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Employment

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

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University College London, 2010.

Thesis: *Intergenerational Resource Allocation, Family Labour Supply, and Optimal Policy*

Advisors: Nicola Pavoni and Ian Preston; Examiners: Costas Meghir and Kathleen McGarry

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

Fields: Public Economics, Labor & Demographic Economics, Family Studies.

Areas: Family and Intergenerational Transfers, Policy Evaluation and Design.

Honors, Awards and Achievements

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

Ho, C., Teerawichitchainan, B., Tan, J., and Tan, E. (2022) Risk Attitudes in Late Adulthood: Do Parenthood Status and Family Size Matter?, *Research on Aging*, advance online publication.

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.

Research Papers

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

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).

Grants

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-I.

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-I.

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-I.

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

Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars

2022 University of Kent; International Association for Applied Econometrics Conference, Kings College London; Society of Economics of the Household, University College London; 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.

- 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, 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

Academia Sinica (24-28 October, 2011)
Asian Growth Research Institute (14-16 November, 2016)
Bocconi University (5-17 June, 2012; 11-14 April, 1-7 July, 2013; 24-27 May, 2015; 12-20 February, 2018)
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (6-9 March, 2014)
University of Macau (10-12 November, 2012)
University of Michigan (13 April-4 May, 2013)

Ad hoc Reviewer

China Economic Review, Demography, Economica, Economics Bulletin, Family Relations, 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, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Labour Economics, 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

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

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, 2020-2022.
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-Present.
Scientific Committee, Australian Gender Economics Workshop (AGEW), Australian National University, 2022.
Scientific Committee, Annual Meeting of the Society of Household Economics (SEHO), Boston University, 2021.
Board Member, Society of Economics of the Household, 2020-Present.
Scientific Committee, Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) conference: National University of Singapore, 2019.

Events Organized

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: Ngoh Jia Hui.

Graduate Program

Topics in Public Policy, ECON749
Independent Study, IDST709: Yijin Tan.
MPhil Committee: Rachel Tan.
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*
START Mentee: Rachel Tan (University College London).

University College London
Undergraduate Program
Principles of Economics, ECON1001
Intermediate Microeconomics, ECON2001
Principles of Tax Policy, ECON7008

Citizenship/Visa: British, Mauritian, Singapore PR