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Employment

Associate Professor of Economics, Singapore Management University, 07/2018-Present.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University College London, 2010.
M.Phil. Economics (*with distinction*), University of Cambridge, 2004.
B.Sc. Economics (*first class honours*), London School of Economics, 2003.

Other Positions

Visiting Associate Researcher, University of California Los Angeles, 09/2019-12/2019.
Researcher, Centre for Research on the Economics of Ageing, 07/2018-06/2020.
Research Affiliate, Centre for Silver Security, SKBI, 07/2010-06/2014.
Assistant Professor of Economics, Singapore Management University, 07/2010-06/2018.
Part-Time Teaching Fellow, University College London, 10/2005-06/2009.

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Family, Policy, Development

Honors, Awards and Achievements

ADB-IEA Innovative Policy Research Award, 2024.
Shirin Fozdar Fellowship, 07/2016-06/2017.
SMU Long Service Award, 2015, 2020.
SMU Most Promising Teacher Award, 2013.
UCL Outstanding and Excellent Teaching Awards, 2008, 2009.
Overseas Research Student Award, 10/2004-06/2007.
WM Gorman Scholarship, 10/2004-06/2006.
Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Bursary, 10/2003-06/2004.
Clare Hall Research Fund, 10/2003-06/2004.
State of Mauritius Laureate Scholarship, 10/2000-06/2003.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journals

Kim, D., Ho, C., and Teerawichitchainan, B. (2024) Childlessness and Sibling Positioning in Upward Intergenerational Support: Insights from Singapore, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, advance online publication.

Teerawichitchainan, B. Kim, D., and Ho, C. (2024) Childlessness, Social Network Profiles in Midlife and Late Adulthood, and Their Implications for Subjective Well-being, *Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*, 79(6), advance online publication.

Yang, Y., Teerawichitchainan, B., and Ho, C. (2024) Diverse Pathways to Childlessness in Singapore: A Latent Class Approach, *Advances in Life Course Research*, 61(September), advance online publication.

Ho, C., Teerawichitchainan, B., Tan, J., and Tan, E. (2023) Risk Attitudes in Late Adulthood: Do Parenthood Status and Family Size Matter?, *Research on Aging*, 45(5-6): 423-437.

Ho, C. (2022) Strategic Parent Meets Detached Child? Parental Intended Bequest Division and Support from Children. *Demography*, 59(4), 1353–1376.

Ho, C. and Pavoni, N. (2020) Efficient Child Care Subsidies. *American Economic Review*, 110(1) 162-199.

Ho, C. (2019) Child's Gender, Parental Monetary Investments and Care of Elderly Parents in China. *Review of Economics of the Household*, 17(3), 741-774 (lead article).

Aney, S. M. and Ho, C. (2019) Deadlier Road Accidents? Traffic Safety Regulations and Heterogeneous Motorists' Behavior. *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 77(July), 155-171.

Ho, C. (2019) Optimal Disability Insurance with Informal Child Care. *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, 19(2), 1-42.

Chen, L.Y. and Ho, C. (2016) Incense Burning during Pregnancy and Birth Weight and Head Circumference among Term Births: The Taiwan Birth Cohort Study. *Environmental Health Perspectives*, 124(9), 1487-1492.

Ho, C. (2015) Welfare-to-Work Reform and Intergenerational Support: Grandmothers' Response to the 1996 PRWORA. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 77(April), 407-423.

Ho, C. (2015) Grandchild Care, Intergenerational Transfers, and Grandparents' Labor Supply. *Review of Economics of the Household*, 13(2), 359-384.

Ho, C. (2013) Welfare Reform and At-Risk Mothers' Labour Supply. *Economic Papers: A Journal of Applied Economics and Policy*, 32(2), 249-257.

Ho, C. (2013) Testing for Indirect Reciprocity in Charitable Activities. *Economics Bulletin*, 33(1), 797-803.

Book Chapters

Ho, C. and Myong, S. (2021) Providing Child Care. In Hoon, H.T. (Ed), *Singapore's Economic Dynamism and Inclusion*. Singapore, Routledge.

Working Papers

Social Institutions and Low Birth Rates (joint with Yutao Wang).

Family Size and Child Migration: Do Daughters Face Greater Trade-Offs than Sons? (joint with Yutao Wang and Sharon Xuejing Zuo).

The Timing of Universal and Permanent Cash Transfers and Infant Health (joint with Ying Liu).

Brothers, Sisters, and Support to Older Parents: Separate Spheres Across and Within Support Types? (joint with Kathleen McGarry).

School Attendance Information or Conditional Cash Transfer? Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment in Rural Bangladesh (joint with Tomoki Fujii, Abu Shonchoy, and Ray Rohan).

High Frequency Information Campaign to Tackle Education Crisis: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment during COVID-19 (joint with Tomoki Fujii, Abu Shonchoy, and Ray Rohan).

