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EDUCATION

2004-2009 Ph.D., Finance, **HEC Montreal, University of Montreal**
2002-2003 M.B.A., Finance, **Laval University**
1997-2001 B.B.A., Finance, **HEC Carthage**

CAREER EXPERIENCE

2019- Professor, School of Accounting and Finance, **The Hong Kong Polytechnic University**
2015-2019 Associate Professor, School of Accounting and Finance, **The Hong Kong Polytechnic University**
2012-2015 Assistant Professor, School of Accounting and Finance, **The Hong Kong Polytechnic University**
2009-2012 Assistant Professor of Finance at the **American University of Beirut**
2008-2009 Instructor of Finance at the **University of Southern Indiana**
2007-2008 Instructor of International Business at **HEC Montreal**

CITATION COUNT

Total citations in published and working papers: 7400+ (h-index=28) (source: Google Scholar)

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

33. "Local Agglomeration and Household Mortgage Debt" with Fengqin Freya Chen and Longfei Shang, *Management Science* 71 (2025) 5001-5021
32. "Movables as Collateral and Corporate Credit: Loan-level Evidence from Legal Reforms across Europe" with Steven Ongena, Yuan Sun, and Lai Wei, *Journal of Banking and Finance* 170 (2025) 107331
31. "Firm-Level Political Risk and Bank Loan Contracting" with Yang Wang and K.C. John Wei, *Contemporary Accounting Research* 41 (2024) 1577-1607
30. "Pay Transparency and Entrepreneurship" with Longfei Shang, *Journal of Banking and Finance* 162 (2024) 107128
29. "Accounting-Driven Bank Monitoring and Firms' Debt Structure: Evidence from IFRS 9 Adoption" with Xiao Li and Jeffrey Ng, *Management Science* 70 (2024) 54-77

- **Best Paper Award at the 2019 World Accounting Frontiers Series Conference**

28. “Credit Default Swaps and Corporate Debt Structure” with Yangyang Chen, Chenyu Shan, and Sarah Qian Wang, *Journal of Corporate Finance* 83 (2023) 102494

27. “Elections and CSR Engagement: International Evidence” with Bryan Husted, *Journal of Business Ethics* 184 (2023) 115-138

- **Best Paper Award at the 2016 Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference**

26. “Employment Protection and Household Mortgage Debt” with Longfei Shang, *Journal of Banking and Finance* 149 (2023) 106817

25. “Policy Uncertainty and Textual Disclosure” with Liangliang Jiang and Jeffrey Pittman, *Accounting Horizons* 36 (2022) 113-131

- **Listed among the Top 5 most-cited papers at *Accounting Horizons* since 2022 (source: Scopus)**

24. “Executive Equity Risk-Taking Incentives and Firms’ Choice of Debt Structure” with Yangyang Chen, Iftekhar Hasan, and Leon Zolotoy, *Journal of Banking and Finance* 133 (2021) 106274

23. “Financial Reporting and Trade Credit: Evidence from Mandatory IFRS Adoption” with Xiao Li and Jeffrey Ng, *Contemporary Accounting Research* 38 (2021) 96-128

- **Listed among the Top 10 most-cited papers at *Contemporary Accounting Research* since 2021 (source: Scopus)**

22. “Does Economic Policy Uncertainty Drive the Initiation of Corporate Lobbying?” with Longfei Shang and Ji-Chai Lin, *Journal of Corporate Finance* 70 (2021) 102053

21. “How Economic Policy Uncertainty Affects the Cost of Raising Equity Capital: Evidence from Seasoned Equity Offerings” with Yue-Cheong Chan and K.C. John Wei, *Journal of Financial Stability* 53 (2021) 100841

- **Listed among the Top 10 most-cited papers at *Journal of Financial Stability* in 2021 and 2022 (source: Scopus)**

20. “Policy Uncertainty and Loan Loss Provisions in the Banking Industry” with Jeffrey Ng and Janus Jian Zhang, *Review of Accounting Studies* 25 (2020) 726-777

