

Curriculum Vitae – Yican Liu

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Education

2022-	University of Hong Kong <i>Ph.D.</i> , Finance
2020-2022	Duke University <i>M.A.</i> , Economics, <i>with Honor</i>
2015-2019	Renmin University of China <i>B.A.</i> , Finance

Research

Working Papers

2025	Crypto ATMs: Material Effects of Virtual Currencies <i>Lin William Cong, Tingyu Feng, Yican Liu, Fangzhou Lu</i> <i>Presented at</i> HKU Development Economics; HKU Finance; NYU*; MIT*; ASU*; Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance; Remin University of China; Jinan-Lingnan Joint Conference on Sustainable Finance
2025	Happy App Happy Tip: The Return Predictability from Amusement Apps Downloads Around the World <i>Tse-Chun Lin, Yican Liu, Fangzhou Lu</i> <i>Revise and Resubmit</i> , Review of Finance <i>Presented at</i> Renmin University of China; HKU Finance; Waseda University*; National Taiwan University*; Shenzhen University; New York University*
2025	AI Exposure and Policy Preferences: Experimental Evidence from Latin America <i>Yiming Cao, Tian Chen, Yican Liu, Guillermo Rosas</i> <i>RCT Pre-Registration Revise and Resubmit</i> , Journal of Development Economics <i>Presented at</i> HKU Economics; HKU Finance; Innovation Growth Lab (IGL) Experimentation Webinar Series*; the Experimentation Webinar of Innovation Growth Lab*; the Political Data Science Lab and International Relations Workshop at Washington University in St Louis; Jinan University*

- 2025 How Valuable are Consumers' Digital Footprints?
 Tingyu Feng, Yican Liu, Fangzhou Lu
 Presented at Tsinghua PBC School of Finance*; HKU Finance

Note: * for co-author presentation.

Works in Progress

- 2025 Scientists Media, joint with Yiming Cao, Tian Chen, and Guillermo Rosas
 2025 AI and the labor market, joint with Yiming Cao, Shaokai Ding, Tian Chen, and Guillermo Rosas
 2025 AI Usage among Left-Behind Adolescents in China, joint with Junyou Chen and Jingyuan Hu
 2024 The Capitalization of Innovation in China, joint with Zongyuan Deng, Fangzhou Lu, and Wenzheng Niu
 2024 Economic Consequences of Conflicts, joint with Tian Chen, Pei Gao, and Yu-Hsiang Lei

Grants for Academic Research

- 2024-2026 OpenAI Researcher Access Program, OpenAI
 10,000 USD, joint with Yiming Cao, Tian Chen, Guillermo Rosas
 2023-2026 Graduate Student Grant for Business Research, HKU Business School, University of Hong Kong
 45,000 HKD

Awards, Fellowships, and Honors

- 2022-2026 HKU Presidential Ph.D. Scholarship, University of Hong Kong
 2022-2025 Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong
 2022 Ph.D. Student Entrance Scholarship, HKU Business School, University of Hong Kong
 2022 Award for Academic Excellence for Graduate Students, Department of Economics, Duke University
 2020, 2021 M.A. Merit Scholar Award, Department of Economics, Duke University
 2016, 2017 Merit Student of Renmin University of China, School of Finance, Renmin University of China

Professional Experiences

Research Group Organization

- 2024- Applied econometrics study group, University of Hong Kong
 2023- FinTech and behavioral economics research group, University of Hong Kong
 2023- South China village gazetteer program, with Tian Chen, Pei Gao, and Yu-Hsiang Lei, Washington University in St. Louis, National University of Singapore, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and University of Hong Kong
 2018-2019 Empirical asset pricing study group, Renmin University of China

Surveys and Experiments

- 2025- (Field experiment) The AI therapist (Hong Kong), *with Junyou Chen and Jingyuan Hu, University of Hong Kong and University of California Irvine*
- 2024- (Field experiment) AI adoption and its impact (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, and Mexico), *with Tian Chen, Yiming Cao, and Guillermo Rosas, University of Hong Kong, Rice University, and Washington University in St. Louis*

Conference and Seminar Organization

- 2026 The Future of AI and New Technology, *joint with Yiming Cao, Tian Chen, and Guillermo Rosas (scheduled, hosted at Washington University in St. Louis)*