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EMPLOYMENT **Assistant Professor**, The University of Texas at Dallas     Aug. 2022–present

EDUCATION **Ph.D. in Economics**, Cornell University     Sep. 2016–May 2022
  Dissertation Title: An Exploration of the Economics of Cyber Law and Policy
  Advisor: Kaushik Basu
  Committee: Steve Coate, Jed Stiglitz, Yi Chen
**M.A. in Economics**, Cornell University
**B.S. in Mathematics and Global China Studies** First-class Honors,
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology     Sep. 2012–Jun. 2016

RESEARCH FIELDS Digital Economics, Law and Economics, Economic Theory, Behavioral and Experimental Economics

RESEARCH TOPICS Cyber Law and Policy, Digital Platform, Intermediary Liability, Content Moderation, Intellectual Property, Misinformation, Cybersecurity, Conflict and Dispute Resolution, Mechanism Design

WORKING PAPER **Piracy or Fair Use? Evaluating the Welfare of Digital Copyright Takedowns: Theory and Evidence from GitHub**

**Mediation and Costly Evidence** with Yi Chen (Cornell University)

**Decentralizing Content Moderation** with Dongkyu Chang (City University of Hong Kong) and Adrian Segura (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

**Market Adoption of Cybersecurity: A Dynamic Analysis**

**The Political Economy of Investor Protection: Holdup, Political Risk, and Institutional Solutions** with Clint Peinhart (UT Dallas)

**Democracy and Internet Control: Theory and Evidence from Transparency Reports** with Shreyas Meher (UT Dallas)

**Two Types of Censorship** with Shreyas Meher (UT Dallas)

**An Empirical Test of Pretrial Signaling: Text Analysis of GitHub Copyright Notices** with Ji Li (UT Dallas)

**How do Special Interests Groups adapt their Communication Strategy to Big Shocks?: An Analysis of the Medicare-For-All Debate on Twitter during Covid-19** with Sushant Kumar (Northeastern University)

**The Local Economic Effects of Increased Copyright Protection: An Event Study of the Film Industry** with Afif Mazhar (UT Dallas)

**Did the World Copyright Treaty Protect Copyright? An Event Study Using a Panel of Countries** with Afif Mazhar (UT Dallas) and Shreyas Meher (UT Dallas)

**Did the Budapest Convention Deter Cybercrime? An Event Study Using a Panel of Countries** with Andrew Fowler (UT Dallas) and Humza Khan (UT Dallas)

**When Do People Fact Check? An Experimental Study** with Dongfang Gaozhao (Dayton) and Valeria Bodishtianu (Cornell)

PUBLICATION **The Economics of Profit-Cap Policy: Big Pharma, Big Tech, and the Duopoly Rule** with Kaushik Basu (Cornell University) and Fikri Pitsuwan (ETH Zürich) *forthcoming in Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*

**An Economic Model of Intermediary Liability** with James Grimmelmann (Cornell University) *forthcoming in Berkeley Technology Law Journal*

**A Reference Dependent Regret Theory** with Yuval Erez (Lehigh University) and Felipe Araujo (Lehigh University) *Decision, 9(1), 1-20. 2022.*
*featured in SSRN Behavioral and Experimental Economics eJournal*

**Herd Immunity and a Vaccination Game: An Experimental Study** with Wooyoung Lim (HKUST) *PLOS ONE 15(5): e0232652.*
*featured in PLOS COVID-19 Collection, Brookings Global Economy and Development*