- **Listed among the Top 10 most-cited papers at *Review of Accounting Studies* article since 2020 (source: Scopus)**

19. “Political Uncertainty and Cost Stickiness: Evidence from National Elections around the World” with Woo-Jong Lee and Jeffrey Pittman, *Contemporary Accounting Research* 37 (2020) 1107-1139

- **Best Paper Award at the 2015 World Accounting Frontiers Series Conference**
- **Listed among the Top 5 most-cited papers at *Contemporary Accounting Research* article since 2020 (source: Scopus)**

18. “State Ownership and Debt Choice: Evidence from Privatization” with Narjess Boubakri, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis* 54 (2019) 1313-1346

17. “Product Market Competition and Debt Choice” with Sabri Boubaker and Syrine Sassi, *Journal of Corporate Finance* 49 (2018) 204-224

16. "The Role of Multiple Large Shareholders in the Choice of Debt Source" with Sabri Boubaker and Wael Rouatbi, *Financial Management* 46 (2017) 241-274

- **Listed among the Top 10 most-cited papers at *Financial Management* since 2017 (source: Scopus)**

15. "The Constraints on Full Privatization: International Evidence" with Narjess Boubakri and Jean-Claude Cosset, *Journal of Corporate Finance* 42 (2017) 392-407

14. "National Culture and Privatization: The Relationship between Collectivism and Residual State Ownership" with Narjess Boubakri, Omrane Guedhami, and Chuck Kwok, *Journal of International Business Studies* 47 (2016) 170-190

13. "Culture and Externally Financed Firm Growth" with Narjess Boubakri, *Journal of Corporate Finance* 41 (2016) 502-520

12. "Near and Dear? The Role of Location in CSR Engagement" with Bryan Husted and Dima Jamali, *Strategic Management Journal* 37 (2016) 2050-2070

11. "Geographic Location, Foreign Ownership and Cost of Equity Capital: Evidence from Privatization" with Narjess Boubakri and Omrane Guedhami, *Journal of Corporate Finance* 38 (2016) 363-381

- **Best Paper Award in Corporate Governance at the 2014 Global Finance Conference**

10. "Disclosure Standards, Auditing Infrastructure, and Bribery Mitigation" with Samer Khalil and Samir Trabelsi, *Journal of Business Ethics* 132 (2015) 379-399

9. "Auditor Choice in Politically Connected Firms" with Omrane Guedhami and Jeffrey Pittman, *Journal of Accounting Research* 52 (2014) 107-162

- **Listed among the Top 10 most-cited papers at the *Journal of Accounting Research* from 2014 to 2022 (source: Scopus)**

8. "Political Rights and Equity Pricing" with Narjess Boubakri and Sadok El Ghouli, *Journal of Corporate Finance* 27 (2014) 326-344

7. "The Role of State and Foreign Owners in Corporate Risk-Taking: Evidence from Privatization" with Narjess Boubakri and Jean-Claude Cosset, *Journal of Financial Economics* 108 (2013) 641-658

6. "Political Institutions, Connectedness, and Corporate Risk-Taking" with Narjess Boubakri and Sattar Mansi, *Journal of International Business Studies* 44 (2013) 195-215

5. "Political Connections and the Cost of Equity Capital" with Narjess Boubakri, Omrane Guedhami, and Dev Mishra, *Journal of Corporate Finance* 18 (2012) 541-559

- **Listed among the Top 10 most-cited papers at the *Journal of Corporate Finance* from 2012-2024 (source: Scopus)**

- **2015 Emerald Citations of Excellence Award, recognizing the most influential and outstanding papers published across 300 business journals since 2012**

4. "The Impact of Political Connections on Firms' Operating Performance and Financing Decisions" with Narjess Boubakri and Jean-Claude Cosset, *Journal of Financial Research* 35 (2012) 397-423

- **The most-cited *Journal of Financial Research* article since 2012 (source: Scopus)**

