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## Research Interests

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Corporate Finance, Technology and Finance, Law and Finance

## Education

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 2019/09 – 2024/06 (Expected) | The University of Hong Kong | Ph.D. in Finance    |
| 2018/08 – 2019/06            | The University of Hong Kong | M.Fin. in Fintech   |
| 2014/09 – 2018/06            | Sun Yat-Sen University      | B.B.A in Accounting |

## Publications

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- Ding, Wenzhi, Ross Levine, Chen Lin, and Wensi Xie, 2021, Corporate Immunity to the COVID-19 Pandemic, *Journal of Financial Economics* 141, 802–830. [[Link](#)]
  - Media coverage: [The Economist](#), [Harvard Law School Forum](#), [Institutional Investor](#)

## Conferences and Presentations

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|------|---|
| 2021 | China International Conference in Finance (Helper)                  |
| 2020 | Australasian Finance and Banking Conference (Presenter, Discussant) |
| 2019 | SFS Cavalcade Asia-Pacific (Helper)                                 |

## Teaching Experience

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### Teaching Assistant

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|---|--------------------------|
| DBAP7013 Advanced Financial Management          | 2021 Spring              |
| EMBA6608 Financial Innovation and Credit Market | 2021 Spring, 2019 Spring |
| MFIN7026 Advanced Corporate Finance             | 2021 Spring              |
| DBAP7042 Quantitative Research Methods          | 2019 Spring              |

## Honors and Awards

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| 2020 | HKU FBE PhD Research Excellence Award   |
| 2019 | HKU Foundation Postgraduate Fellowship, University of Hong Kong FBE PhD Entrance Scholarship  |
| 2016 | Financial Management Invitation Tournament Second Best of China (Team Leader), China University Entrepreneurship Challenge Silver Prize of China (Team Leader), EY Cup Case Analysis Competition Outstanding Report |
| 2015 | Global Management Challenge Third Prize of China (Team Leader), MPAcc Case Analysis Competition Top 10 in China, China University Mathematics Modelling Competition Winner Prize (Team Leader)                      |

## Industry Experiences (Internship)

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|-------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 2020/03 – 2020/08 | Bank for International Settlements (BIS) | Temp Research Analyst |
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| 2018/01 – 2018/05 | Bain & Company                                     | Part-time Assistant (Strategic Consulting) |
| 2017/08 – 2017/11 | GF Securities                                      | Investment Banking Intern (TMT Division)   |
| 2017/07 – 2017/08 | Shenzhen Nongjinqun                                | Data Science Assistant (P2P Lending)       |
| 2017/01 – 2017/04 | Deloitte   | Audit Intern                               |
| 2016/06 – 2017/06 | Sun Yat-Sen University Student Entrepreneur Center | Executive Director                         |
| 2016/01 – 2016/02 | Ernst & Young                                      | Audit Intern                               |

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### Personal Projects

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| Py Reminder        | A convenient Python tool to help on monitoring program progress. <a href="#">[Link]</a>   |
| Error Catcher      | A advanced convenient Python tool to capture and report coding errors in detail. <a href="#">[Link]</a>                                   |
| Coding Notes       | My coding exercises notes. <a href="#">[Link]</a>   |
| Std. Country Code  | A toolset and dataset that helps standardizing country identifier. <a href="#">[Link]</a>   |
| Practical NLP      | My notes and codes for NLP. <a href="#">[Link]</a>  |
| All Country Traits | Continuous and read-to-use country traits, compiled from different revisions of prevalent country-level databases. <a href="#">[Link]</a> |

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### Additional Skills

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| Language         | Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Fluent), Cantonese (Basic)             |
| Research-related | Python, Stata, R, SQL, LaTeX, ArcGIS, C++, JavaScript                      |
| Other skills     | Microsoft Office, Markdown, HTML, Photoshop, Premiere, After Effects, Maya |

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### Other Personal Information

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| Hobbies     | Piano, Guitar, Jogging, Rubik Cube, Visual Designs |
| Nationality | Chinese  |

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### References

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| <p><b>Professor Chen Lin (Supervisor)</b><br/> Faculty of Business and Economics<br/> University of Hong Kong<br/> +852 3917 7793<br/> <a href="mailto:chenlin1@hku.hk">chenlin1@hku.hk</a></p> | <p><b>Professor Ross Levine</b><br/> Haas School of Business<br/> University of California at Berkeley<br/> +1 510 643 1419<br/> <a href="mailto:ross_levine@haas.berkeley.edu">ross_levine@haas.berkeley.edu</a></p> |
| <p><b>Professor Alberto Rossi</b><br/> McDonough School of Business<br/> Georgetown University<br/> +1 240 712 0327<br/> <a href="mailto:agr60@georgetown.edu">agr60@georgetown.edu</a></p>     |   |