

Via Giuseppe Buffi 13
Università della Svizzera italiana
Department of Economics
Lugano, 6900, Switzerland

+41 79 658 01 38
tai.lo.yeung@usi.ch
<https://tlyeungae.github.io/>



RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary Fields: Household Finance, Behavioral Economics

Secondary Fields: Heterogeneity and Inequality, Empirical Asset Pricing

REFERENCES

Prof. Lorenz Kueng

Institute of Economics (IdEP)
Università della Svizzera italiana
Swiss Finance Institute
lorenz.kueng@usi.ch

Prof. Jessica Wachter

Department of Finance
The Wharton School
University of Pennsylvania
jwachter@wharton.upenn.edu

Prof. Alberto Plazzi

Institute of Finance (IFin)
Università della Svizzera italiana
Swiss Finance Institute
alberto.plazzi@usi.ch

EDUCATION

The Wharton School (UPenn), Visiting Scholar

2025

University of Lugano (USI), Ph.D. candidate in Economics

2026

Thesis - "Essays on Investor Behavior"

Supervisor – Prof. Lorenz Kueng

Study Center Gerzensee, Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics

2022

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, M.Sc. Economics and Finance

2021

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, M.Sc. Economics

2020

Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, M.Res. Finance

2019

Wuhan University, B.Econ. Financial Engineering

2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania (UPenn)

2025.01 – 2025.06

The Wharton School (Finance Department)

Host – Prof. Sylvain Catherine

Visiting Scholar

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI)
Institute of Economics (IdEP)
Doctoral Assistant

2021 – 2026

United Nations ESCAP (UNESCAP)
Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division (MPFD)
Economic Affairs

2020 – 2021

The Chinese Banker (Academic Journal of Banking)
Editor

2018 – 2019

National Institution for Finance & Development (NIFD)
Research Assistant

2017 – 2019

WORKING PAPERS

[1] Asymmetric Labor Income Risk: Implications for Risk-Taking in Financial Markets

Presented at: USI IdEP Brown Bag (USI, 2023, 2024, 2025), 2nd Workshop on Applied Macroeconomics and Monetary Policy (**University of St. Gallen**, 2024), Frankfurt Summer School 2024 (**The Deutsche Bundesbank**, 2024), Macro Finance Research Program (MFR) 2024 Summer Session for Young Scholars (**University of Chicago**, 2024), Gerzensee Alumni Conference (**Study Center Gerzensee**, 2024, 2025), Royal Economic Society (RES) PhD Conference 2024 (**University of Portsmouth**, 2024), German Finance Association (DGF) Annual Meeting 2025 Doctoral Workshop (**University of Hagen**, 2025), 10th Luxembourg Workshop on Household Finance and Consumption (**Central Bank of Luxembourg**, 2025), SFI PhD Student workshop (**University of Zurich**, 2025), 19th International Behavioural Finance Conference (**Booth School of Business**, 2025), 14th International Moscow Finance Conference (**HSE Moscow**, 2025), AFA 2026 (Philadelphia, 2026)

[2] Navigating Through Fear and Greed: The Experience-Driven Disposition Effect

with Rong Liu, Jessica Wachter, Michael Kahana and Yongjie Zhang

Presented at: USI IdEP Brown Bag (USI, 2024), Memory, Beliefs, and Choice (**University of Pennsylvania**, 2025)

[3] When Risk Stops Mattering: Speculative Demand and Price Uncertainty in Housing Markets

Presented at: USI IdEP Brown Bag (USI, 2024, 2025)

WORK IN PROGRESS

[1] Consumption under Constraints: Uncovering Inequality in Discretionary Spending

Presented at: USI IdEP Brown Bag (USI, 2022)

[2] Tax-Induced Labor Supply Distortions and Household Welfare: Evidence from Japan

慶應義塾大学パネルデータ設計・解析センター (PDRC) プロジェクト ID: 7545

Panel Data Research Center (PDRC) at Keio University Project ID: 7545

Presented at: USI IdEP Brown Bag (USI, 2022)

[3] Tax Architecture and Organizational Choice: Evidence from China's VAT Expansion

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bachelor

2022 - 2026 Household Economics and Finance

Master

2022 - 2026 Essentials of Corporate Finance

2025 - 2026 Topics in Development, Public and Gender Economics

SEMINARS & TRAININGS (Host, Location)

