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Education

Singapore Management University

2022 - 2027 (Expected)

PhD in Business (Finance)

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

2021 - 2022

MSc in Financial Technology

Nankai University

2017 - 2021

BBA in Financial Management

Research Interests

Behavioral Finance, Climate Finance, FinTech, Information in Financial Markets

Working Papers

The Surprising Green Performance of Retail Investors: A New (Behavioral) Channel

with Sumit Agarwal, Pulak Ghosh, Hong Zhang, and Jian Zhang

Abstract: Contrary to the prevailing wisdom that green investors willingly accept lower returns for sustainable investment, our analysis of account-level data from a major Indian bank indicates the opposite. We find that investors with a higher proportion of green stocks in their portfolios achieve superior risk-adjusted returns. To explain this surprising observation, we hypothesize—and empirically verify—that green investments may help investors mitigate behavioral bias, such as the disposition effect and under-diversification. Tests utilizing abnormal temperatures as exogenous shocks support a causal interpretation. Our results suggest a novel behavioral channel for nonpecuniary green preferences to shape investor welfare.

Presentations

2024 SMU Brown Bag, SMU Finance Summer Research Camp

Honors and Awards

SMU Research Scholarship	2022 - 2026
Global Nankai Scholarship	2019
Academic Excellence Scholarship	2018, 2019
Academic Progress Scholarship	2019

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant	Singapore Management University
FNCE 210 International Finance	2024
FNCE 305 Analysis of Derivative Securities	2023
FNCE 6049 Advanced Fixed Income and Derivatives Analysis	2023
FNCE 102 Financial Markets and Investments	2023

Language and Skills

Language: Chinese (Native), English (Fluent)
Programming: Python, R, Stata, SAS, LATEX