

# Isha Agarwal

University of British Columbia  
2053 Main Mall  
869 Henry Angus Building  
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2

Email: [isha.agarwal@sauder.ubc.ca](mailto:isha.agarwal@sauder.ubc.ca)  
Homepage: [www.agarwalisha.com](http://www.agarwalisha.com)

## Research Interests

Banking, International Economics, Macroeconomics, Corporate Finance

## Employment

Assistant Professor of Finance, University of British Columbia, July 2019 - present  
International Monetary Fund, Research Intern, Summer 2016  
PricewaterhouseCooper (PwC), Associate, 2012-2013  
Reserve Bank of India, Research Intern, Summer 2011

## Education

Ph.D. Economics, Cornell University, 2019  
M.A. Economics, Cornell University, 2016  
M.Sc. Economics, IGIDR, Mumbai, 2012  
B.A. (Hons) Economics, University of Delhi, 2010

## Publications

The Determinants of China's International Portfolio Equity Allocations (with Grace Weishi Gu and Eswar Prasad), *IMF Economic Review*, May 2020  
Commodity Prices and Bank Lending (with Rupa Duttagupta and Andrea Presbitero), *Economic Inquiry*, August 2019  
A Vision and Action Plan for Financial Sector Development and Reforms in India (with Eswar Prasad), *Brookings Institution Report*, 2018

## Working Papers

Banks' Foreign Currency Exposure and the Real Effects of Exchange Rate Shocks (R&R, **Review of Financial Studies**)  
Inflation and Disintermediation (with Matthew Baron) R&R, **Journal of Financial Economics**  
Bank Regulation and Supervision: A Symbiotic Relationship (with Tirupam Goel)

Relative Pricing of Private and Public Debt: The Role of Money Creation Channel (with Jan Bena and Joyce Guan)

Lending by Servicing: How Shadow Banks Dampen Monetary Policy Transmission (with Malin Hu and Keling Zheng)

How does the Composition of Government Financing Affect the Size of Crowding Out? Evidence from Mexico (with David Jaume, Everardo Tellez, and Martin Tobal)

## Conferences and Invited Presentations

**2023:** AEA (scheduled), Federal Reserve Day-Ahead Conference on Financial Markets and Institutions (scheduled)

**2022:** Indiana University Kelly School of Business (scheduled), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (scheduled), WE ARE IN Macroeconomics and Finance Conference (scheduled) International Finance and Banking Society Conference (scheduled), NFA (scheduled), FDIC Bank Research Conference (scheduled), CICF, USC Marshall, Schulich School of Business AEA

**2021:** AEA, 4th Bank of Canada FSRC Macro-Finance Conference, FIRS, EFA, Early Career Women in Finance Conference, IBEFA Young Economist Seminar Series, International Finance and Banking Society Conference, Johns Hopkins Carey Business School

**2020:** AEA CeMENT Workshop, University of Oregon (Lundquist College of Business), Showcasing Women in Finance Conference (canceled due to COVID-19), UCSC Econ, ISB Summer Research Conference, EFA, FMA, University of Sussex

**2019:** 2019 Pacific Northwest Finance Conference, Northern Finance Association, IMF Economic Review Conference on Current Challenges Faced by Emerging Markets, London Business School, University of British Columbia (Sauder School of Business), University of Rochester (Simon Business School), UT Austin (McCombs School of Business), INSEAD, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, World Bank Research Group, Bank for International Settlements, Cornerstone Research

**2018:** Cass Business School Emerging Scholars Conference, Yale (SOM) Finance Doctoral Symposium, Economics Graduate Student Conference, Washington University, St. Louis, International Monetary Fund Research Department, Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Dissertation Workshop

**2017:** Asian Development Bank Institute, International Finance and Banking Society Conference, International Monetary Fund (SPR Department), Georgetown Center for Economic Research Conference, Indian Institute of Management

**2016:** Cass Business School Emerging Scholars Conference in Banking and Finance

## Discussions

Open Banking with Depositor Monitoring, by Itay Goldstein, Chong Huang, and Liyan Yang, **NFA 2022**

Political Power-Sharing, Firm Entry, and Economic Growth: Evidence from Multiple Elected Representatives, by Harsha Dutta, Pulak Ghosh, Arkodipta Sarkar, and Nishant Vats, **EFA 2022**

Financial Infrastructure and Micro-enterprise Performance: Evidence from India, by Reajul Alam Chowdhury and S.K. Ritadhi, **SERI Workshop 2022**

Measuring the Welfare Cost of Asymmetric Information in Consumer Credit Markets, by Anthony A. DeFusco, Huan Tang, and Constantine Yannelis, **WFA 2022**

The Carrot and the Stick: Bank Bailouts and the Disciplining Role of Board Appointments, by Christian Mücke, Lorian Pelizzon, Vincenzo Pezone, and Anjan Thakor, **SFS Cavalcade 2022**

