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### **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Management (Strategy and Technology Management)

Thesis: Exploring how Accounting Firms build Dynamic Capabilities in Artificial Intelligence-driven Analytics (AIDA) as they pursue Digital Transformation
Supervisors: Dr Karl Warner and Professor Adina Dudau

Surrey Business School, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey, United Kingdom

Master of Science (MSc) in Business Analytics with Distinction

2016 – 2017

Dissertation: Investigating Enhancement Measures to Increase Bus-Ridership (A Case Study of Surrey County using a Machine Learning approach)
Winner of Faculty Award for Best MSc Dissertation at Surrey Business School

#### **Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants**

Associate Member 2016 – 2020 Chartered Accountant (Singapore) 2021 – PRESENT

#### School of Accountancy, Singapore Management University

Bachelor of Accountancy 2011 – 2015

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### School of Accountancy, Singapore Management University

Senior Lecturer of Accounting	2025 – PRESENT
Lecturer of Accounting	2018 – 2025
Director of Student Matters	2018 – PRESENT
SMU-X Academic Champion and Mentor	2021 – PRESENT

## Ministry of Finance (Singapore), Accountant-General's Department

Consulting Data Analyst 2018

#### Ministry of Education (Singapore), Maris Stella High School

Mathematics Teacher 2011-2016

# **RECOGNITION and AWARDS**

Dean's List for Teaching Excellence Singapore Management University, School of Accountancy	2023, 2024
SMU-X Excellent Teacher Award Singapore Management University	2023
Howard Teall Innovation in Accounting Education Award 2022-2023 (First Prize) Canadian Academic Accounting Association	2023
Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards 2022 Digital Readiness Award (Silver) Wharton, University of Pennsylvania and QS	2022
Nominee for SMU-X Excellent Teacher Award Singapore Management University	2022
TEDx Keynote Speaker (Finding our place in an Al world) TEDxSingaporeManagementUniversity 2022 UN:Charted	2022
Gold Medal (International Putra InnoCreative Carnival on Teaching and Learning) Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)	2021
Dean's List for Curriculum Contribution Singapore Management University, School of Accountancy	2021
Nominee for SMU-X Excellent Teacher Award Singapore Management University	2020
Faculty Award for Best MSc Dissertation Surrey Business School, University of Surrey	2017
Student Ambassador Contribution and Commendation Award International Student Recruitment Office, University of Surrey	2017

## **EXTERNAL SERVICE**

## **Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants**

Al Taskforce sub-committee in Policy and Regulation

2023 - PRESENT

• Developing guidelines for ethical AI use in the Singapore accounting sector

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Understanding Gender Differences in Digital Readiness during Digital Transformation in Accounting Functions: Accounting Professionals' Perspective

**Forthcoming** 

June/July 2025

Co-authored refereed publication with Clarence Goh, Gary Pan, and Seow Poh Sun

Asian Journal of Business and Accounting

Improving Public Transport through Machine Learning Influence Flow Analysis (MIFA): Southern England Bus Case Study (https://doi.org/10.1007/s12469-024-00387-2)

April 2025

Co-authored refereed publication with Wolfgang Garn, Masoud Fakhimi, and Nick F. Ryman-Tubb

**Public Transport** 

Accelerating Digital Transformation of SMEs (https://doi.org/10.1142/13318)

March 2023

Co-authored Book with Clarence Goh, Yuanto Kusnadi, Gary Pan, and Seow Poh Sun

World Scientific

SME's Roadmap to Navigate through the Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics (AIDA) Revolution

March 2023

Book Chapter in Accelerating Digital Transformation of SMEs

World Scientific

Developing future-ready talent through 'real-world' digital projects.

April 2022

Co-authored with Gary Pan and Yuanto Kusnadi

Perspectives@SMU

Daung Capital: Managing the Credit Risk Challenges Of Microfinance in Myanmar

April 2022

Re-published co-authored Teaching Case with Gary Pan and Lipika Bhattacharya

Singapore Management University Case Series

FoodXervices Inc: Recasting the Image of a Traditional SME through Digital Transformation	March 2022
Co-authored Teaching Case with Gary Pan and Lakshmi Appasamy	
Singapore Management University Case Series	
Hai Sia Seafood: A Traditional Business's Journey of Innovation and Digitisation	March 2022
Co-authored Teaching Case with Gary Pan and Sheetal Mittal	
Singapore Management University Case Series	
g&m: Digital Transformation of an Insurance Agency	October 2021
Co-authored Teaching Case with Gary Pan and Lipika Bhattacharya	
Singapore Management University Case Series	
Forensic Analytics Using Cluster Analysis: Detecting Anomalies in Data	April 2021
Co-authored publication with Clarence Goh, Gary Pan, and Seow Poh Sun	
Journal of Corporate Accounting and Finance, Vol 32(2): 154-161	
Leveraging Digital Technology to Transform Accounting Function: Case Study of a SME	June 2020
Co-authored publication with Gary Pan	
Journal of Corporate Accounting and Finance, Vol 32(2): 154-161	
Daung Capital: Managing the Credit Risk Challenges Of Microfinance in Myanmar	June 2020
Co-authored Teaching Case* with Gary Pan and Lipika Bhattacharya	
Singapore Management University Case Series	
*Top selling case at Harvard Business Publishing Education during the period (October- December 2021).	