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| WORK IN PROGRESS | **Multi-sided Platforms and Cybersecurity** with Dann Arce (UTD) |
| | **Cybersecurity Literacy and Support for Cybersecurity Policy: An Experimental Study** |
| | **Platform Competition and Social Network** with Fikri Pitsuwan (ETH Zürich) |
| BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS | Discussion Note on Moral Costs of Corruption: A Review of the Literature in *Law and Economic Development: Behavioral and Moral Foundations of a Changing World* edited by Ajit Mishra and Kaushik Basu |
| BUSINESS CASE | To Vaccinate Or Not To Vaccinate: A Vaccination Game Approach, with Wooyoung Lim (HKUST) |
| CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS | 2023: European Association of Law and Economics Annual Conference (Sep.), UTD PPPE Working Paper Series (Oct.), APPAM Fall Research Conference (Nov.) |
| | 2022: 100 Years of Economic Development Conference (Sep.), APPAM Fall Research Conference (Nov.), Eleventh Annual Law and Economic Theory (LET) Conference (Dec.) |
| | 2021: American Economics Association Annual Meeting (Jan.), IEA Roundtable in Law and Development (Jan.), Cornell Public Economics Workshop (Apr.), Cornell The Work In Progress Seminar (Apr.), Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting (Jun.), Oligo Workshop (Jun.), China Economist Society Annual Conference (Jun.), The Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (SIOE) Annual Conference (Jun.), Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society (Jun.), International Economics Association World Congress (Jul.), Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory (Jul.), World Congress of the Game Theory Society (Jul.), Young Economist Symposium (Aug.), European Association of Law and Economics Annual Conference (Sep.), American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting (Oct.), Cornell Joint Development Workshop and Microeconomic Theory Workshop (Nov.) |
| | 2019: Cornell the Work In Progress Seminar (Dec.), Book Conference for The Reasoning State, Cornell Law School (Nov.), Advanced Graduate Workshop on Poverty, Development and Globalization (Jun.), Cradle Roundtable on Law, Economics, and Society (Mar.) |
| | 2018: Cornell the Work In Progress Seminar (Feb.) |
| | 2016: HKUST SOSC-ECON joint seminar (May) |

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| HONORS & AWARDS | **Red Wilson Award**, Cornell | 2022 |
| | **Göran Skogh Award**, European Association of Law and Economics<br>    for the best paper by a young scholar | 2021 |
| | **Audrey Kahin research fellowship**, Cornell | 2020 |
| | **Einaudi Center International Research Travel Grant**, Cornell | 2020 |
| | **The Sage Graduate Fellowship**, Cornell | 2016-2021 |
| | **Honorable Mention, The Mathematical Contest in Modeling**, MAA | 2015 |
| | **Mr & Mrs Liu Sing Cheong and Wong Po Yuk Scholarship**, HKUST | 2012-2016 |
| | **University Academic Excellence Award**, HKUST | 2012-2015 |

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| TEACHING EXPERIENCE | **Instructor**, The University of Texas at Dallas | |
| | Digital Economics and the Law | Spring 2023 |
| | Introduction to Quantitative Methods | Fall 2022 |
| | **Teaching Assistant**, Cornell University | |

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| Game Theory | Fall 2018, 2019, 2021, Spring 2019 |
| Applied Econometrics | Spring 2020 |
| Managerial Economics | Fall 2019 |
| Network and Market Design | Spring 2018 |
| Introductory Microeconomics | Fall 2017, Spring 2022 |

SUPERVISING STUDENTS

PhD Dissertation Committee Member: Richardo Noe, Shreyas Meher, Ji Li, Humza Khan
Graduate Independent Study: Shreyas Meher, Ji Li
Undergraduate Senior Thesis: Kara Curtis
Research Assistant: Aandal Sridas, Andrew Fowler, Kacie Yee, Liaa Kumar, Margaret Belford

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Referee: Management Science, PLOS ONE, Health Economics, International Journal of Communication, Games, International Review of Law & Economics, Scientific Reports, Journal of Risk and Financial Management

Managing Editor, CRADLE Working Paper Series

Founder and Organizer, Cradle Reading Group on Law and Economics — 2019
URL: https://einaudi.cornell.edu/cradle-reading-group

Organizer, Micro Theory Reading Group, Cornell — 2018

Mentor, Graduate Student Association For Economics, Cornell — 2018-2019

Professional Membership: American Economic Association, Econometric Society, American Law and Economics Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, European Law and Economics Association, Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics

SKILLS

**Languages**
Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent), Cantonese (Fair), Japanese (Basic)

**Programming**
Python, STATA, Latex, R, O-tree, Excel VBA, Mathematica