns (interviewed by Wanjun WU), in Chinese”, *China’s Money Weekly*, *Nanfang Media Group*, 04 January 2013

Miscellaneous (continued)

- “Who Are You and What Have You Done With My Billion-People Economy”, *Global Policy*, 23 November 2012
- “The East Grows Only Because the West Consumes. Bitch Please”, *Global Policy*, 23 October 2012
- “A Small Proposal to Rebalance the Global Economy: Just Let China Grow”, *Global Policy*, 11 October 2012
- “UK Austerity And Growth: Winter is Coming”, *Global Policy*, 26 September 2012
- “George Osborne Should Change Course On The Economy And Loosen The Austerity Programme”, *LSE Politics and Policy*, 21 August 2012
- “Global Tensions from a Rising East”, *Global Policy*, 07 June 2012
- “How we miss the Great Shift East”, *Global Policy*, 17 May 2012
- “Journals serving as Tombstones”, *LSE Impact of Social Sciences*, 30 January 2012
- “Rebalancing The Global Economy Needn’t Be Painful – Just Let China Grow”, *The Guardian*, 17 January 2012
- “The UK and the Eurozone in the shifting global economy”, *The Guardian*, 13 January 2012
- “Prof M. E. Cox on “A new world economic order? Views from the LSE”, *LSE Comment and Opinion*, January 2012
- “Is UK social science following a broken model?”, *Social Science Space*, 21 December 2011
- “The LSE Big Questions lecture: Organized common sense”, *LSE Impact of Social Sciences*, 14 December 2011
- “A model US researchers are already rejecting for being outdated”, *LSE Impact of Social Sciences*, 23 November 2011
- “The Shifting Global Balance of Power,” *CSA World Journal*, Autumn 2011, p. 4
- “East, West, World Growth is the Best,” *New Straits Times, Singapore*, 24 June 2011
- “The Great Shift East,” *The Global Herald*, 30 May 2011
- “Malaysia’s place in the shifting global economy,” *The EDGE Malaysia*, 25 April 2011
- “The Shifting Global Balance of Power,” *china.org.cn*, 18 April 2011
- “The World’s Center of Economic Gravity Shifts East,” *CNN Global Public Square*, 07 April 2011
- “Power Shifts: Myth and Reality,” (with Michael Cox, Niall Ferguson, and Arne Westad) *LSE Research Magazine*, Fall 2010
- “Malaysia’s new economic model: Making choices,” *Roubini Global Macro EconoMonitor; Emerging Markets EconoMonitor; Asia EconoMonitor*, 14 April 2010. Also, in the Business Times, the New Straits Times 14 April 2010, the Sin Chew Daily (Chinese language version) 14 April 2010.
- “The Collapsed Global Economy 2009: A Year That Wasn’t” *The EDGE Malaysia*, 28 December 2009
- “Time to Save the World Economy through the Sheer Weight of Numbers,” *RGE Global Macro Monitor; RGE Emerging Markets Monitor; RGE Asia EconoMonitor*, 01 August 2009
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