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EDUCATION

The University of Oxford   Oxford, UK
Doctor of Philosophy in Economics Candidate   Course start date: Oct 2020
- Supervisor: Prof. Guido Ascari
- Awarded Department of Economics Doctoral Bursary in 2020

The University of Oxford   Oxford, UK
Master of Philosophy in Economics. GPA: 4.0/4.0   July 2020
- Thesis: Asset Pricing and Time-varying Expectation Formation Process
- Supervisor: Prof. Guido Ascari

The University of Warwick   Coventry, UK
Master of Science in Economics and International Financial Economics. GPA: 4.0/4.0   Nov 2017
- Awards: the MSc Best Dissertation Prize (Top 1%)

Xiamen University   Xiamen, China
BS in Economics. GPA: 3.7/4.0   June 2016
- Awards: Honours Graduate (top 3%); Dean's List Honours (top 5%), Three-Year Departmental Scholarship
- Study exchange at Feng Chia University College of Business in the first semester of academic year 2014/15
BA in Advertising. GPA: 3.5/4.0

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

World Bank, Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment Global Practice   Oxford, UK
Country economist   May 2020- Oct 2021
- Supported economic monitoring of the Jordanian economy; prepared country risk reports containing detailed descriptions of both economic and political developments and aided the preparation of standardized economic data.
- Developed projections for macroeconomic indicators using the World Bank projection models; maintained and regularly updated macroeconomic, fiscal, and external sector databases for the Jordanian economy.
- Participated in the drafting of *Jordan Economic Monitor Fall 2020: Navigating through Continued Turbulence*, and *Jordan Economic Monitor Spring 2021: Uncertain and Long Trail Ahead* which provides an update on Jordan's key economic developments and major findings from recent World Bank work on Jordan amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division (MPFD),
United Nations, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
Research assistant   Bangkok, Thailand
Supervisor: Masato Abe   Jun - Oct 2019
- Co-authored the working paper 'Does gender of top manager affect the firm's financing behavior? Evidence from Myanmar', being responsible for the confirmation of the research topic, literature review, data analysis, and writing. Presented the research findings at the MPFD conference.
- Contributed to the ESCAP Infrastructure Financing book project, participated in writing the chapter 'Enhancing Private Infrastructure Financing through Externality Effects'.
- As the captain of 11 interns, I hosted the weekly meetings, invited outside speakers from UNDP, IMF to

give talks on a wide range of subjects, to foster learning and inspiration.

Research Assistant to Prof. Chuanwang Sun, Department of Economics, Xiamen University   2014-2015
- Led a team to conduct questionnaire surveys in 14 cities all over the country, cleaned and analyzed the first-hand micro household-level data by using STATA, accomplished two research reports.
- Provided research support, case writing and data analysis, edited, drafted on two working papers.
- Drafted successful grant proposal for funding from National College Students' program.

Warming High-Tech Co., Ltd   Beijing, China
Analyst   Apr - Sep 2018
- Backed by Tencent, Warming is a premier AI-advanced startup, aiming at the powering quantitative trading by harnessing machine learning.
- Developed four quantitative trading strategies and scripted complex systematic strategies - a back test on 5-year historical data showed a 51.9% annual return.

Tianfeng Securities Co., Ltd., Research Institution   Shanghai, China
Researcher [Intern]   Dec 2017- Mar 2018
- Worked in the environmental sector and was responsible for the preparation of selected part of the Industrial Annual Report 2017, in particular, coverage of policy uncertainty related issues.

Ernst & Young Advisory Ltd, Transaction Advisory Services (TAS)   Shanghai, China
Analyst [Intern]   Nov - Dec 2017
- Participated in the Chinese Railway Co., project from inception to completion: helped them drive growth by focusing on their capital and transaction strategy right through to execution.

SKILLS

Language: English - Full professional proficiency; Chinese - Native proficiency.
IT: Proficient in programming with STATA, MATLAB, Dynare, Python, R, EViews; using MS Office, LaTex.
Others: Drum playing, bass playing.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Department of Economics Doctoral Bursary in 2020, the University of Oxford	Oct 2020
The MSc Best Dissertation Prize (2 out of 233), the University of Warwick	Nov 2017
The First-Class Scholarship of Department of Economics, Xiamen University	2013 - 2016
Honours Graduate of Xiamen University (top 3% students of the department)	Jul 2016
Outstanding Graduation Thesis Award, Department of Economics, Xiamen University	Jul 2016
Publishing Prize of Xiamen University (1 out of 600 students)	Jul 2016
The Dean's List Honours (top 5% students of the department)	Nov 2015
First Prize in "Huatong cup" the 9th Statistical Analysis Competition	Jul 2015