- 2025 Introduction to Empirical Methods in Finance (Nikolai Roussanov, Wharton), Empirical Methods in Corporate Finance (Lucian Taylor, Wharton)
- 2024 USI IdEP Brown Bag (USI), Empirical Asset Pricing (Mikhail Chernov, EPFL), Survey Data in Economics and Finance (Michael Weber, Study Center Gerzensee), An Introduction to Macroeconomics with Household Heterogeneity (Dirk Krueger, Study Center Gerzensee), 2024 Workshop on Demand System Asset Pricing (Ralph Koijen, Xavier Gabaix & Motohiro Yogo, Online)
- 2023 USI IdEP Brown Bag (USI), Ex Ante and Ex Post Policy Evaluation Approaches (Petra Todd, Study Center Gerzensee), Computation of Heterogeneous Agent Models (Dean Corbae, Study Center Gerzensee), Princeton Initiative: Macro, Money and Finance (Markus Brunnermeier, Online)
- 2022 USI IdEP Brown Bag (USI), An Introduction to Macro-Finance (Atif Mian, Study Center Gerzensee), Finance and Product Markets (Laurent Frésard & Gordon Phillips, USI)
- 2021 UNESCAP MPFD Project Presentation (Online)

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES (Paper presented, Location, Date) (* for poster session)

- 2026 AFA Annual Meeting 2026 (Asymmetric Labor Income Risk, Philadelphia, Jan 3-5)*
- 2025 14th International Moscow Finance Conference (Asymmetric Labor Income Risk, HSE Moscow, Nov 28)
- 2025 Gerzensee Alumni Conference (Asymmetric Labor Income Risk, Study Center Gerzensee, Nov 24-25)
- 2025 19th International Behavioural Finance Conference (Asymmetric Labor Income Risk, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Oct 30-31)
- 2025 SFI PhD Student workshop (Asymmetric Labor Income Risk, University of Zurich, Oct 18)
- 2025 10th Luxembourg Workshop on Household Finance and Consumption (Asymmetric Labor Income Risk, Central Bank of Luxembourg, Oct 8-9)
- 2025 German Finance Association (DGF) Annual Meeting 2025 Doctoral Workshop (Asymmetric Labor Income Risk, University of Hagen, Sep 18-20)
- 2025 Memory, Beliefs, and Choice (Navigating Through Fear and Greed: The Experience-Driven Disposition Effect, University of Pennsylvania, Mar 21)
- 2024 Royal Economic Society (RES) PhD Conference 2024 (Asymmetric Labor Income Risk, University of Portsmouth, Dec 3)*
- 2024 Gerzensee Alumni Conference (Asymmetric Labor Income Risk, Study Center Gerzensee, Nov 25-26)
- 2024 Macro Finance Research Program (MFR) 2024 Summer Session for Young Scholars (Asymmetric Labor Income Risk, The Becker Friedman Institute (BFI) at The University of Chicago, Aug 5-8)*
- 2024 Frankfurt Summer School 2024 (Asymmetric Labor Income Risk, The Leibniz Institute for Financial Research SAFE, Jul 21-26)
- 2024 2nd Workshop on Applied Macroeconomics and Monetary Policy (Asymmetric Labor Income Risk, University of St. Gallen, Mar 18)
- 2023 CEPR European Conference on Household Finance 2023 (Collegio Carlo Alberto, Oct 4-6)

Discussant

Serkan Karadas and Minh Tam Tammy Schlosky, Determinants of Retirement Savings Decisions: Evidence from a 401(k) Plan, Chicago IL, October 2025

Federico Baldi-Lanfranchi, Cost Savings in Mutual Funds, SFI PhD Student workshop, Zurich, October 2025

LANGUAGES & IT SKILLS

Languages: Chinese [Mandarin & Cantonese] (Native), English – Japanese (Fluent), Spanish (Working), Italian – German (Basic)

IT skills: Python – R – Julia (Fluent), MATLAB – SQL (Working), LaTeX, Office, Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Photoshop

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Chartered Financial Analyst (**CFA**) Candidate
- Financial Risk Management (**FRM**) Candidate
- Passionate guitar and piano player with more than 10 years of practice
- Freelance Photographer

HONORS & AWARDS

- | | |
|---|------|
| • The American Finance Association (AFA) Travel Grant | 2026 |
| • USI doctoral mobility grant (20,000 CHF) | 2024 |
| • Macro Finance Research Program (MFR) Travel Grant | 2024 |
| • 10th Fine Art Photography Awards | 2024 |
| • BGSE Full Tuition Waiver Scholarship | 2020 |