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2017 HBS Doctoral Programs Incoming Doctoral Students Biographies

Accounting and Management

[Wilbur Chen](#) received a B.Sc. in Physics from McGill University in 2015. Thereafter, he attended the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and expects to graduate with an M.Phil in Accountancy. His main interests are the corporate applications of social media, the legal consequences of corporate disclosure, and the impact of securities regulation on cross-listings.

[Aditya Mohan](#) received a B.Tech in Energy Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology in 2006 and an MBA from Columbia Business School in 2016. From 2007-2014 he worked as an Asset Allocation Analyst at Fidelity Investments. His main interests are accounting issues pertaining to non-US firms and markets and the role of accounting information in the debt contracting process.

[Hashim Zaman](#) works in portfolio management group at Pacific Investment Management Company (PIMCO), where he has developed multi-asset portfolio construction, tail risk hedging and alternatives investing platforms. He graduated with Master in Finance from Princeton University (2008) and received Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Toronto (2004).

Business Economics

[Martin Aragoneses](#) works with Amy Finkelstein (MIT) at the NBER on applied behavioral economics. He holds a MSc from Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona and did his undergraduate studies at Complutense University in Madrid (senior year at University of California, Berkeley), both in Economics. He wants to study the theory and empirics of the digital economy to try to understand the implications of Internet-based technological innovations within macroeconomics and finance.

[Andrea Hamaui](#) received an MSc in Economics and Social Sciences from Bocconi University in 2016. During his master's, Andrea worked with professor Tabellini and wrote a dissertation which analyzes how consumers' portfolio choices vary in response to change in the level of debtors' protection granted by the law. Thereafter he briefly worked in London as an investment analyst in an asset management fund. In the past 8 months, Andrea has been working as a research assistant at Chicago Booth for Professor Zingales, focusing on banking and corporate finance themes.

[Robbie Minton](#) graduated from the University of Chicago in June with majors in economics and math. He has worked as a research assistant for Andrei Shleifer and Scott Kominers at Harvard University as well as for Benjamin Brooks at the University of Chicago. He is assisting Casey Mulligan and Kevin Murphy at the University of Chicago in authoring a price theory textbook. His main interests are price theory and behavioral economics.

[Erica Moszkowski](#) received a B.A. in Economics and Computer Science from Williams College in 2015. Thereafter, she worked as a senior research analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Her main research interests are in social and economic networks, game theory, and search and/or matching problems.

[Daniel Ramos Menchelli](#) has finished his undergraduate degree in Economics at ITAM in Mexico City and is just finished his master's degree in Economic Theory at ITAM. Daniel has worked as a research and teaching assistant for the last two years, working mainly in topics related to Macroeconomics and Trade, which are his main fields of interest.

[Sagar Saxena](#) received an A.B. in Mathematics and Mathematical Economics from Colgate University in 2015. Since graduating, he has been working as a researcher in the antitrust practice of NERA Economic Consulting in Washington DC. His research interests are in industrial organization and mechanism design.

[Roman Sigalov](#) just finished his B.A. in Economics at New Economic School, Moscow, and has spent a semester at Harvard University as a visiting student. At the moment, he is working on a research project of Moscow Exchange, studying the market microstructure of a Russian currency market. His primary research interest is studying the functioning of markets: understanding the behavior of market participants, interactions between them, issues of information transmission and aggregation and learning in financial markets.

[Yin Wei Soon](#) received an A.B. in Applied Mathematics and Economics, with a minor in Statistics, from Harvard in 2013. Upon graduation, he worked at Cornerstone Research as an Analyst until the summer of 2015. Since then, he has been working as a research assistant to Professors Neale Mahoney and Alessandra Voena at the University of Chicago. His research interests are labor economics (primarily education and health) and industrial organization.

[Ran Zhuo](#) received a B.A. in Mathematics and Economics (double major) from Dartmouth College in June 2017. Her main interest is in empirical industrial organization, especially in topics such as competitive strategy, antitrust policies, and e-commerce.

Health Policy Management

[Emilie Aguirre](#) received a degree in sociology from Princeton University and a JD from Harvard Law School. She worked for 2.5 years as a public health lawyer at the Centre for Diet and Activity Research at the University of Cambridge and is currently the Academic Fellow at the Resnick Program for Food Law and Policy at UCLA Law. She is interested in how to competitively generate social value in companies in the food sector to benefit health.

[A Jay Holmgren](#) received a B.A. in History from the University of Michigan in 2007, and a Masters in Health Informatics from the University of Michigan in 2017. His primary research interests are related to the management, implementation, and optimization of information technology in healthcare.

