

Hanjoon Ryu

Department of Economics, Duke University
213 Social Sciences Building
Durham, NC 27708, USA

November 13, 2025 ([link to latest](#))
E. hanjoon.ryu@duke.edu / W. [hanjoonryu.com](#)
(‘Ryu’: a touch of ‘r’ followed by ‘you’)

EDUCATION	Duke University <i>PhD Candidate, Economics</i> Expected to graduate in May 2026	Durham, NC Aug 2020 to present
	Georgetown University <i>Bachelor of Science, International Economics</i>	Washington, D.C. Aug 2009 to Dec 2012
REFERENCES	Adriano Rampini (website)	Douglas & Josie Breeden Professor of Financial Economics Fuqua School of Business, Duke University
	Gregor Jarosch (website)	Professor Department of Economics, Duke University
	S. “Vish” Viswanathan (website)	F. M. Kirby Professor of Investment Banking Fuqua School of Business, Duke University
	Andrea Lanteri (website)	Associate Professor Department of Economics, Duke University
RESEARCH	Primary area: macro/corporate finance Interests: financial frictions, firm dynamics, financial intermediation	
	Dilutive Financing	Job market paper (link)
	<i>Abstract:</i> This paper presents a dynamic model of firm financing where firms use financial slack to reduce rent extraction by financiers possessing bargaining power. Financing is lumpy because it is optimal to bargain infrequently. Moreover, firms typically finance ‘early’ before exhausting internal funds to bargain when their outside options are better. Firms with better prospects maintain greater financial slack. Firms with good financing alternatives always keep funds that exceed investment needs, whereas firms lacking such alternatives delay financing until funds are depleted – and occasionally forgo investment – to avoid paying excessive rents. Investment irreversibility magnifies financing rents for unproductive firms.	
	<i>Presented at:</i>	
	FRB Richmond-UVA-Duke Joint Macro Research Workshop (PhD session)	Sep 2025
	Econometric Society World Congress	Aug 2025
	Finance Theory Group Summer Conference	Jul 2025
	Financial Intermediation Research Society Conference (PhD session)	May 2025
	Macro-Finance Society Workshop (PhD poster session)	May 2025
	American Finance Association Annual Meeting (PhD poster session)	Jan 2025
	Economics Graduate Student Conference	Oct 2024
	Duke University (Economics & Fuqua Finance)	
	Financing Innovative Assets: Endogenous Concentration in Startup Innovation	Working paper (link)
	<i>Abstract:</i> This paper develops a model of startup innovation where financing frictions in implementing successful innovations concentrate prior innovation activity. Because funds are more valuable ex-post upon success of innovation than failure, there exists within-firm complementarity ex-ante between innovation and savings. Consequently, startup funds have increasing returns to scale, concentrating innovation towards well-funded startups that additionally raise costly entrepreneurial financing. Non-innovators	

exhibit perfect inelasticity to financing costs – but only locally. Utilizing a model of financing frictions that enables tractable aggregation, I show that time-sensitivity in implementation increases concentration while ease of ‘killer acquisitions’ decreases it. Concentration is amplified in general equilibrium.

Presented at:

Duke University (Macroeconomics)

Aug 2025

AWARDS

Duke University:

Katherine Goodman Stern Fellowship (for dissertation)	AY 2025-2026
Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship (merit-based)	2025 / 2023
Department of Economics Summer Research Fellowship	2024
Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship (1 st /2 nd year)	2022 / 2021

TEACHING

AS INSTRUCTOR

Main instructor / Co-instructor	Duke University
PhD Boot Camp: Math for Economists	Summer 2023 / Summer 2022
A course designed to provide incoming PhD students in economics with essential understandings of analysis, probability, optimization, linear algebra, etc.	(syllabus)

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

Teaching Assistant	Duke University
BA 953 Corporate Finance	Spring 2025 / Spring 2024
Instructors: Adriano Rampini, S. “Vish” Viswanathan	
Finance-PhD seminar course on corporate/macro finance theory. Conducted separate sessions for introduction to continuous-time methods in addition to regular reviews.	
Head Teaching Assistant	Duke University
Econ 201 Intermediate Microeconomics I	Fall 2024 / Fall 2023
Instructor: Nelson Sá	
Overall course management, preparing teaching materials for discussion sections.	

Teaching Assistant	Duke University
Econ 706 Macroeconomic Analysis II	Spring 2022
Instructors: Kyle Jurado, Andrea Lanteri	
Second half of the first-year macro sequence in the first-year PhD core curriculum.	

Teaching Assistant	Duke University
Econ 601 Microeconomic Theory	Fall 2021
Instructor: Huseyin Yildirim	
A core course for the economics master program.	

MISCELLANY

Department-sponsored Tutor	Duke University
Economics PhD core curriculum	Oct 2021 to June 2023
Tutored first-year economics PhD students on microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics in the PhD core curriculum.	

Undergraduate Advisor	Duke University
General	Fall 2021 to Spring 2025
Counseled undergraduate economics majors on course selection, Bachelor thesis, preparations for academic careers, etc.	

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Investment Banking Analyst	Samsung Securities (Seoul, Korea)
Alternative investment & real assets	Jan 2017 to May 2020
Engaged in investment underwriting across a broad range of global infrastructure assets, structuring investment products to tailor to the needs of domestic institutional	

investors. Conducted all-round due diligence on assets, appraised and modified seller-provided assumptions, and assessed risk exposures.

Chartered Financial Analyst Program, completed

Jun 2016

ADDITIONAL

Nationality: South Korea (Name in Korean: 유한준)
First Lieutenant, Republic of Korea Air Force (2013 to 2016, honorably discharged)

Language: English (near-native), Korean (native), Japanese (basic conversational)

Intellectually fond of: theoretical physics, cosmology, math, philosophy/theology
Personally fond of: hiking, biking, walking, driving

Married, a daughter born in January 2021.