Childlessness and Health in Middle Age and Older Adulthood: Causal Evidence from Singapore (joint with Dahye Kim, Rohan Ray, and Bussarawan Teerawichitchainan).

Grants

MOE Tier 1(A) Grant (S\$38,395), Child Migration and Human Capital Investment. 2023-2025, PI.

MOE Tier 1(B) Grant (S\$100,000), Digital Lab Access in Bangladesh (D-LAB). 2023-2024, PI.

World Bank's Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund (SIEF) (US\$400,000). Aspire to Innovate Digital Lab Access in Bangladesh (AIDLAB), 2022-2023, Co-PI.

J-Pal Grant (US\$74,183.05), Information Nudges and Telephonic Remedial Sessions to Prevent Learning Decay During COVID-19 in Bangladesh, 2021-2022, Co-PI.

MOE Tier 2 Grant (S\$676,572) Childless Aging in Singapore and Thailand: A Comparative Mixed-Methods Study of Pathways to Childlessness and Its Later-Life Consequences, 2020-2023, Co-PI.

MOE Tier 1(A) Grant (S\$9,410), Brothers, Sisters, and Material Support to Parents. 2019-2020, PI.

MOE Tier 1(A) Grant (S\$34,000), Incentivizing School Attendance in Bangladesh: A Loss Aversion Conditional Cash Transfer Design, 2017-2020, Co-PI.

MOE Tier 3 Grant (S\$11,680,613.50), Economic Security and The Ageing Demographic, 2014-2020, Collaborator.

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks* (including scheduled)

- 2025 IE University Business School*.
- 2024 Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Ho Chi Minh City University of Banking; European Society of Population Economics Conference, Erasmus School of Economics; University of Southampton*; Diversity and Human Capital Workshop, University of Exeter.
- 2023 Conference on Sustainable Development for Thriving Communities, Monash University Malaysia; Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore*; Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Nanyang Technological University; Applied Micro Workshop, Singapore Management University*; Diversity and Human Capital Workshop, University of Exeter; Society of Economics of the Household Conference, University of Copenhagen; Royal Economic Society Conference, University of Glasgow.
- 2022 University of Kent*; International Association for Applied Econometrics Conference, Kings College London; Society of Economics of the Household, University College London; Australian Gender Economics Workshop, Virtual; American Economic Association Meeting, Inequality within Families, Virtual*.
- 2021 Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics Conference, Virtual; Society of Economics of the Household Conference, Virtual; Society of Labor Economics Conference, Virtual; NUS-SMU Development Economics Workshop, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and Singapore Management University*; Royal Economic Society Conference, Virtual; Monash University, Virtual*.
- 2019 Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics Conference, National University of Singapore; Center for Economic and Social Research, University of Southern California*; Labor/Public Economics Workshop, Yale University*; Workshop on Singapore's Economic Dynamism and Inclusion, Singapore Management University*; Western Economic Association International

- Conference, San Francisco; European Society of Population Economics Conference, University of Bath; Macro-Labour and Applied Micro Workshop, Singapore Management University*; Center for Family and Population Research, National University of Singapore*.
- 2018 Asia Pacific Conference: Health, Labor, and Family Policies in Ageing Society, Peking University and Fudan University*; European Society of Population Economics Conference, University of Antwerp; Society of Economics of the Household Meeting, Paris School of Economics.
- 2017 University of Bath*; Asian and Australian Meeting of Labor Economics, Australian National University; International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress, University of Tokyo; Society of Economics of the Household Meeting, San Diego State University; Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Chinese University of Hong Kong; Challenges and Opportunities in Family Care, Singapore Management University*.
- 2016 RAND Economic Demography Workshop, Population Association of America Meeting, Washington DC; ADBI-AGI Workshop on Aging in Asia, Kitakyushu*.
- 2015 Econometric Society World Congress, Montreal; International Pensions Workshop, University Paris-Dauphine; Singapore Management University*.
- 2014 Public Economic Theory Conference, University of Washington; International Conference of Macroeconomics and Policy, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies*.
- 2013 Optimal Taxation and Public Policies in Macroeconomics Workshop, University of Macau*; Public Economic Theory Conference, Católica-Lisbon; Scottish Economic Society Conference, Scotland.
- 2012 Australasian Econometric Society Meeting, Melbourne; Macroeconomic and Policy Implications of Underground Economy and Tax Evasion Conference, Bocconi University; Royal Economic Society Conference, University of Cambridge; Singapore Management University*.
- 2011 Academia Sinica*; Scottish Economic Society Conference, Scotland; Singapore Management University*.
- 2010 European Economic Society Meeting, Glasgow University; Royal Economic Society Conference, University of Surrey; University of Essex*; Singapore Management University*; Sciences Po*; University of St. Gallen*; Boston College*; Royal Economic Society Ph.D. Meeting, City University.
- 2009 University of Buckingham*; University College London*; The Economic Psychology of Giving, Public Goods and Leadership Workshop, University of Kent; European Economic Society Meeting, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics; Society of Labor Economists Meeting, Boston; Royal Economic Society Conference, University of Surrey; ENTER Jamboree, University College London.
- 2008 European Society for Population Economics, University College London; Public Economics Seminar, London School of Economics*; IZA Summer School, Munich.
- 2007 Research on Families and Relationships Conference, University of Edinburgh.