The Value of Lending Relationships, by Andrew Bird, Michael Hertzel, Stephen Karolyi, and Thomas G. Ruchti, **NFA 2021**

Dirty Money: How Banks Influence Financial Crime, by Janet Gao, Joseph Pacelli, Jan Schneemeier, and Yufeng Wu, **CICF 2021**

Regulatory Circumvention: Underpricing and Flipping in Marketplace Lending, by Shyam Venkatesan, Brian Wolfe, Jun Yang, Woongsun Yoo, **MFA 2021**

Operational Risk Capital, by Thomas Conlon, Xing Huan, and Steven Ongena, **FMA 2020**

U.S. Populist Rhetoric and Currency Returns, by Ilias Filippou, Arie E. Gozluklu, My T. Nguyen, and Mark P. Taylor, **FMA 2020**

Arbitrage Capital of Global Banks, by Alyssa Anderson, Wenxin Du, and Bernd Schlusche, **SFS Cavalcade 2020**

The Effects of Banking Competition on Growth and Financial Stability: Evidence from the National Banking Era, by Mark Carlson, Sergio Correia, and Stephan Luck, Chicago Financial Institutions Conference, April 2020 (canceled because of COVID-19)

Search for Yield in Large International Corporate Bonds: Investor Behaviour and Firm Responses, by Charles W. Calomiris, Mauricio Larrain, Sergio L. Schmukler, Tomas Williams, **8th Annual West Coast Workshop in International Finance**, November 2019

Depositors Disciplining Banks: The Impact of Scandals, by Mikael Homanen, **8th MoFiR Workshop on Banking**, June 2019

Mergers and Managers: Manager-Specific Wage Premiums and Rent Extraction in M&As, by Alex Xi He and Daniel le Maire, **Western Economic Association International**, June 2018

Exchange Rate Exposure: Firm Level Analysis on Multinational Firms, by Lei Zhu and Dazhi Zheng, **Western Economic Association International**, June 2018

## Teaching Experience

### *UBC*

Corporate Finance (undergraduate course), 2019 -

Topics in Business Administration (PhD Course), 2022-

### *Cornell*

TA for Prof. Matthew Baron, Behavioral Finance, Spring 2019

TA for Prof. Matthew Baron, Investment and Portfolio Management, Spring 2019

TA for Prof. Eswar Prasad, International Finance and Macroeconomics, Fall 2016, 2017, 2018

TA for Prof. Christopher Huckfeldt, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Spring 2015, 2016

TA for Prof. Stephanie Thomas, Introductory Microeconomics, Fall 2015

TA for Prof. Jennifer Wissink, Introductory Macroeconomics, Fall 2013, 2014

## Professional Service

### **Program Committee**

SFS Cavalcade 2022, Midwest Finance Association 2022, MoFiR 2022, ECWFC 2022, SFS Cavalcade 2021, MoFiR 2021, UBC Winter Finance Conference 2020, Southern Finance Association 2020, Midwest Finance Association 2019, International Finance and Banking Society Conference 2018

### **Organizing Committee**

17<sup>th</sup> pre-WFA Early Career Women in Finance Conference, June 2022

10<sup>th</sup> MoFiR Workshop on Banking, 2021

UBC Winter Finance Conference 2020

### **Referee**

American Economic Review, Review of Financial Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Management Science, Journal of International Money and Finance, International Journal of Central Banking, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Journal of Financial Research, Emerging Markets Review, European Journal of Comparative Economics, Review of World Economics, Bundesbank Working Paper Series

### **Other Service**

Co-organized the 17th Early Career Women in Finance Conference, June 2022

Co-organized the MoFiR virtual seminars on banking, June 2021

External reviewer for the Deutsche Bundesbank Working Paper Series

Panelist for virtual panel discussion "A Discussion of COVID-19 and Academic Career Management" organized by the American Female Finance Committee of the American Finance Association, June 2020

Mentor in the "Successfully Navigating Your Economics PhD" Workshop organized by the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession, November 2020

### **Advising**

PhD Committee: Zhanbing Xiao, Keling Zheng

## Honors, Scholarships, and Awards

UBC Sauder Exploratory Grant, 2022-2023

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Explore Grant, Principal Investigator, 2022-2023

P H & N Research Grant, 2022

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Insight Development Grant, Principal Investigator, 2021-2024

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Insight Grant, Principal Investigator, 2021-2024

UBC Sauder Exploratory Grant, 2020-2021

UBC Hampton New Faculty Grant, UBC, 2019

CRISIL Doctoral Symposium Best Paper Award, IIM-Bangalore, 2017

L.R. "Red" Wilson Research Excellence Medal, Cornell University, 2016

Earnest Liu Family Outstanding Teaching Award, Cornell University, 2016

Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University, 2016

The President's Gold Medal for highest CGPA in M.Sc. Economics, IGIDR, 2012

## Programming Skills

Stata, Matlab, Dynare, Excel, SAS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X