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Business Address:

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Position:

Associate Professor of Finance, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford	2022 - Present
Fellow of Green Templeton College, University of Oxford	2022 - Present

Visiting Position:

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Department of Economics	March 2023, June 2024
Princeton University, Economics Department and the Bendheim Center for Finance	March 2023 – August 2023

Fields:

Macroeconomics, Asset Pricing, Contract Theory

Education:

	Degree	Date	Field
UC Berkeley	Ph.D.	2022	Economics

Dissertation: Essays on Uncertainty and Stabilization

Committee: Nicolae Gârleanu (Chair), Yuriy Gorodnichenko (Chair), Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, Chen Lian, Maurice Obstfeld

Soul National University	M.A.	2014	Economics
Soul National University	B.S.	2012	Physics

Oxford University	M.A. by Resolution	2022	
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Publication:

- **Beliefs and the Net Worth Trap** (with Goutham Gopalakrishna and Fanis Papamichalis)
 - *Journal of Economic Theory*, Volume 227, June 2025
- **The Spatial Transmission of U.S. Banking Panics: Evidence from 1870-1929** (with Marc Dordal i Carreras)
 - Forthcoming at *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*

Research:

- **Higher-Order Forward Guidance** (with Marc Dordal i Carreras)
 - Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Economic Theory*
- **Firm Wage Setting and On-the-Job Search Limit Wage-Price Spirals** (with Justin Bloesch and Jake Weber)
 - An AD-AS Framework with Quits and Wage Inflation (with Justin Bloesch and Jake Weber)
 - Revise and Resubmit at *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*
- **Yield-Curve Control Policy under Inelastic Financial Markets** (with Marc Dordal i Carreras)
 - Revise and Resubmit at *The Economic Journal*
- **Self-fulfilling Volatility and a New Monetary Policy** (with Marc Dordal i Carreras)
 - Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of the European Economic Association*

- **Endogenous Firm Entry and the Monetary Policy ‘Room’** (with Marc Dordal i Carreras and Zhenghua Qi)
 - Reject and Resubmit at *European Economic Review*
- **A Proxy-Contract Based Approach to the First-Order Approach in Agency Models** (with Jin Yong Jung and Son Ku Kim)
- **Managerial Incentives, Financial Innovation, and Risk-Management Policies** (with Son Ku Kim and Sheridan Titman)
- **Ignorance is Bliss: Ex-Ante vs. Ex-Post Information Systems in an Agency Model** (with Jin Yong Jung and Son Ku Kim)

Work in Progress:

- **War Procurement and the Korean Export Miracle** (with Philipp Barteska, Oliver Kim, and Nathan Lane)
- **Risky Growth with Short-Term Debt** (with Artur Doshchyn)
- **Re-estimating r-star with rp-star** (with Marc Dordal i Carreras and Runhuan Wang)
- **Sentiments and Intermediary Asset Pricing** (with Goutham Gopalakrishna and Yulong Peng)

Professional Experience:

Teaching (Oxford University – Saïd Business School, Economics Department, and the Faculty of Law):

Business Finance: Support Class for MBA and EMBA (MT 2022)

Firms and Markets: MBA (HT 2023)

Empirical Finance (Advanced Asset-Pricing): DPhil (TT 2023, TT 2024, TT 2025)

First Principles of Financial Economics: MSc in Law and Finance (MT 2023, MT 2024)

Financial Economics 1 (Asset Pricing and Macro-Finance): MPhil and DPhil (MT 2023, MT 2024)

Macroeconomics in the Global Economy: MBA (TT 2025)

Teaching (Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) at UC Berkeley – Economics Department):

Econ 182. International Monetary Economics (Fall 2019 – Galina Hale, Fall 2020 – Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas)

Econ 134. Macroeconomic Policy from the Great Depression to Today (Spring 2020 – Yuriy Gorodnichenko)

Econ 202B. Graduate Macroeconomic Theory (Spring 2021 – Yuriy Gorodnichenko, Spring 2022 – Yuriy Gorodnichenko)

Military Service:

Lecturer and Assistant Professor of Economics at the Korea Military Academy, Seoul, Korea (Fall 2016 - Spring 2019)

Teaching various undergraduate economics courses to Republic of Korea Army cadets

Seminar and Conference Presentation (including scheduled, * by co-authors):

2025-2026: EAYE Annual Meeting (at Kings College London), RES 2025 Annual Conference (3 Papers – “Firm Wage Setting and On-the-Job Search Limit Wage-Price Spirals”, “Higher-Order Forward Guidance”, “Beliefs and the Net Worth Trap”), SED 2025 Copenhagen (two papers – “Higher-Order Forward Guidance”, “Self-fulfilling Volatility and a New Monetary Policy”), 2025 Midwest Macro at the Kansas City Federal Reserve (two papers – “Higher-Order Forward Guidance”, “Firm Wage Setting and On-the-Job Search Limit Wage-Price Spirals”), FIRS 2025 Seoul (Session Chair – Monetary Policy), Econometric Society World Congress 2025 Seoul (3 Papers – “Firm Wage Setting and On-the-Job Search Limit Wage-Price Spirals”, “Higher-Order Forward Guidance”, “Beliefs and the Net Worth Trap”), Sogang University (Economics), Korea University (Economics), Ewha Womans University (Economics), Yonsei University (Economics), USC Marshall Macro-Finance, CESifo Area Conference on Macro, Money, and International Finance 2025, 2025 CICF*, ECB Inflation: Drivers and Dynamics 2025 Conference, UdG (Universitat de Girona), Sungkyunkwan University (Mathematics Department)

