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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Business School

Senior Lecturer in Finance
Lecturer in Finance

07/2018 - Present
09/2017 - 06/2018

EDUCATION

PhD in Finance

University of Alberta, School of Business
Advisors: Masahiro Watanabe, Akiko Watanabe

09/2012 - 08/2017

Visiting PhD Student

University of California, San Diego
Advisor: Valerie Ramey

01/2015 - 07/2015

MA in Economics and Finance

University of Alberta, Department of Economics

09/2010 - 06/2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Asset Pricing, International Finance, and Corporate Finance.

RESEARCH PAPERS

Publications

The Burden of the National Debt: Evidence from Mergers and Acquisitions, 2022
w/ Yanhui Wu and Huizhong Zhang
Review of Corporate Finance Studies

Geographic Distribution of Firms and Expected Stock Returns, 2021
Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control

Working Papers

Government Spending Shocks and Asset Prices, 2023

Geopolitical Risk, Financial Slack and Capital Investments, 2023
w/ Vikas Mehrotra and Yanhui Wu

Geopolitical Risk and Corporate Innovation, 2022
w/ Yanhui Wu

Tax News Shocks, Political Cycles, and Asset Prices, 2020

Investment Shocks and Asset Returns: International Evidence, 2020
w/ Akiko Watanabe and Masahiro Watanabe

Work in Progress

Banking Efficiency Matters During Non-Financial Crises: Evidence from the Covid-19 Pandemic, 2022
w/ Yanhui Wu

Identifying Oil Market Risk, 2022

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (MY OWN PRESENTATIONS ONLY)

2023

Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference, Africa Meeting of Econometric Society, University of Melbourne, Deakin University, University of New South Wales, Econometric Society Australasian Meeting, International Conference on Empirical Economics at Pennsylvania State, Australian Conference of Economists

2022

FMA Asia/Pacific Conference, University of Adelaide, University of Queensland, Australian National University, Australasia Meeting of the Econometric Society, International Risk Management Conference, American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting

2021

FIRN Annual Conference, Conference on Law and Macroeconomics, Frontiers in International Finance and Banking Conference, Vietnam Symposium in Banking and Finance, Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting, International Risk Management Conference, FIRN Banking and Financial Stability Meeting, Asian Finance Association Conference, International Conference of the French Finance Association (AFFI)

2020

Conference on Asia-Pacific Financial Markets, European Finance Association (EFA) Annual Meeting, Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meeting

2019

FIRN Annual Conference, Financial Management Association (FMA) Asia/Pacific Conference, Australian National University

2018

Politics, Stock Markets and the Economy Conference, University of Queensland, FIRN Asset Pricing Meeting, Macquarie University, University of Auckland, Massey University, Auckland University of Technology, China International Conference in Finance (CICF), Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference, University of Melbourne, University of Queensland, American Finance Association (AFA) Annual Meeting.

2017

Auckland Finance Meeting, Australasian Finance and Banking Conference, SFS Cavalcade Asia-Pacific, Australian National University, Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA), Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meeting, University of Windsor, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting

2016

Auckland Finance Meeting, Australasian Finance and Banking Conference, Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting, Southern Illinois University Research Seminar Series, Northern Finance Association (NFA) Conference, Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (CO-AUTHOR PRESENTATIONS)

2023

Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference, University of Queensland, Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand Conference

2022

Vietnam Symposium in Banking and Finance

2021

FIRN Annual Conference, Vietnam Symposium in Banking and Finance, Frontiers in Finance Conference

2020

Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meeting

2019

FIRN Annual Conference, Asian Finance Association Conference, Financial Management Association (FMA) Asia/Pacific Conference

2018

Politics, Stock Markets and the Economy Conference, Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting, Northern Finance Association (NFA) Conference, Macquarie University, Australian National University, Asian Finance Association Conference, FIRN Corporate Finance Meeting, Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference

2017

Alberta/Calgary Finance Conference

2015

Japanese Economic Association Meetings, Development Bank of Japan, Nippon (Japanese) Finance Association Meetings

