

Yanfei Kang



Dr. Yanfei Kang is currently an associate professor at the School of Economics and Management of Beihang University and Head of the Department of Quantitative Economics and Business Statistics. She received her Ph.D. degree from Monash University in 2014, under the supervision of Professor Kate Smith-Miles and Professor Danijel Belusic. She worked as a postdoctoral researcher at Monash University from 2014 to 2015, with collaborative supervision from Professor Smith-Miles and Professor Rob Hyndman. From 2015 to 2016, she worked at Baidu Inc.'s Big Data Group. Her research interests include time series forecasting and statistical computing. She is currently PI of two NSFC grants, and also takes an active part in other grants, including one supported by the National Key Research and Development Program, and one by Alibaba's Innovative Research Program. In recent years, she has published 30 academic papers and serves as a council member of the Chinese Statistical Education Society, a council member of the Beijing Big Data Association, and Associate Editor for R Journal. Her personal website: <http://yanfei.site>.

Statement

In 2014, I had the privilege to work with Professor Rob J Hyndman and other forecasters in Monash University, an experience etched vividly in my memory. Then I had close connection with top academics in the forecasting area. The dynamic atmosphere allowed me to connect with forecasters across diverse fields, fostering invaluable interdisciplinary collaborations.

In June 2017, I had the extraordinary opportunity to participate in the International Symposium on Forecasting for the first time in Cairns. The experience was transformative, exposing me to the vibrant community of forecasters and providing me with invaluable insights into the field. The 2017 ISF also facilitated my close collaboration with Fotios Petropoulos and Anastasios Panagiotelis. In November 2017, during Professor Rob Hyndman's visit to Beijing, we successfully launched a workshop "Beijing Workshop on Forecasting", providing a platform for both eminent experts, emerging researchers and forecasting practitioners to share their latest findings. More details of the workshop can be found at <https://yanfei.site/research/bjwf/>. Additionally, I took the initiative to organize invited sessions at both the 2019 ISF in Greece, the 2020 Virtual ISF and the 2021 Virtual ISF. Although I was unable to attend the 2022 and 2023 ISF due to the pandemic traveling restrictions, my students studying abroad presented our work at these conferences and they have been staying actively involved in the forecasting community. Currently we are preparing the 2025 ISF in Beijing China.

If given the opportunity, I would be privileged to contribute as a member of the Board of Directors of the IIF, building up on the outstanding efforts of both past and present members. Hailing from China, I believe I bring a unique perspective to the IIF. If elected, I would be honored to contribute by strengthening the Institute's ties with Asian forecasters. I envision facilitating increased collaboration by encouraging ISF participation and engagement from forecasters in the region. Furthermore, I would like to extend an invitation to Asian forecasters to join the IIF and actively contribute to our shared goals. Additionally, I propose to organize local workshops that bring together top forecasters, industry professionals, and emerging researchers in our region.

For any inquiries, suggestions, or to further discuss my candidacy, please feel free to reach out to me at yanfeikang@buaa.edu.cn.

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