

Keynote Speaker

Prof. Yeneng Sun, National University of Singapore



Yeneng Sun is Professor of Economics and Mathematics at the National University of Singapore (NUS), where he serves as Co-Dean of the College of Humanities and Sciences and Dean of the Faculty of Science. He previously directed NUS's MSc in Quantitative Finance and MSc in Financial Engineering, and headed both the Department of Economics and the Risk Management Institute. His research spans mathematical economics, game theory, and probability theory. Recognized with Singapore's National Science Award and NUS's Outstanding University Researcher Award, he is a Fellow of the Singapore National Academy of Science and an Economic Theory Fellow of the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory. He was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) at Singapore's 2023 National Day Awards for his contributions to education and delivered a semi-plenary lecture at the 2024 World Congress of Game Theory Society.

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Prof. Jia Li, Singapore Management University



Professor Jia Li is the Dean of the School of Economics at Singapore Management University. He graduated with a PhD in Economics from Princeton University and started his academic career at Duke University as Assistant Professor of Economics in 2011. Subsequently, he attained his full professorship at Duke University in 2020 before joining SMU in 2021 as a full tenured Professor of Economics. In the same year, he received the Lee Kong Chian named professorship.

Jia is an accomplished academic whose research interest lies in econometrics with a specialisation in financial applications. He has published extensively in leading economics, statistics, probability and finance journals such as *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Annals of Statistics*, *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, *Annals of Applied Probability* and *Review of Financial Studies*. He is internationally recognised as a leading scholar in Econometrics as reflected in his editorial roles in a number of leading journals including as Co-Editor, *Econometrics Theory* since 2021, Associate Editor, *Econometrica* since 2018, Associate Editor, *Journal of Financial Econometrics*, *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics* and *Journal of Econometrics* since 2017.

Jia is also an experienced educator who has taught in undergraduate and graduate courses. During his tenure at Duke, he managed the admission work of PhD students from China, as well as sat on various recruitment committees. Since joining SMU, Jia has contributed significantly to the School in various roles including Econometrics Lead of the SMU Urban Institute, Programme Director of Master of Science in Financial Economics (MSFE), a Member of the Promotion, Tenure and Appointment Committee

(PTAC) and a Member of the University Research Evaluation Committee (UREC). His leadership also extends to other important areas in terms of formulating a plan for SOE's next phase of growth, managing resources and budget, designing of new revenue generating PGPP programme, fostering industrial collaboration, identifying peer and aspirant Universities for benchmarking, establishing a new journal list for School ranking , managing the performance targets and evaluation of faculty. His applied work in macroeconomics, monetary economics, labour economics and international finance has equipped him with a comprehensive understanding of other research areas important to SOE.