#### Charting the future of Accountancy with Artificial Intelligence

July 2019

Co-edited Book published in collaboration with CPA Australia and SMU faculty: Clarence Goh, Gary Pan, Seow Poh Sun, and Melvin Yong

Launched at CPA Australia's 8th CFO Connect Symposium

#### AI & its Potential to Revolutionise the Accounting Industry

July 2019

Book Chapter written with Clarence Goh, Gary Pan, and Seow Poh Sun

In Charting the future of Accountancy with AI (pp. 1-5), CPA Australia

**Building Ethical AI** July 2019

Book Chapter written with Clarence Goh, Gary Pan, and Seow Poh Sun

In Charting the future of Accountancy with AI (pp. 48-54), CPA Australia

#### Grooming the Next Generation of Accounting Professionals for the Age of Al

July 2019

Book Chapter written with Clarence Goh, Gary Pan, and Seow Poh Sun

In Charting the future of Accountancy with AI (pp. 58-61), CPA Australia

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Rethinking the numbers: How accounting firms develop dynamic capabilities for Al-driven May/September analytics transformation

2025

Accepted for presentation at:

European Accounting Association 2025 Annual Congress, Rome, Italy (28th – 30th May 2025)

British Academy of Management 2025 Conference, Kent, United Kingdom (1st - 5th September 2025)

Al integration in Accounting Firms: Building Firm Capabilities to harness Artificial Intelligence on the journey of perpetual digital transformation

October 2024

May 2024

Presented at SMU School of Accountancy 2024 Conference on Digital Transformation of Financial Markets: Artificial Intelligence in Business and Finance (17th October 2024)

Understanding Gender Differences in Digital Readiness during Digital Transformation in **Accounting Functions: Accounting Professionals' Perspective** 

Co-authored with Clarence Goh, Gary Pan, and Seow Poh Sun

Accepted and Presented at European Accounting Association 2024 Annual Congress Bucharest, Romania ( $15^{th} - 17^{th}$  May 2024)

Accepted for Publication in *Asian Journal of Business and Accounting* as of 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

Rethinking the numbers: How accounting firms develop dynamic capabilities for AI-driven analytics transformation

Submitted to and accepted for presentation at:

European Accounting Association Annual Congress 2025

British Academy of Management 2025 Conference

Examining the Effects of Technology Implementation on Accountants' Productivity: Can the Excessive Use of Technology Backfire?

Pending publication by CPA Australia

#### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Anomaly/Fraud detection and Prediction

Machine Learning and AI applications in Accounting and Business

Governance and Regulation of AI

Dynamic Capabilities in Technology Adoption Processes

#### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

CPA Australia Global Research Perspectives Program (GRPP) Grant, AUD 34,956

2023 - 2025

Examining the Effects of Technology Implementation on Accountants' Productivity: Can the Excessive Use of Technology Backfire?, as co-investigator

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

Al-driven Analytics for Accounting Machine Learning for Business Analytics

#### **COURSE DEVELOPMENT AND TEACHING**

#### <u>Undergraduate</u>

Under development:

ACCT436: AI-driven Analytics for Accounting (Tentatively planned for AY2025-26 Term 2)

ACCT414: SMU-X Accounting Analytics Capstone

ACCT418/ ACCT418X: Data Modelling and Visualisation ACCT420/ ACCT420X: Forecasting and Forensic Analytics

ACCT337/419: Statistical Programming

ACCT101: Financial Accounting

#### **Postgraduate**

ACCT654/680/681: Accounting Analytics Capstone ACCT650/665: Data Modelling and Visualisation

#### **Professional Development**

Certificate in Accounting Data and Analytics

- Introduction to Accounting Data and Analytics
- Data Visualisation and Dashboarding

## **CONSULTING**

## **Consultant to Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants**

2018 - Present

Dashboarding and Predictive Modelling Data Analytics Project

## **TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY**

R Programming in RStudio for Machine Learning, Statistical Analysis, and Visualisations
Plotly (in R and Python) for front-end ML modelling and Visual Analytics
IBM SPSS Modeller for Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics
Arena Simulation for Warehousing and Optimisation in Supply Chain Analytics
Tableau, Power BI, Google Looker Studio, and MicroStrategy for Visualisations/Dashboards
EViews for Econometric Analysis

#### **MEDIA COVERAGE AND TALKS**

Panelist on Combined JC-PSG Parents' Seminar "From Parenting to Coaching". *Jointly hosted by Saint Andrews Junior College and Ministry of Education (Singapore)*, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnXhhvtmNFo)

"Finding our place in an AI world". TEDx Talks. TEDxSingaporeManagementUniversity 2022 UN:Charted, 7 May 2022 (https://youtu.be/kFBwnEd1OpM&ab\_channel=TEDxTalks)

"SMU-X: An Experiential Journey of Learning that bridges Academia and Industry". International Putra InnoCreative Carnival in Teaching and Learning (PICTL) 2021, Universiti Putra Malaysia, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

"通过机器学习 提升盈利能力" 联合早报, 中小企业专版, 9 July 2020

Co-author with Gary Pan. "Why SMEs should embrace Machine Learning". *The Business Times,* 24 March 2020

"Charting the Future of Accountancy with AI – SMU Accountancy Professors partner CPA Australia on a Practical Guide". SMU News, 30 July 2019

"Professionals urged to upskill as AI reshapes finance sector: CPA Australia". *The Business Times, 12 July 2019* 

Co-authors with Gary Pan and Seow Poh Sun. "Enhancing SME's data analytics capability through university tie-ups". *The Business Times, 23 April 2019* 

"善用数据分析提升企业决策质量"*联合早报, 中小企业专版,* 7 March 2019

"Embracing Analytics and Machine Learning in Accounting". School of Accountancy Mock Seminar, Meridian JC Campus Visit, 12 October 2018

Co-authors with Gary Pan and Seow Poh Sun. "Why accountants should embrace Machine Learning". *The Business Times, 22 August 2018*.

Co-presenter with Gary Pan. "Harnessing Data Analytics for SMEs" Financial Capability Workshop, UOB-SMU Asian Enterprise Institute, March and September 2018

"Rise of the machines: The changing face of accounting". The Straits Times, February 2018