Academic Visits

Bocconi University (5-17 June, 2012; 11-14 April, 1-7 July, 2013; 24-27 May, 2015; 12-20 February, 2018)

University of Michigan (13 April-4 May, 2013)

Editorial Positions

Editor, *Review of Economics of the Household*, Special Issue on Intergenerational Transfers and Time use, 2024.

Ad hoc Reviewer

B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, China Economic Review, Demography, Economica, Economics Bulletin, Family Relations, International Economic Review, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the Economics of Ageing, Journal of the European Economic Association, Labour, Labour Economics, Nature Human Behaviour, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Policy Studies, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Singapore Economic Review, Social Science and Medicine.

Media Appearances

Exploring family dynamics and designing policies, featured in *Economic Policy and Influence*, Research at SOE, 2022.

Effective Child Care Subsidies, featured in *Strengthening Social Fabric and Quality of Life*, *ORTT SMU*, 2020.

Investigating the Economics of Child Care, *Asian Scientist*, 2014.

Professional Activities and Services

University Service

Focus group, Strategic Visioning and Planning Exercise, 2024.

Member, Core Curriculum Committee, 07/2018-06/2019.

Faculty Advisor, Center for Teaching Excellence Micro-Teaching Forum for PhD Instructors, 2016.

Member, Institutional Review Board, 01/2015-12/2016.

Faculty Showcase, Office of Corporate Communications, 2014.

School Service

Chair, Seminar Series Committee, 07/2021-Present.
Member, Seminar Series Committee, 07/2020-06/2021.
Member, School Evaluation Committee, 2020-Present.
Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2018, 2020, 2022 (labor co-chair).
Chair, Economics and Society Committee, 07/2018-06/2019.
Presenter, Economics Collective Talks, 2018.
Presenter, Economics Discovery Day Talks, 2018.
Member, Undergraduate Programmes, 07/2017-Present.
Course Coordinator (Term 1), Introductory Economics, 07/2014-12/2018.
Interviewer, Mock PhD Job Market Interviews, 2014, 2018.
Member, Revamp of Introductory Economics Workgroup, 2013.
Member, SOE Research Workshop Committee, 07/2012-06/2017.
Member, Concentration and Bundling of Courses Workgroup, 2012.
Interviewer, UG and PG Admission Interviews, 07/2010-Present.
Teaching and JC Talk Committee, 07/2010-06/2012.

Professional Service

Executive Committee Member, Society of Economics of the Household, 2022-2025.
Scientific Committee, Australian Gender Economics Workshop (AGEW), 2022 (Australian National University).
Scientific Committee, Annual Meeting of the Society of Household Economics (SEHO), 2021 (Boston University), 2025 (University of Zaragoza).
Board Member, Society of Economics of the Household, 2020-2024.
Scientific Committee, Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) conference, 2019 (National University of Singapore), 2023 (National Taiwan University), 2024 (Chulalongkorn University).

Events Organized

Organizer, Society of Economics of the Household Conference, Raffles City Convention Centre, 2024.
Coordinator, Economic Lecture Series, Singapore Management University, 2021-2024.
Co-organizer, NUS-SMU Development Economics Workshop, Lew Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and Singapore Management University, 2021.
Coordinator, Applied Micro Workshop Series, Singapore Management University, 2021.
Organizer, Macro Labour and Applied Micro Workshop, Singapore Management University, 2019.

Professional Skills

Computing Skills: Stata, Matlab, LaTeX

Languages: English (Fluent), French (Fluent), Mandarin (Basic), Creole (Native)

University Courses Taught

Singapore Management University
Undergraduate Program

Demographic and Family Economics, ECON243
Public Sector Economics, ECON211
Introductory Economics, ECON001 (course coordinator)
Senior Thesis Supervision: Ngoh Jia Hui.

Graduate Program

Topics in Public Policy, ECON749
Capstone Supervision: Amanda Tan, Cao Lu, Cao Yutong.
Independent Study, IDST709: Yijin Tan.
MPhil Committee (Chair*): Rachel Tan, Jia Wen Liew*.
PhD Committee (Chair*): Yijin Tan (Ministry of Trade and Industry), Yanying Chen (Central Provident Fund), Sijia Xu (Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy), Rohan Ray (National University of Singapore, Global Asia Institute), Yutao Wang*, Ying Liu*.
START Mentee: Rachel Tan (University College London).

University College London

Undergraduate Program

Principles of Economics, ECON1001
Intermediate Microeconomics, ECON2001
Principles of Tax Policy, ECON7008

External PhD Examiner: Huali Wu (Essec, France)

Citizenship/Visa: British, Mauritian, Singapore PR