**TOPIC OF INTEREST: FINTECH**

Fintech refers to the integration of technology into offerings by financial services companies in order to improve their use and delivery to consumers. It primarily works by unbundling offerings by such firms and creating new markets for them.  
(Source: Investopedia)

Financial technology (abbreviated fintech or FinTech) is the technology and innovation that aims to compete with traditional financial methods in the delivery of financial services.[1][2] It is an emerging industry that uses technology to improve activities in finance.[3] The use of smartphones for mobile banking, investing, borrowing services,[4] and cryptocurrency are examples of technologies aiming to make financial services more accessible to the general public.  
(Source: Wikipedia)

#DYK: Fintech’s worth is estimated to be $4.7 trillion, according to Goldman Sachs.

#nisthfellows working in fields related to Fintech: Tao Chen, Kwan Min Lee, Hannah YeeFen Lim, Ong Yew Soon, Qifei Zhu, Jun-Koo Kong, Jun-Koo Kang, Ken-Seng Tan, Jinkoo Kang, Yachang Zeng, Ming Jian, Boh Wai Fong, Geraldine Bouveret and Xin Chang

#nistthreads:
- Currency management by international fixed income mutual funds (Qifei Zhu)
- Risk management, firm reputation, and the impact of successful cyberattacks on target firms (Jun-Koo Kang)
- Improved index insurance design and yield estimation using a dynamic factor forecasting approach (Tan Kan-Seng)
- Equity Incentives and Financial Misreporting: Evidence from the Wealth Pursuit Motive of CEOs (Yachang Zheng)
- P-Hacking in Experimental Accounting Studies (Xin Chang)

More details on our social media platforms this week:

**NISTH EVENTS**

2 Sep 2021; 4:00 PM – 5:10 PM
Making Sense: Leveraging the Science of Cities, is organised by the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC). The panel of experts will discuss how, Cities are complex entities where urban systems and people interact in ways that are often out of sight and seemingly random. Can a science of cities help us understand how cities work in a quantitatively predictable way? Chair of the NISTH International Advisory Board, Mr Peter Ho, is the keynote speaker for this webinar.  
Register at: [Here](#)
OTHER EVENTS

10 September 2021; 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
The Finals of the Falling Walls Lab Singapore, will showcase the shortlisted students, researchers, and early-career professionals, as they present their innovative ideas in 3 minutes each. They are competing to win a chance to compete in the global Falling Walls Lab Finale in Berlin, Germany on 8 November 2021 and a ticket to the Falling Walls Conference. More Info at: https://falling-walls.com
Register at: Here

GRANT / CHALLENGE CALLS

For assistance in identifying research partners, email us at NISTH-research@ntu.edu.sg

Global Young Academy (GYA) – Call for new members
Applications deadline: 15 September 2021
GYA 2022 call for new members is now open! The GYA is seeking young scholars who combine excellence in research with a demonstrated passion for delivering positive social impact. They especially encourage women and applicants from different minority groups, and from diverse disciplines including the natural, physical and social sciences as well as the arts and humanities and people working in government, industry, and non-governmental sectors to apply.
More details: Here

MOE AcRF Tier 2_February 2022 Grant Call
Applications deadline: 27 September 2021, 5.00pm
The Ministry of Education (MOE) Academic Research Fund (AcRF) Tier 2 grant funds research that is: Advance high-quality research of international excellence that challenges current understanding or provides pathways to new frontiers; Support academic research as a foundation for discoveries that hold promise for impact on the economy and society; and Support post-graduate research training in our universities.
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