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Biography

Professor S. Joe Qin is currently the President and Wai Kee Kau Chair Professor of Data Science of Lingnan University in Hong Kong. In his prior career, he worked as the Chair Professor, Dean of the School of Data Science, and Director of Hong Kong Institute for Data Science at City University of Hong Kong, the Fluor Professor at the Viterbi School of Engineering of the University of Southern California, Professor at the University of Texas at Austin, and Principal Engineer at Emerson Process Management.

Prof. Qin is a Fellow of the U.S. National Academy of Inventors, the International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC), AIChE, and IEEE. He is the recipient of the 2022 CAST Computing in Chemical Engineering Award by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) and the 2022 IEEE CSS Transition to Practice Award, the U.S. National Science Foundation CAREER Award, the 2011 Northrop Grumman Best Teaching award at Viterbi School of Engineering, and the IFAC Best Paper Prize for a model predictive control paper published in Control Engineering Practice.

Prof. Qin has published over 470 international journal papers, book chapters, conference papers etc. He is the inventor of 12 U.S. patents. He received over 38,000 Google Scholar citations with an h-index of 86.

Title:

Challenges and Opportunities for Liberal Arts Universities in the ChatGPT Era – A Case for Lingnan University

Abstract

The rapid development of generative AI and large language models in the past year has sparked a new wave of intellectual innovation. This is a great inspiration for everyone at Lingnan University, where we value research and creativity as part of our daily lives. We also recognize that knowledge is dynamic and evolving, not static and fixed.

Lingnan University is the only liberal arts university in Hong Kong, and it complements the massive higher education system in Mainland China that produces millions of graduates every year. In this talk, we will explore how the digital revolution affects higher education in terms of skills-based and holistic education. We will use Lingnan University as an example to show how liberal arts universities can face challenges and seize opportunities in the era of ChatGPT.