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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Department of Strategy and Policy, **National University of Singapore Business School**
Assistant Professor (Presidential Young Professor), 2025-
Postdoctoral Fellow (Presidential Fellow), 2023-2024
Young Fellow, 2022-2023

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

Saïd Business School, **University of Oxford**
Visiting Fellow, Michaelmas 2024
Cowles Foundation for Research in Economics, **Yale University**
Visiting Fellow, Fall 2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, **Princeton University**, May 2023
M.A., Economics, **Princeton University**, Sep 2019
M.A., Social Sciences (Economics), **University of Chicago**, Jun 2017
B.A., Mathematics and Economics, *summa cum laude*, **Washington University in St. Louis**, Aug 2016

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary Industrial Organization, Platform Economics
Secondary Market Design, Urban and Transportation Economics

PUBLICATIONS

- Lee, Kwok Hao, and Brandon Joel Tan. "Urban Transit Infrastructure and Inequality." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, advance online publication, 18 Mar. 2024, https://doi.org/10.1162/rest_a_01442.
Media: *The Straits Times*

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Lee, Kwok Hao, Andrew Ferdowsian, and Luther Yap. "The Dynamic Allocation of Public Housing: Policy and Spillovers." *Proceedings of the 2024 North American Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, January 2024, San Antonio, Texas*, <https://www.econometricsociety.org/regional-activities/conference-papers/view/269/63>.
Subsumed by "Public housing at scale: Demand and welfare".

WORKING PAPERS

- Entry into two-sided markets shaped by platform-guided search (with L. Musolff; *R&R Econometrica*)
Media: *California Lawyers Association, Global Competition Review*
- Build to order: Endogenous supply in centralized mechanisms (with A. Ferdowsian and L. Yap)
- Public housing at scale: Demand and welfare (with A. Ferdowsian, Y. Tan, and L. Yap)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Distributional effects of vehicle ownership restrictions (with T. Tsai)
- Moving society forward: Estimating the impacts of rail connectivity on workers, firms, neighborhoods, social mobility, and tax revenue (with S. George)
- Public housing at scale: Supply and equilibrium (with S. Yang)

RESEARCH GRANTS

2025-2030 NUS Presidential Young Professorship, S\$500,000 (approx. US\$370,000)
2023-2029 NUS Startup Grant, S\$140,000 (approx. US\$105,000)
2022-2023 NUS Development Grant, S\$10,000 (approx. US\$7,500)
2022-2023 PIIRS Dissertation Writing Grant, US\$38,000
2019-2022 PIIRS Summer/Winter Travel Grants

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Presidential Young Professorship, National University of Singapore, 2025-2030
Presidential Fellowship, National University of Singapore, 2023-2024
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Graduate Fellowship, 2022-2023
Best Rising Star Paper Prize, 20th IIOC, 2022
Griswold Center for Economic Policy Studies Fellowship, 2021-2022
University Fellowship, Princeton University, 2017-2021
Phi Beta Kappa, 2016
Advanced Research Training For Undergraduates Fellowship, 2015-2016

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

[†]: By coauthor (selected); *: Scheduled.

2025 UPenn-Wharton*

2024 Housing and Development Board of Singapore (twice); NUS Law (guest lecture); USC (guest lecture, virtual); UTokyo Empirical Micro and UTokyo Market Design Center; CUHK-Shenzhen; SMU Singapore; Oxford-Saïd; NUS-Economist Service[†]; LSE; Sciences Po; Imperial

2023 CUHK-Shenzhen (virtual); Stanford GSB; IU-Kelley; Michigan; RUSH Graduate Student Brownbag (virtual); NUS Business School and NUS Economics; Land Transport Authority and Ministry of Transport, Singapore (virtual); Yale; Nebraska; Notre Dame; Maryland (virtual); AREUEA Virtual Seminar; Brown

2022 NUS Business School; Land Transport Authority of Singapore (virtual); Princeton; USC-Marshall

2021 Land Transport Authority of Singapore (virtual)

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

[†]: By coauthor (selected); *: Scheduled.