3. "The Political Economy of Residual State Ownership in Privatized Firms: Evidence from Emerging Markets" with Narjess Boubakri, Jean-Claude Cosset, and Omrane Guedhami, *Journal of Corporate Finance* 17 (2011) 244-258
2. "Auditor Choice in Privatized Firms: Empirical Evidence on the Role of State and Foreign Owners" with Omrane Guedhami and Jeffrey Pittman, *Journal of Accounting and Economics* 48 (2009) 151-171
1. "Political Connections of Newly Privatized Firms" with Narjess Boubakri and Jean-Claude Cosset, *Journal of Corporate Finance* 14 (2008) 654-673
 - Listed among the Top 10 most-cited papers at the *Journal of Corporate Finance* from 2008 to 2022 (source: *Scopus*)
 - 2009 Esdras Minville Award, best Ph.D. student publication at HEC Montreal

WORKING PAPERS

1. "Pay Transparency and Cost Stickiness: Evidence from the Passage of State Pay Transparency Laws" with Jeffrey Ng, Longfei Shang, and Sterling Huang
 - MAS Best Paper Award at the 2023 American Accounting Association Annual Meeting
2. "Spillover Effect of Private Firm Disclosures on Public Firms' Loan Spreads" with Fengqin Freya Chen, Jeffery Ng, and Detian Yang
 - Outstanding Award at the 2023 International Conference on Innovation and Management
3. "Private Firm Disclosures and Public Firms' Debt Choice" with Fengqin Freya Chen and Jeffrey Pittman
 - Best Paper Award at the 2024 Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference
4. "Who Knows More? Public Firm Information Spillovers into the Municipal Bond Market Around IPOs" with Jie Jay Cao, Stephanie Cheng, and Lei Lei
5. "The Effect of Accounting for Expected Credit Losses on Trade Credit: Evidence from IFRS 9 Adoption" with Xiao Li, Jeffrey Ng, and Yuan Sun
6. "Suppliers' Public Relations Efforts and Trade Credit Provision" with Chuchu Liang, Jeffrey Ng, and Hanzhong Shi
7. "Private Firm Disclosure Transparency and International IPO Underpricing" with Yangyang Chen, Abhinav Goyal, and Leon Zolotoy
8. "How Do Private Firm Disclosures Affect the Extent to Which Managers of Public Firms Learn from Stock Prices?" with Fengqin Freya Chen, Jeffery Ng, and Longfei Shang

9. “When you Talk, I Quit: Data Breach Notification Laws and Supply Chain Relationships” with Xiaohui (Fiona) Li and Cheng (Colin) Zeng
10. “ESG Mandatory Disclosure and Debt Concentration” with Fengqin Freya Chen and Yuan Huang

HONORS & AWARDS

2025	Faculty of Business Prize for Outstanding Young Researcher, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2025	Keynote Speaker, International Conference on Economics and Business, Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Nasional, Jakarta. <i>ESG Mandatory Disclosure and Debt Concentration</i> . November 10, 2025
2024	School of Accounting and Finance Award for Outstanding Young Researcher, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2024	Invited Speaker, Symposium on ESG and Policy Research, Taipei, Taiwan. <i>ESG Mandatory Disclosure and Debt Concentration</i> . September 27, 2024
2024	Keynote Speaker, The Pathways to a Sustainable Future: Global Research and Policy Conference, Kuwait City. <i>ESG Mandatory Disclosure and Debt Concentration</i> . February 21, 2024
2024	Best Paper Award at the Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference
2023	Outstanding Award at the 2023 International Conference on Innovation and Management
2023	MAS Best Paper Award at the 2023 American Accounting Association Annual Meeting
2023	Keynote Speaker, The 20th International Conference on Innovation and Management, Hong Kong. <i>Private Firms Disclosure and Cost of Debt</i> . November 25, 2023
2023	Keynote Speaker, National University, Indonesia. <i>Publishing in Top-tier Accounting and Finance Journals</i> . October 4, 2023
2023	Keynote Speaker, State University of Jakarta, Indonesia. <i>Publishing in Top-tier Accounting and Finance Journals</i> . October 2, 2023
2022	School of Accounting and Finance Prize for Outstanding Performance in Research, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2021	Ranked No. 8 in the top JCF authors between 1994 and 2018 (Source: Baker, Kumar, and Pattnaik, 2021. Twenty-five years of the <i>Journal of Corporate Finance</i> : A scientometric analysis. <i>Journal of Corporate Finance</i> 66, 101572)
2021	Best Paper Award at the Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference
2020	Faculty of Business Prize for Outstanding Performance in Research, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2019	Best Paper Award at the World Accounting Frontiers Series Conference
2018	School of Accounting and Finance Award for Outstanding Performance in Research, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2017	Faculty of Business Fellow Award • Faculty level award recognizing staff members who have contributed significantly to raise the reputation of the Faculty and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2016	Best Paper Award at the Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference
2016	Faculty of Business Award for Outstanding Performance in Research, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2015 & 2016	Nominated for the President’s Award for Excellent Performance in Research by the School of Accounting and Finance, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2015	Emerald Citations of Excellence Award
2015	Best Paper Award at the World Accounting Frontiers Series Conference

