NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY SINGAPORE

Programme

2026 NBS Conference on AI for Finance | Day 1

Date: 20 November 2026 (Friday)
Venue: Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore); NBS Auditorium (Level 1)

Conference Chairs: Professor Xin (Simba) Chang and Professor Will Cong (Nanyang Technological University)

Time	Activity
08:45 – 08:50	Welcome remarks by Professor Will Cong, General Chair of the ADEFT Summit 2026
08:50 – 09:00	Summit Plenary Opening Speech by Mr. Vincent Loy (Chief Technology Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore)
09:00 – 09:15	Opening Remarks by Professor Jun Yang, Dean of Nanyang Business School
09:15 – 10:45	**Paper Session I: Measurements, Limitations, and Robustness**
	Investing in Data Capital Dr Xinchen Ma (Monash University)
	Robustness in Sequential Decision Making under Evolving Uncertainty: Evidence from Algorithmic Market Making Associate Professor Ying Chen (National University of Singapore)
	Cross-Sectional Information and the Limits of Model Complexity in Asset Pricing Qingdong Xu (PhD) (Peking University)
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	**Paper Session II: (Agentic) AI applications**
	Agentic AI in Banking: Evidence from a Large-Scale Deployment Professor Wenxi Jiang (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
	How Generative AI Shapes Retail Investor Behavior: Evidence from a Staggered Rollout of an AI Investment Assistant Zhixuan Zhao (PhD) (Nanjing University)
	Completing the Curve: Visual Extrapolation and Short-term Return Predictability Ji Wang (PhD) (PBC School of Finance, Tsinghua University)
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 14:45	Keynote Speech by Professor Hui Chen (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
14:45 – 15:45	**Paper Session III: ML and LLM Behaviour**
	Behavioral Machine Learning? Regularization and Forecast Bias Assistant Professor Jing Gao (Peking University)
	The Financial Impact of Non-Financial Beliefs in Large Language Models Assistant Professor Tong Li (Xiamen University)
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:15	**Panel Discussions on AI in the Finance Sector** **Moderator: Professor Will Cong**, Professor of Finance and Computing & Data Science, Nanyang Technological University
17:15 – 17:30	Best Paper Award Presentation
18:00 – 21:00	[By Invitation Only] Conference Dinner

ABFR Inaugural Workshop & Doctoral Research Symposium | Day 2

Date: 21 November 2026 (Saturday)
Venue: Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore); NBS Auditorium (Level 1)

Organising Committee: Professor Will Cong (Nanyang Technological University), Professor Pietro Bini (Boston University), Professor Léa H. Stern (University of Washington)

Format: Workshop papers: 25-minute presentations + 5-minute Q&A. Doctoral Symposium: 20-minute presentations + 10-minute discussion

Time	Activity
08:30 – 08:50	Registration
08:50 – 08:55	Welcome and opening remarks — Professor Léa H. Stern
09:00 – 10:00	**Paper Session I: AI and Asset Pricing**
	Forecasting with News-Implied Firm Networks Gustavo Schwenkler (Santa Clara University)
	Anonymization and Information Loss Dexin Zhou (Baruch College, CUNY)
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break / Networking
10:30 – 11:30	**Paper Session II: AI Markets and Corporate Decisions**
	Circular Investment as a Screening Device in AI Compute Markets Kumar Rishabh (HEC Lausanne)
	AI Sovereignty Yuezhi Wu (Fudan University)
11:30 – 12:30	Keynote Address — Professor Sydney C. Ludvigson
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 16:00	**Doctoral Research Symposium Session I: AI and Asset Pricing**
	Changing the Subject: How Managerial Attention Reallocation Obscures Bad News John Ampong (University of South Carolina) · (Zoom Presentation)
	Reading Between the Lines Thomas Zhang (University of Pittsburgh) · (Zoom Presentation)
	Residual Learning in Empirical Asset Pricing Dexin Peng (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
	Optimizing Bitcoin Trend Trading under Market Inefficiency: Momentum, Long Memory, and Learning Shuyue Li (University of Southampton)
	From Words to Portfolios: Disentangling Narrative and Reality in Mutual Fund Differentiation Ge Yu (Stockholm School of Economics)
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break / Networking
16:30 – 17:30	**Doctoral Research Symposium Session II: AI and Firms' Strategic Decisions**
	Firm-level Data Assets and Inorganic Growth Ke Bi (University of Edinburgh)
	AI in Supply Chains: Measurement, Growth, and Adaptability Yuhang He (Nanyang Technological University)
18:00 – 21:00	Dinner for speakers and organisers (by invitation only)