



Kan Chen

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Kan Chen, Ph.D., is the Associate Director of Analytics for Analytic Focus, LLC. Dr. Chen has over 12 years of experience in research and design applied to economics and finance. He also has significant experience in big data, text analysis, regional, energy, and environmental economics.

Before joining Analytic Focus LLC, Dr. Chen had held positions in the public and private sectors as an economist and quantitative consultant. As a Senior Economist at BBVA, he covered a wide range of topics, including international finance, regional economies, energy economics, mortgage originations, and climate economics. In addition, Dr. Chen was also the main contributing economist for BBVA's US macroeconomic scenarios, which have been vital for the bank's balance-sheet management. As the developer of BBVA's in-house scenario models, he was the communicator with external auditors and the regulator.

Dr. Chen's academic interests primarily lie in empirical studies of monetary policies and international finance with state-of-the-art quantitative methods. His works on Bayesian econometrics, exchange rates, and dynamic stochastic general equilibrium (DSGE) models have been published in prestigious journals, such as the Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control and Economic Letters. He also presented at international conferences on international finance and provided referee reports to many top economics academic journals.

EDUCATION

PhD – Economics, Vanderbilt University, 2013

BA – Finance, Peking University, 2005

BSc – Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, Peking University, 2005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Director of Analytics, Analytic Focus, LLC, 2022-present

Quantitative Analytics and Modeling Consultant, PNC Bank (via merger), 2021-2022

Senior Economist, BBVA Research, 2015-2021

Econometric Modeler, IMF, 2013-2015



Summer Intern, IMF, 2011

Research Assistant, Vanderbilt University, 2008-2012

PUBLICATIONS

Chen, K., and Crucini, M. (2016). "Trends and Cycles in Small Open Economies: Making the Case for a General Equilibrium Approach." *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*. Vol. (72): 159-168.

Chen, K., and Zhang, S. (2015). "What's News in Exchange Rate Dynamics: A DSGE Approach." *Economics Letters* Vol. (134): 133-137.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

The 85th International Atlantic Economic Society Conference, London, UK, 2018

Missouri Economics Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, and University of Missouri, 2013

Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings, Midwest Macroeconomics Group, 2012

Missouri Economics Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, and University of Missouri, 2012

MEDIA APPEARANCES

San Antonio Express-News on job market amid COVID-19, 2020

Denver Business Journal on business conditions in Denver (keynote speech), 2019

El Pais on US-China trade war, 2019