2015	Best Paper Award at the International Business Research Conference
2014	Best Paper Award in Corporate Governance at the Global Finance Conference
2014	Faculty of Business Prize for Outstanding Performance in Research, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2009	Esdras Minville Award, best Ph.D. student publication at HEC Montreal
2008	Award of the Dean of the Sprott School of Business at the Doctoral Symposium, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada
2007	Award of Excellence at the Student Conference on Research in Business, Montreal
2006 & 2007	Centre de Recherche en E-Finance, HEC Montreal, Doctoral Fellowship
2004	Inter-university Center on Risk, Economic Policies and Employment, Finance Axe, Doctoral Fellowship
2003 & 2004	Department of Finance and Insurance, Laval University, Doctoral Fellowship
2003	Industrial-Alliance M.B.A. Thesis Fellowship

RESEARCH GRANTS

2023-2025	General Research Fund, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, Principal Investigator (HK\$330,480)
2022-2024	School of Accounting and Finance General Research Fund, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Principal Investigator (HK\$50,000)
2021-2024	School of Accounting and Finance General Research Fund, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Principal Investigator (HK\$250,000)
2019-2021	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Central Research Grant, Principal Investigator (HK\$105,000)
2017-2019	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Central Research Grant, Principal Investigator (HK\$105,000)
2016-2018	School of Accounting and Finance General Research Fund, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Principal Investigator (HK\$50,000)
2015-2017	School of Accounting and Finance General Research Fund, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Principal Investigator (HK\$50,000)
2014-2017	Start-up Fund, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Principal Investigator (HK\$200,000)
2014-2016	General Research Fund, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, Principal Investigator (HK\$125,000)
2014-2016	School of Accounting and Finance General Research Fund, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Principal Investigator (HK\$50,000)
2013-2017	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grant, with Narjess Boubakri and Jean-Claude Cosset (CA\$186,887)
2013-2015	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Central Research Grant, Principal Investigator (HK\$105,000)
2013-2015	School of Accounting and Finance General Research Fund, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Principal Investigator (HK\$50,000)
2012	University Research Board Grant, American University of Beirut, Principal Investigator (US\$4,600)
2011	University Research Board Grant, American University of Beirut, Principal Investigator (US\$7,000)
2010	University Research Board Grant, American University of Beirut, Principal Investigator (US\$7,000)
2009	University Research Board Seed Grant, American University of Beirut, Principal Investigator (US\$3,723)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2025	Department of Economics and Management “Marco Fanno”, University of Padua, Italy
2025	STIE, YKPN Business School, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
2025	Research Centre for Green Business (RCGB), PolyU SPEED, Hong Kong
2025	Bang College of Business, KIMEP University, Almaty, Kazakhstan
2024	Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business, Murray State University, USA
2024	Faculty of Commerce, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
2023	Graduate School of Management, Kyoto University, Japan
2023	Faculty of Economics and Business, National University, Jakarta, Indonesia
2023	Shenzhen Audencia Business School, Shenzhen University, China
2023	Faculty of Economics, State University of Jakarta, Indonesia
2022	Faculty of Business and Law, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom
2021	College of Business and Law, RMIT University, Australia
2021	Faculty of Economics, State University of Jakarta, Indonesia
2020	School of Management, Swansea University, United Kingdom
2019	Olayan School of Business, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
2018	Faculty of Economics, Nagasaki University, Japan
2018	School of Business, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong
2017	Deakin Business School, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia
2017	College of Industrial Management, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, KSA
2016	Champagne School of Management, Groupe ESC Troyes en Champagne, France
2015	Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
2014	Champagne School of Management, Groupe ESC Troyes en Champagne, France
2013	Research Group in International Business, HEC Montreal, Canada
2012	The International Journal of Accounting Symposium, Niagara Falls, Canada
2012	School of Accounting and Finance, The Honk Kong Polytechnic University
2012	Erasmus School of Economics, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
2010	Research Group in International Business, HEC Montreal, Montreal, Canada
2009	Department of Business, St George’s University, West Indies, Grenada
2009	School of Economics and Management, Universidade Catolica Portuguesa, Lisbon, Portugal
2009	Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University, The Netherlands
2009	Olayan School of Business, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon
2009	Vlerick Leuven Gent Management School, Gent, Belgium
2009	IESEG School of Management, Lille, France
2009	College of Business and Economics, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand
2009	College of Business, Massey University, Auckland, New Zealand
2008	School of Business, George Washington University, Washington DC, USA
2008	Edwards School of Business, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada
2008	College of Business, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, Indiana, USA
2008	Institute of Business Administration, University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany
2008	ESCP-EAP European School of Management, Paris, France
2008	Rouen School of Management, Rouen, France
2008	Sprott Doctoral Symposium, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada
2008	Department of Finance, University of Quebec at Montreal, Montreal, Canada
2007	Europeace Institute of Finance Annual Meeting, Paris, France