2024-2025: 2024 Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society, East & Southeast Asia (AMES-E/SE)*, 2024 Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society in China*, HKUST/Jinan Joint Macro Workshop (7th edition)*, CEBRA 2024 (“Labour Markets and the Central Bank”)*, 39th EEA Summer Meeting Rotterdam*, PSE Macro Days 2024 (declined), International Macro History Online Seminar Series (IMHOS - Graduate Institute's Centre for Finance and Development and CEPR), 30th Midwest Macro Meeting (Purdue)*, London Juniors Finance Workshop (Imperial College London), SBS Finance Jamboree (twice), 2024 Econometric Society Australasia Meeting, Finance Theory Group (FTG) Asian Meeting (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Philadelphia

Junior Macro Conference*, 2024 European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, 2024 CAFM, IFS-UCL-LSE/STICERD Development WiP Seminar*, Harvard Kennedy School*, EFA 2025 Philadelphia, IV Winter Workshop - Societat d'Economia Catalana*, HKUST*

2023-2024: Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management*, UT Austin - McCombs (finance), Adam Smith Junior Conference (at London Business School), Oxford (economics department's macro seminar), Oxford - Saïd (finance internal), Federal Reserve Bank of New York*, West Coast Search and Matching Spring Workshop (at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco)*, Hong Kong Junior Macro Group Meeting*, CREI-UPF Macroeconomics Seminar*, EAYE Annual Meeting (at Paris School of Economics – finance session), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (macro), SED 2024 Barcelona (two papers – “A Unified Theory of the Term Structure and Monetary Stabilization”; “Do Cost-of-Living Shocks Pass Through to Wages?”), Oxford (macro internal), Chinese University of Hong Kong (macro), Econometric Society North America Summer Meeting (NASM) 2024 (macro session), East Asia Macroeconomics Conference, CUHK*, Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society (AMES Singapore)*, NTU Singapore*,

2022-2023: Canadian Economics Association Meetings (CEA 2022), Oxford Saïd – Risk Centre at ETH Zürich Macro-Finance Conference 2022 (at Oxford), Oxford - Saïd (finance internal), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (macro), University of Hong Kong (macro), Princeton (macro internal), Princeton (finance internal), Hong Kong Junior Macro Group Meeting*, HKUST/Jinan Joint Macro Workshop (6th edition)*, Reserve Bank of Australia*

2021-2022: Berkeley (theory lunch, GEMS – macro× 2), Federal Reserve Board of Governors (Financial Stability Division and International Finance Division), Oxford - Saïd (finance), University of Hong Kong (macro), NYU - Stern and NYU - Shanghai (finance), UT Austin - McCombs (finance, cancelled), NERA economic consulting, Bank of Canada, Cornerstone Research, KDI, KIF, KIPF, KCMI, HKUST/Jinan Joint Macro Workshop (5th edition)*

Conference Paper Discussant (including scheduled):

2025 CESifo Area Conference on Macro, Money, and International Finance: “Taxing Sudden Capital Income Surges” by Wei Cui and Jianjun Miao

Bristol Financial Markets Conference 2025: “U.S. Risk and Treasury Convenience” by Giancarlo Corsetti, Simon Lloyd, Emile Marin, and Daniel Ostry

FIRS 2025: “Indebted Supply and Monetary Policy: A Theory of Financial Dominance” by Viral Acharya, Guillaume Plantin, and Olivier Wang

Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS) 2024: “Fiscal Constraints, Disaster Vulnerability, and Corporate Investment Decisions” by Nicola Maria Fiore, Thorsten Martin, and Florian Nagler

CAFM 2024 Seoul: “Optimal Communication in Banking Supervision” by Jeong Ho (John) Kim, Kyungmin Kim, Victoria Liu, and Noam Tanner

Conference Local Organizing Activities:

Adam Smith Conference 2023; Oxford Saïd-ETH Risk Centre Macro-Finance Conference 2023; Oxford Saïd – VU SBE Macro Finance Conference 2024, 2025

Refereeing:

Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Monetary Economics, International Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Economic Theory (×2)

Public Engagement:

An interviewee for Chatham House's research project (Title: Analysis of International Economic Security Tools) (Oct 3, 2024), KANNES 2024 (Nov 24, 2024)

PhD Advising:

Michael Wulfsohn (Economics, <https://sites.google.com/view/michaelwulfsohn>)

Other Lectures:

Recent Developments on Financial Intermediation: Theory and Empirics, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology – Department of Economics (June 2024)

A Global Approach to New Keynesian Macroeconomics, Korea University – Department of Economics (May 2025)

Fellowship and Awards:

2022	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) Award (UC Berkeley)
2021-2022	Doctoral Completion Fellowship (UC Berkeley)
2019-2022	The Janet T. New Graduate Fellowship (UC Berkeley)
2016	Distinction (“Excellent”) in International Economics (Macro + Trade) Field Exam (UC Berkeley)
2014-2016	Regents’ Fellowship (UC Berkeley)
2012-2014	Full Scholarship for Master Students (Seoul National University)
2009-2012	National Science and Technology Scholarship for Undergraduate Students (Seoul National University)

Other Information:

Citizenship: South Korea (U.S. Permanent Resident)
Date of Birth: 11/17/1990