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Contact Information

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Current Employment

Assistant Professor of Finance, Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Hong Kong (2019/08-now)

Education

Ph.D. in Economics (2019), University of Pennsylvania, Phildadelphia, PA, USA

Dissertation: Essays on Foreign Exchange Rates

Dissertation Committee:

Urban Jermann (co-chair), Nikolai Roussanov (co-chair), Alessandro Dovis, Karen Lewis, Enrique Mendoza

M.A. in Economics (2013) Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

B.A. in Economics (2011) Fudan University, Shanghai, China (with the highest distinction)

Research Fields

Primary: International Finance, Asset Pricing, Macro-Finance

Secondary: Financial Intermediation and Global Banking, International Macroeconomics

Working Papers

- 1. Intermediary Leverage and Currency Risk Premium
- 2. Volatility, Intermediaries, and Exchange Rates", with Yang Liu (R&R at The Journal of Financial Economics)
- 3. Comparing Solution Methodologies for Macro-Finance Models with Nonlinear Dynamics, with Winston Dou, Andrew Lo, and Harald Uhlig
- 4. The Effects of Higher Bank Capital Requirements on Credit in Peru, with David Jutrsa, Soledad Martinez Peria, Andrea F. Presbitero, Lev Ratnovski, and Felix Várdy, IMF Working Paper, No. 18/222

Work in Progress

5. Getting to the Core: Currencies, Commodities, and Inflation Risk", with Yang Liu and Nikolai Roussanov

Research Experience and Other Employment

Research Assistant for Professor Karen Lewis (2015-2016)

Capital Market Research Workshop, MIT Sloan (2015/07)

International Monetary Fund, Fund Internship Program (2017/06-2017/08)

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships

Cubist Systematic Strategies Ph.D. Candidate Award for Outstanding Research, WFA (2017)

Patrick Ma Fellow, University of Pennsylvania (2013-2018)

Macro Finance Society, PhD Student Award (2018)

Teaching Experience

Instructor, The University of Hong Kong

Insurance: Theory and Practice (2020 Spring UG Class, Scheduled)

Guest Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania

Currency Forwards and Futures Contracts (2017 Fall MBA/UG Class of Financial Derivatives)

Current Studies on Exchange Rates (2018 Fall MBA Class of Financial Derivatives)

Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania

Economics: Introduction to Economics for Business, Introduction to Econometrics, Health Economics Finance: Financial Derivatives, International Corporate Finance, Dynamic Asset Pricing Theory

Presentations

2020: AFA (#)

2019: FMA Annual Conference (#), The MMF 50th Anniversary Conference (#), EFA (#), Econometric Society Asian Meeting, The 2nd World Symposium on Investment Research, Temple, New Economics of Exchange Rate Adjustment, MFA, BI Norwegian Business School, CUHK Shenzhen Finance, HKU Finance, CUHK Finance, JHU Carey,

HKUST Economics and Finance, SAIF, Antai-SJTU, PHBS-PKU, AEA*

2018: Midwest Macro (2 papers), Guanghua-PKU*, Antai-SJTU*, EFA, MFM Summer Session (Poster), Econometric Society China Meeting*, Penn Economics, Wharton Finance

2017: CEPR MMCN Conference at Frankfurt*, WFA, FIRS, Wharton Finance

2016: Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, Penn Economics, Wharton Finance (# indicates scheduled, * indicates presentation by coauthors)

Discussions

2019 EFA: A "Bad Beta, Good Beta" Anatomy of Currency Risk Premiums and Trading Strategies, by I-Hsuan Ethan Chang and Xi Mo

Referee

Journal of Monetary Economics

Membership

American Economic Association, American Finance Association, Econometric Society, European Finance Association, Financial Management Association

Personal Information

Date and Place of Birth: 12/09/1988 in Hangzhou, China

Languages: English (fluent), Mandarin (native), Cantonese (conversational)

Computer Skills: Matlab, Stata, R

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