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Deepening Economic Reforms

12-13 June 2015

Conference Venue: National School of Development, Peking University

Preliminary Conference Program

Friday 12 June

08:30 – 09:00  Registration

09:00 – 09:15  Opening Remarks by Prof. Jintao Xu, Deputy Dean, National School of Development, Peking University

09:15 – 10:35  Session 1

   Session Chair: Anders C. Johansson, Stockholm School of Economics

   Financial Market Reform – A New Driver for China’s Economic Growth?
   Yu-Fu Chen, University of Dundee
   Michael Funke, Hamburg University
   Kunyu Tao, Central University of Finance and Economics
   Discussant: Fei Zhou

   Industry Upgrading and Financial Services
   Xiaoxiao Hu, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
   Fei Zhou, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
   Discussant: Gueorgui Kambourov

10:35 – 10:50  Tea/Coffee Break

10:50 – 12:10  Session 2

   Session Chair: Iikka Korhonen, Bank of Finland
China's Macroeconomic Policies, Restrictive Independence of Central Bank and Market Expectation
Tao Wang, Cornell University
Discussant: Rongrong Sun

The Renaissance of Macroprudential Monetary Policy Tools: Evidence from China
Jan Klingelhöfer, RWTH Aachen University
Rongrong Sun, University of Nottingham Ningbo China
Discussant: Tao Wang

12:10 – 13:10  Lunch

13:10 – 14:30  Session 3

Session Chair: Loren Brandt, University of Toronto

Government Intervention in the Capital Allocation Process: Firm Employment as an IPO Selection Rule in China
Anders C. Johansson, Stockholm School of Economics
Danglun Luo, Sun Yat-sen University
Johanna Rickne, Research Institute for Industrial Economics & Stockholm China Economic Research Institute
Wei Zheng, Sun Yat-sen University
Discussant: Iikka Korhonen

Jianwei Dang, University of Tokyo
Kazuyuki Motohashi, University of Tokyo
Discussant: Michael Funke

14:30 – 15:00  Tea/Coffee Break

15:00 – 17:00  Session 4

Session Chair: Gueorgui Kambourov, University of Toronto

One-Child Policy, Interethnic Marriages and Welfare Loss
Wei Huang, Harvard University
Yi Zhou, University of California, Berkeley
Mi Luo, New York University
Discussant: Xiaoyan Lei

Wei Huang, Harvard University
Xiaoyan Lei, Peking University
Ang Sun, Renmin University
Discussant: Xi Chen

How Does Ambient Air Pollution Affect Early Childhood Health in China?
Xi Chen, Yale University and IZA
Hao Deng, Yale University
Yawei Zhang, Yale University
Discussant: Wei Huang

18:00-20:30  Dinner

Saturday 13 June
09:00 – 11:00  Session 5

Session Chair: Michael Funke, Hamburg University

An Anatomy of China’s State Owned Enterprise Groups
Loren Brandt, University of Toronto
Ruochen Dai, Peking University
Xiaobo Zhang, Peking University/IFPRI
Discussant: Jeffrey Zax

Making Reform Work: Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment in Rural China
Shuo Chen, Fudan University
Xiao Ma, Fudan University
Discussant: Nathan Dong

Local Government Fiscal Deficit and Strategic Public Asset Management in Developing Countries: Evidence from China
Nathan Dong, Columbia University
Zigan Wang, Columbia University
Discussant: Loren Brandt

11:00 – 11:15  Tea/Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:35  Session 6

Session Chair: Xiaobo Zhang, Peking University/IFPRI

The Effect of Foreign Entry Regulations on Downstream Productivity: Micro-level Evidence from China
Sai Ding, University of Glasgow
Puyang Sun, Nankai University
Wei Jiang, Nankai University
Discussant: Yu Liu

Discretionary Charges as Firm Output Distortions: Evidence from China
Yu Liu, Fudan University
Discussant: Puyang Sun

12:35 – 13:35 Lunch

13:35 – 14:55 Session 7

Session Chair: Jeffrey S. Zax, University of Colorado Boulder

Firm Entry and Regional Growth Disparities: the Effects of SOEs in China
Loren Brandt, University of Toronto
Gueorgui Kambourov, University of Toronto
Kjetil Storesletten, University of Oslo
Discussant: Gang Guo

Race to the Top and Bottom: Globalization and Education Spending in China
Gang Guo, University of Mississippi
Discussant: Kjetil Storesletten

14:55 – 15:20 Tea/Coffee Break

15:20 – 16:40 Session 8

Session Chair: Kjetil Storesletten, University of Oslo

Power Struggle and Government Oversizing: Unintended Consequences of Checks and Balances in an One-party regime
Nan Gao, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics
Pinghan Liang, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics
Lixin Colin Xu, World Bank
Discussant: Xiaohuan Lan

Provincial Returns to Human Capital in Urban China, Inter-regional Inequality and the Implicit Value of a Guangdong Hukou
Jeffrey S. Zax, University of Colorado Boulder
Discussant: Xiaobo Zhang

16:40 – 16:50 Closing Remarks