[Caroline Marra](#) is a manager at Clarion Healthcare, a life sciences strategy consulting firm in Boston. She received a Master of Engineering Management with a focus in Healthcare Systems from Dartmouth College in 2013 and a BS in Engineering Sciences and minor in Corporate Strategy from Vanderbilt University in 2011. Her primary interests are in the cost-benefit analysis of healthcare technology innovation and the economics of patient engagement and adherence programs.

Management

[Jon Palmer](#) received an A.B. in Government and a Secondary in History from Harvard College. He previously worked on the 2012 Romney Presidential Campaign and most recently as Chief of Staff to Professor Clayton Christensen. His research interests include organizational change and transformation, innovation, organizational design, and leadership.

Organizational Behavior

[Ahmmad Brown](#) holds an MBA and an MA in Education (2015) from Stanford University, and a BA in Sociology & Anthropology and Japanese (2007) from Swarthmore College. Ahmmad is currently a consultant at The Bridgespan Group, where he works with direct service nonprofits and philanthropic organizations to increase the scale and impact of social sector organizations and interventions. His main interests are social movements, nonprofits, and the intersection of organizational and individual identity.

[Evan DeFilippis](#) graduated valedictorian from the University of Oklahoma with degrees in Economics, Psychology, and Political Science. After graduation, he spent a year working for Innovations for Poverty Action, managing large scale poverty reduction projects in Nairobi, Kenya. He is currently finishing up his Master's In Public Affairs at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School, where he works with Johannes Haushofer, examining the effects of stress on economic decision-making.

[Ariella Kristal](#) received a BA in Ethics, Politics, and Economics (focusing on behavioral public policy) from Yale in 2014. During her four years at Yale, she served as a certified volunteer tax preparer, preparing tax returns for low/middle-income New Haven residents, and in her final two years she expanded and managed the tax clinic. Upon graduating, Ariella moved to London, where she has been working for past three years for the Behavioural Insights Team. Ariella is interested in many topics, but currently, her main interests concern diversity in organizations, employee motivation (particularly in the public sector), and professional decision-making.

[Jeff Steiner](#) is currently a Research Associate at Harvard Business School, supporting Professor Teresa Amabile. Prior to joining HBS, Jeff worked within Human Resources at Morgan Stanley, as well as for a microfinance consulting NGO in South Africa. Jeff holds a B.B.A. from the University of Miami, where he studied Management and Psychology. Jeff is broadly interested in understanding how work and careers influence life satisfaction.

[Elliot Stoller](#) received a BA in Political Science from Stanford University in 2013. He has since worked as a research assistant at the Hoover Institution and the Stanford Freeman Spogli Institute, and currently as an Assistant Project Manager at the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). His main research interests are the organizational behavior within U.S. government bureaucracies and socioeconomic interest groups.

Technology and Operations Management

[Ryan Allen](#) received a B.S. in Economics from Brigham Young University in April. He is a coauthor of several published and working papers in environmental economics and strategic human capital. His research interests are centered around how firms innovate and adapt to technological change, especially in international contexts.

[MoonSoo Choi](#) received his M.S. in Industrial Engineering from Columbia University in 2016 and B.S. in Industrial Engineering & Operations Research (with a minor in Chinese) from University of California, Berkeley in 2013. MoonSoo has worked on projects involving operational improvement at various organizations, such as Christiansen Capital Advisors, Disneyland Resort and UC-Berkeley Administration Office. MoonSoo's areas of interest include service operations management, process improvement and operations strategy.

[Ashley Palmarozzo](#) received a Bachelor of Science degree from Villanova University in mathematics and economics in 2013. Since then, she has worked in Washington D.C. as a senior research analyst in the utilities practice area of The Brattle Group, an economic consulting firm. Building upon her work at Brattle, her interests include industrial organization and energy/environmental economics.

[Ehsan Valavi](#) received S.B. In Electrical Engineering from University of Tehran and his master's degree in communications systems from Swiss Federal Institute of Technology at Lausanne. Then he moved to New York, where he got another master's degree from Columbia Business School in Decision, Risk and Operations management.

[Kala Viswanathan](#) received bachelor's and master's degrees in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Duke University and Stanford University, respectively. Thereafter, she has worked as an Energy Analyst at the Natural Resources Defense Council. Her main interests are environmental economics, innovation, firm strategy and corporate sustainability.

[Michael Young](#) received a B.S. in theoretical physics from Villanova University in 2013 and an M.Sc. in Biomedical Engineering, Biotechnology, and Medical Physics from the University of Massachusetts in 2014. Thereafter, Michael performed his Ph.D. research in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. His main interests are optimization, operations strategy, and data-driven machine learning.