

Industry Outreach with Bank of America, Sep 13, 2023: Introduction to Global Markets

To enhance students' awareness of the financial markets and opportunities available, Dr Connie Chung, Dr Kong Yu Chien and Dr Mun Lai Yoke organized the following industrial outreach for the undergraduates.

Our alumna, **Ms. Chen Jingxuan** and her colleague, **Ms. Jayati Katakwar**, shared their experience working at the front office of a global bank. They gave an introduction to the various teams that one might find in an investment bank dealing in the primary and secondary markets and careers available on the trading floor, before diving deep into short-term interest rate trading products, a typical day for a trader and what makes a successful trader. The outreach ended with a Q&A session moderated by their colleague, **Mr. Jeremy Sun**.



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Analyst; Technology

Jayati holds a civil engineering degree from IIT Bombay. She moved to the Short Term Interest Rate Trading (STIRT) desk from the valuation control team. She has experiences of working in multiple geographical locations. She is also an advocate of the Bank of America mentoring program and is a mentor to many junior talents.

Jingxuan is an alumna of NUS Economics and joined Bank of America as an intern and fresh graduate at the STIRT desk. Jingxuan has various internship experiences in trading, investments, risk management and consulting. During her time at NUS, she was part of the NUS Economics Society and participated in various competitions such as the GIC Stock Pitch Competition and Maybank Hackfest.

Department Sharing Session on PhD Studies

The Department held a Zoom talk on 20 November to provide guidance to students who were interested in pursuing a PhD in Economics after graduation. A panel of senior PhD students and faculty members including Cheryl Aw, Kelvin Seah, Paul Jackson, and Sorawoot Srisuma engaged students in a lively session to answer various burning questions like

- How should I choose the universities/programs to which I should apply?
- What materials do applicants need to provide when applying to grad school?
- What courses should I take as an undergraduate to prepare for a PhD?
- How expensive is life abroad?
- How can I fund my PhD studies?
- What jobs can I expect to work in after graduation?

