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Joint 2013 Conference on

Inequality, Growth and the Middle-Income Trap in China

1-2 July 2013

Conference Venue: National School of Development, Peking University

Conference Program

Monday 1 July

08:30 – 09:00  Registration

09:00 – 09:15  Opening Remarks

09:15 – 10:35  Session 1

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

How Can China Avoid the Middle-Income Trap? Implications of a Multi-Country Analysis of Institutions and Growth
*Yiping Huang, Peking University
Qin Gou, Peking University
Xun Wang, Stockholm School of Economics
Discussant: Longfeng Ye

On the Existence of a Middle Income Trap in Latin America and East Asia
Peter E. Robertson, University of Western Australia
*Longfeng Ye, University of Western Australia
Discussant: Qin Gou

10:35 – 10:50  Tea/Coffee Break

10:50 – 12:10  Session 2

Session Chair: Ming Lu, Shanghai Jiaotong University & Fudan University
Independent surveys: Reflections on CHFS data  
Li Gan, Texas A&M University

Evaluation of Poverty Prevalence in Today’s China: New Evidence from Four Recent Surveys  
Chunni Zhang, Chinese University of Hong Kong  
Qi Xu, Peking University  
*Xiang Zhou, University of Michigan  
Xiaobo Zhang, Peking University  
Yu Xie, University of Michigan  
*Discussant: Julan Du

12:10 – 13:10  Lunch

13:10 – 14:30  Session 3

Session Chair: Yiping Huang, Peking University

Financial Sector Policies, Poverty and Inequality  
Anders C. Johansson, Stockholm School of Economics  
*Xun Wang, Stockholm School of Economics  
*Discussant: Longmei Zhang

Growth Slowdowns and the Middle-Income Trap  
Shekhar Aiyar, International Monetary Fund  
Romain Duval, International Monetary Fund  
Damien Puy, International Monetary Fund  
Yiqun Wu, International Monetary Fund  
*Longmei Zhang, International Monetary Fund  
*Discussant: Xun Wang

14:30 – 14:45  Tea/Coffee Break

14:45 – 16:45  Session 4

Session Chair: Xiaobo Zhang, Peking University

A Model of Sequential Reforms and Economic Convergence: Case of China  
Yong Wang, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
*Discussant: Hang Gao

Factor Market Distortion in China's Manufacturing Industry  
Hang Gao, University of Leuven  
*Discussant: Yong Wang

Industry Upgrading and Wage Inequality: What Lessons for China from the East Asian Experience
Bruno Martorano, UNICEF, Innocenti Research Centre
*Marco Sanfilippo, European University Institute
Discussant: Bo Chen

6pm-8:30pm Dinner

Tuesday 2 July
09:00 – 11:00  Session 5

Session Chair: Xun Wang, Stockholm School of Economics

Chinese Political and Economic Governance System and the Imbalance between Consumption and Investment
*Julan Du, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hongsheng Fang, Zhejiang University
Xiangrong Jin, Zhejiang University
Discussant: Lin Zhang

*Jun Du, Stockholm School of Economics & Aston University
Ying Zhou, Aston University
Discussant: Yi Zhou

SOE Preference, Entry Barrier and Local Economic Growth
Yongwei Chen, Peking University
Xu Wei, Peking University
*Yi Zhou, University of California, Berkeley
Discussant: Jun Du

11:00 – 11:15  Tea/Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:35  Session 6

Session Chair: Bo Chen, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics

Agglomeration Shadow: Can Investment and Education Alleviate Geographic Disadvantage in Urban Growth?
Zhao Chen, Fudan University
*Ming Lu, Shanghai Jiaotong University & Fudan University
Zheng Xu, University of Connecticut
Discussant: Keun Lee

Dynamics of Growth-Inequality Nexus in China: Roles of Surplus Labor, Openness, Education & Technical Change in Province-Panel Analysis
Furong Jin, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy
12:35 – 13:35  Lunch
13:35 – 14:55  Session 7

Session Chair: Julan Du, Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Productivity, Economic Growth and Middle Income Traps: Implications for China**
Yanrui Wu, University of Western Australia
*Discussant: Yu Xie*

**Input Trade Liberalization and Wage Inequality: Firm-Level Evidence from China**
*Bo Chen, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics,
Miaojie Yu, Peking University
Zhihao Yu, Carleton University
*Discussant: Marco Sanfilippo*

14:55 – 15:10  Tea/Coffee Break
15:10 – 17:10  Session 8

Session Chair: Jun Du, Stockholm School of Economics & Aston University

**Guanxi and Income Inequality**
Zaichao Du, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics
Jiannan Guo, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics
*Lin Zhang, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics
*Discussant: Xiaobo Zhang*

**Internal Migration and Happiness Inequality in China**
Sylvie Démurger, Université de Lyon
Shi Li, Beijing Normal University
*Hui Xu, Beijing Normal University
*Discussant: Xuezheng Qin*

**The Intergenerational Inequality of Health in China**
Tor Eriksson, Aarhus University
Jay Pan, Sichuan University
*Xuezheng Qin, Peking University
*Discussant: Hui Xu*

17:10 – 17:20  Closing Remarks