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

(Co-author presented: *)

2025	The Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance Conference, Dubai, UAE
2025	Journal of International Accounting Research Conference, Casablanca, Morocco
2025	World Finance Conference, Lavallette, Malta
2025	Financial Management Association European Annual Meeting, Limassol, Cyprus
2025	European Accounting Association Annual Congress, Rome, Italy
2025	The Journal of Contemporary Accounting and Economics Annual Symposium, Bangalore, India
2024	European Accounting Association Annual Congress, Bucharest, Romania
2024	The Asian Finance Association Annual Conference, Macau SAR, China
2024	The Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference, Istanbul, Turkey
2024	Annual International Conference on Accounting, Athens, Greece
2024	The International Conference of the Journal of International Accounting Research, Taipei, Taiwan*
2023	European Finance Association Annual Meeting, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*
2023	World Finance Banking Symposium, Vilnius, Lithuania
2023	American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Denver, USA*
2023	European Accounting Association Annual Congress, Helsinki, Finland
2022	The Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference, Istanbul, Turkey
2022	Paris Financial Management Conference, Paris, France*
2022	Entrepreneurship, Finance and Innovation Symposium, Hanoi, Vietnam*
2021	The World Finance & Banking Symposium, Budapest, Hungary
2020	The Journal of Contemporary Accounting and Economics Annual Symposium, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2019	The 8 th Conference of the World Accounting Frontiers Series, Macau
2019	Paris Financial Management Conference, Paris, France
2019	Global Finance Conference Annual Meeting, Zagreb, Croatia
2019	Seventh Indonesian Financial Management Association Annual International Conference, Bali, Indonesia
2019	Financial Management Association Asia/Pacific Conference, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam*
2018	Paris Financial Management Conference, Paris, France
2018	Financial Management Association Asia/Pacific Conference, Hong Kong
2018	The World Finance Conference, Mauritius
2017	Paris Financial Management Conference, Paris, France
2017	The World Finance Conference, Sardinia, Italy
2017	European Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, Athens, Greece*
2017	Global Finance Conference Annual Meeting, New York, USA*
2016	International Conference on Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance, Rethymno, Greece
2016	Vietnam Symposium in Banking and Finance, Hanoi, Vietnam
2016	The Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference, Vienna, Austria
2016	Paris Financial Management Conference, Paris, France
2016	Summer Accounting and Finance Conference, Monastir, Tunisia
2016	International Finance and Banking Society Conference, Barcelona, Spain*
2016	The Journal of Contemporary Accounting and Economics Annual Symposium, Bangkok, Thailand*
2015	Financial Management Association Europe Annual Meeting, Venice, Italy
2015	Paris Financial Management Conference, Paris, France
2015	The World Accounting and Finance Conference, Tunis, Tunisia

