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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 (ongoing)

2021 - PRESENT

Postgraduate Doctoral Research (Strategy and Technology Management Cluster)

Thesis: Exploring how Accounting Firms build Dynamic Capabilities in Artificial Intelligence and other Intelligent Automation technologies as they pursue Digital Transformation

Supervisors: Dr Karl Warner and Dr 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

#### **Singapore Management University**

Bachelor of Accountancy 2011 – 2015

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### School of Accountancy, Singapore Management University

Lecturer of Accounting2018 - PRESENTDirector of Student Matters2018 - PRESENTSMU-X Academic Champion and Mentor2021 - 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**

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 AI 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**

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).	
Digitalisation of SMEs in Singapore: an Institute of Higher Learning-Enterprise Partnership Model	May 2020
Co-authored with Gary Pan	
Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA) Journal May 2020	
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 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 Al	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**

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

October 2024

To be presented at SMU School of Accountancy 2024 Conference on Digital Transformation of Financial Markets: Artificial Intelligence in Business and Finance (17<sup>th</sup> October 2024)

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

May 2024

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)

# **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Anomaly/Fraud detection and Prediction

Machine Learning and AI applications in Accounting

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**

Accounting Data and Analytics

Machine Learning for Business Analytics

Data Science in Accounting

### **COURSE DEVELOPMENT AND TEACHING**

# <u>Undergraduate</u>

ACCT414: SMU-X Accounting Analytics Capstone

ACCT418: Data Modelling and Visualisation

ACCT418X: SMU-X Data Modelling and Visualisation

ACCT420: Forecasting and Forensic Analytics

ACCT420X: SMU-X Forecasting and Forensic Analytics

ACCT337/419: Statistical Programming

**ACCT101: Financial Accounting** 

### <u>Postgraduate</u>

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