CONFERENCE DISCUSSANT

FMA Asia/Pacific Conference, December 2022
FIRN Annual Conference, November 2022
International Conference of the French Finance Association (AFFI), May 2021
Asian Finance Association Conference, July 2021
Asian Finance Association Conference, July 2019
Auckland Finance Meeting, December 2017
SFS Cavalcade Asia-Pacific, December 2017
Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting, March 2017
Auckland Finance Meeting, December 2016
Australasian Finance and Banking Conference, December 2016
FMA Annual Meeting, October 2016

CONFERENCE SESSION CHAIR

Australasia Meeting of the Econometric Society, July 2022
Northern Finance Association (NFA) Conference, September 2021
Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting, March 2017
Australasian Finance and Banking Conference, December 2016
FMA Annual Meeting, October 2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Program Chair

- Queensland Corporate Finance Conference (QCFC 2024), August 2024 (Scheduled)
- Queensland Corporate Finance Conference (QCFC 2023), August 2023 (Scheduled)
- Queensland Corporate Finance Conference (QCFC 2022), October 2022
- Queensland Corporate Finance Conference (QCFC 2019), August 2019

Conference Program Committee/Reviewer

- Academy of International Business Annual Meeting 2023
- Financial Management Association (FMA) Asia/Pacific Conference, 2022
- Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
- AFAANZ Conference, July 2018
- FMA Annual Meeting, Boston, October 2017
- FMA European Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, June 2017
- FMA Asia Pacific Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, May 2017

Peer-Reviewed Articles for:

- Journal of Corporate Finance, Journal of Business Finance and Accounting, Journal of Empirical Finance, Economic Letters, International Review of Economics and Finance, Japan and the World Economy, Papers in Regional Science, Economic Analysis and Policy, Financial Innovation

University Committee

- Faculty Academic Board - Faculty of Business and Law (June 2021 to December 2022)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Queensland University of Technology, Australia

February 2018 - Current

- International Finance (Undergraduate)
- Data Analysis and Decision Making (MBA)
- Data Analysis and Decision Making (Executive MBA)
- Financial Management (MBA)

University of Alberta, Canada

September 2015 to December 2016

Instructor, Department of Finance

- Investment Principles (Undergraduate)
- Introduction to Finance (Undergraduate)

University of Alberta, Canada

September 2013 to December 2014

Teaching Assistant, Department of Finance

- Investment Principles (Undergraduate)
- Advanced Portfolio Management (Undergraduate)
- International Finance (Undergraduate and MBA)

MEDIA ARTICLES

Sri Lankans should never be complacent about the status quo, October 2022

LMD: The Voice of Business

Rein in inflation, July 2022

LMD: The Voice of Business

The need to privatize state-owned enterprises, June 5, 2022

The Sunday Times Sri Lanka

Inflation has sky-rocketed, May 15, 2022

The Sunday Times Sri Lanka

Investors need confidence that Sri Lanka is a safe choice for investment!, May 08, 2022

The Sunday Times Sri Lanka

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Tax Shocks, Political Cycles, and Asset Prices, FMA Asia Pacific Conference (2019)
 - Finalist for best paper award
- Government Spending Shocks and Firm Innovation, FMA Conference (2018)
 - Semi-finalist for best paper awards
- Faculty Grant Funding (2016 - 2017)
- FGSR Profiling Alberta's Graduate Students Award (2016)
- Scotiabank NFA Registration Award (2016)
- Investment Shocks and Asset Returns: International Evidence, FMA (2016)
 - Semi-finalist for best paper awards
- University of Alberta Business PhD Award (2012 - 2016)
- University of Alberta Business PhD Scholarship (2012 - 2016)
- AIMCo. PhD Scholarship in Finance (2014 - 2015)
- GRA Rice Graduate Scholarship in Business (2014 - 2015)
- Doctoral Students Abroad Funding (2015)
- Ernst Young PhD Faculty Fellowship (2012 - 2013)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Economic Association, 2016-Present

Member, American Finance Association, 2016-Present

Member, Financial Management Association International, 2016-Present

Member, European Finance Association, 2016-Present

Member, Northern Finance Association, 2016-Present

Member, Econometric Society, 2021-Present