2015	Fifth Biennial World Accounting Frontiers Series conference, Macau
2015	International Business Research Conference, Dubai, UAE
2015	The World Finance Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina
2015	European Accounting Association Annual Congress, Glasgow, Scotland*
2015	European Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*
2015	The International Journal of Accounting Symposium, Xiamen, China*
2015	Canadian Academic Accounting Association Conference, Toronto, Canada*
2015	Journal of Corporate Finance Conference on Culture and Finance, Winston-Salem, USA
2015	Journal of International Accounting Research Conference, Sao Paulo, Brazil*
2015	The Journal of Contemporary Accounting and Economics Annual Symposium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*
2014	Paris Financial Management Conference, Paris, France
2014	The Conference of Tunisian Accounting and Finance Professors' Association of North America, Tunis, Tunisia
2014	American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, USA*
2014	Vietnam International Conference in Finance, Hanoi, Vietnam
2014	Global Finance Conference Annual Meeting, Dubai, UAE
2014	Fourth Chinese Capital Markets Conference, Ningbo, Zhejiang, China*
2014	Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand Conference, Auckland, New Zealand*
2014	Canadian Academic Accounting Association Conference, Edmonton, Canada*
2014	European Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, Rome, Italy*
2013	Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA
2013	First Paris Financial Management Conference, Paris, France
2013	Journal of Corporate Finance Conference on Privatization, Winston-Salem, USA*
2013	International Conference on Finance and Banking, Bali, Indonesia
2013	Financial Management Association Europe Annual Meeting, Luxemburg
2012	Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, USA*
2012	Academy of Management Annual Meeting, Boston, USA*
2012	Financial Management Association Europe Annual Meeting, Istanbul, Turkey
2012	European Accounting Association Annual Congress, Ljubljana, Slovenia
2012	Advances in Business-Related Scientific Research Conference, Venice, Italy*
2012	CFA-Financial Analysis Journal-Schulich School of Business, Toronto, Canada*
2011	12 th Symposium on Finance, Banking, and Insurance, Karlsruhe, Germany
2011	Inter-university Center on Risk, Economic Policies and Employment, Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada*
2011	Academy of International Business Annual Meeting, Nagoya, Japan
2011	Canadian Academic Accounting Association Conference, Toronto, Canada
2011	Global Finance Conference Annual Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand
2011	Olayan School of Business Seminars, American University of Beirut, Lebanon*
2010	Financial Management Association Asian Meeting, Singapore City, Singapore
2010	Academy of International Business Annual Meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
2009	Paris Finance International Meeting, Paris, France
2009	Financial Management Association Conference, Reno-Lake Tahoe, USA*
2009	Journal of Corporate Finance Conference on Corporate Finance and Governance in Emerging Markets, Beijing, China
2009	American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, New York, USA*
2009	Academy of International Business Annual Meeting, San Diego, USA*
2009	Financial Management Association European Annual Meeting, Turin, Italy

2009	Eastern Finance Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C, USA
2009	European Financial Management Symposium on Corporate Governance and Control, University of Cambridge, UK
2009	International Finance Conference, Hammamet, Tunisia
2009	Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA
2008	Australasian Finance and Banking Annual Conference, Sydney, Australia
2008	Symposium on Finance, Banking and Insurance, Karlsruhe, Germany*
2008	European International Business Academy Conference, Tallinn, Estonia
2008	American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Anaheim, USA*
2008	Academy of International Business Annual Meeting, Milan, Italy
2008	European Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, Athens, Greece
2008	Financial Management European Meeting, Prague, Czech Republic
2008	Student Conference on Research in Business, Montreal, Canada
2007	Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, USA
2007	Academy of International Business Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, USA
2007	Student Conference on Research in Business, Montreal, Canada
2007	European Financial Management Symposium on Corporate Finance and Shareholders Activism, Milan, Italy
2007	International Finance Conference, Hammamet, Tunisia
2006	The Conference on Asia-Pacific Financial Markets, Seoul, South Korea
2006	Northern Finance Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada
2006	Inter-university Center on Risk, Economic Policies and Employment, Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada
2006	Workshop on the Politics of Corporate Governance, Copenhagen, Denmark*