2025 Kochi IO Workshop*

2024 North American Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society[†]; Housing and Development Board of Singapore (three times); Land Transport Authority of Singapore (three times); NUS Applied Micro SIG; NUS Real Estate Brownbag Seminar; 22nd IIOC; SHUFE Empirical IO Conference; NUS IO Day; Winter School in Urban Economics, Université de Bourgogne*

2023 49th EEA Meetings; 21st IIOC; Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society; NUS Applied Micro SIG; Land Transport Authority of Singapore (virtual; twice)

2022 20th IIOC[†]; 50th AREUEA National Conference; 17th CIREQ PhD Students' Conference

2021 9th Warwick Economics PhD Conference (virtual); Young Economist Symposium (virtual); Summer School in Urban Economics, UEA (virtual); NBER Summer Institute (virtual)[†]; 15th North American Meeting, UEA (virtual)

SHORT VISITS

*: Scheduled.

2024 WUSTL; UCL*

2023 Dartmouth-Tuck; WUSTL

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Students Supported (PhD): Ruiqi Wang (NUS, ETA 2027); Jingwei Zhou (NTU Singapore, ETA 2027); Shijian Yang (UChicago, ETA 2026); Jingman Cao (NUS, ETA 2026)

Students Supported (Pre-doctoral): Tiffany Tee Jie Lin (NUS, ETA 2026); Chuyue Tian (NUS, ETA 2025)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*: Scheduled.

National University of Singapore Business School (as instructor)

BSE3713 "Industry, Digitisation, and AI", Spring 2025*

BSN4811 "Strategic Innovation for High Performance", Spring 2025*

Princeton University (as assistant instructor)

ECO310 “Microeconomic Theory: A Mathematical Approach”, Spring 2021, Fall 2021
ECO300 “Microeconomic Theory”, Spring 2020
WWS301 “Policy Research Seminar”, Fall 2019

PROFESSIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

*: *Scheduled.*

Co-founder, **Singapore Initiative on Digital Economics** (SIDE; with Tiffany Tsai and Tat-How Teh)
Co-chair, 2025 SIDE Conference, August 2025*
Co-chair, 2025 SIDE Workshop, March 2025*
Department of Strategy and Policy, **National University of Singapore Business School**
Co-chair, 2024 NUS IO Day, August 2024
Co-organizer, Econ-S&P Seminar Series, 2024-
Examiner, Graduate Research Seminar, April 2024 (Jingman Cao and Xinbo Wang)

REFeree SERVICE

Journals: *American Economic Review* (x2); *Econometrica*; *Regional Science and Urban Economics*

Conferences: 49th Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference (2023, Program Committee); *Young Economist Symposium* (2021; 2022)

PUBLIC SERVICE

I perform ad hoc consulting work for the following government agencies.

2023- Housing and Development Board of Singapore

2020- Land Transport Authority of Singapore

MEDIA APPEARANCES

#: *Invited author or guest expert.*

2024 Mediacorp Channel 8, Hello Singapore, “*Straight Talk: Inflation and the cost of living*”, September 22[#] (in Chinese); Mediacorp Today (and Malay Mail, Malay.News, and Business Post Examiner), “*Explainer: What Grab’s failed takeover of taxi operator Trans-cab means for consumers and the industry*”, July 29; Mediacorp Channel 8, “*Action taken against 800 errant flat owners for lease infringements in last 5 years*”, July 24 (in Chinese); Mediacorp CNA, “*Market watchers warn ride hailing fares could go up if Grab-TransCab merger allowed*”, July 21; The Straits Times (and NUS BizBeat: Business in Asia), “*For Singapore, is Grab too big to fail?*”, March 20[#]

2023 Mediacorp Channel 8, Hello Singapore, “*Straight Talk: Analyzing Grab’s acquisition of Trans-Cab*”, August 17[#] (in Chinese)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Consultant, **sentient.io**, 2019-2021

Photojournalist, **Republic of Singapore Navy**, 2011-2013

SKILLS

Computer	(Fluent) Julia, Python, T _E X; (Proficient) R, Stata, UNIX
Languages	(Native) English, Chinese; (Proficient) French; (Elementary) Malay

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship Singapore

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