SERVICE

Associate Editor, *Journal of International Financial Management and Accounting*, 2023-

Associate Editor, *Journal of Financial Stability*, 2019-

Track Editor, *China Accounting and Finance Review*, 2019-

Associate Editor, *The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, 2020-2022

Editorial Board, *Business & Society*, 2015-2021

Associate Editor, *China Accounting and Finance Review*, 2015-2019

Guest Editor, Special Issue of *Research in International Business and Finance* 2026 (with Ricky Chan)

Guest Editor, Special Issue of *Journal of Economics and Business* 2025 (with Sabri Boubakri)

Guest Editor, Special Issue of *Pacific Basin Finance Journal* 2022 (with Bohui Zhang, Steven Wang, Robin Chou, and Shaojun Zhang)

Guest Editor, Special Issue of *International Review of Financial Analysis* 2016 (with Sabri Boubaker and Duc Khuong Nguyen)

Scientific Committee, Paris Financial Management Conference

Program Committee, Indonesian Financial Management Association International Conference

Ad hoc reviewer for the *Journal of Law and Economics*; *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*; *The Accounting Review*; *Journal of International Business Studies*; *Contemporary Accounting Research*; *Accounting, Organizations and Society*; *Journal of Business Ethics*; *Journal of Corporate Finance*;

Journal of Banking and Finance; Journal of Financial Stability; Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance; Accounting Horizons; Business & Society; British Accounting Review, Emerging Market Review; International Journal of Emerging Markets; Journal of Management Studies; Corporate Governance: An International Review; Financial Review; Journal of Business Finance and Accounting; Journal of Financial Research; Journal of Accounting and Public Policy; Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization; Journal of Contemporary Accounting and Economics; International Journal of Auditing; Journal of Multinational Financial Management; Journal of International Business Policy; Asia-Pacific Journal of Financial Studies; Pacific-Basin Finance Journal; Journal of Applied Accounting Research; European Accounting Review; International Review of Financial Analysis; Global Finance Journal; Economic Modeling; Kyklos; Finance Research Letters; Managerial Finance; International Journal of Corporate Governance; Frontiers in Psychology; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Research Grants Council of Hong Kong; The University Research Board at the American University of Beirut; Research Grants Council of St. Petersburg State University; National Science Center Poland; Fonds Québécois de la Recherche sur la Société et la Culture

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Departmental Staffing Committee, September 2023-

Departmental Research Council, September 2014-

Departmental Database Committee, September 2012-

PhD program co-director, July 2019-June 2024

Faculty of Business Staffing Committee, September 2019-August 2023

Faculty of Business Research Committee, September 2019- August 2023

Departmental Staffing Committee, September 2017- September 2021

Departmental Research Committee, September 2018- September 2022

Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme Reviewer, 2022/2023

Chief Supervisor of Ph.D. students: Huixuan (Hana) Xie; Yuan Sun (graduated in 2025, Placed at CPCE, Hong Kong Polytechnic University); Fengqin (Freya) Chen (graduated in 2024, Placed at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics); Siyuan (Adam) Yan (graduated in 2021, Placed at East China University of Science and Technology)

Co-supervisor of PhD students: Muhabie Mekonnen Mengistu (graduated in 2021, placed at Hong Kong Metropolitan University); Jian (Janus) Zhang (graduated in 2020, placed at Hong Kong Baptist University); Yu (Tony) Zhang (graduated in 2015, placed at Lawrence Technological University, MI, USA)