



Stockholm China Economic Research Institute, Stockholm School of Economics  
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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: Julian 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*

### **State Advances and Private Retreats? – Evidence from the Decomposition of the Chinese Manufacturing Aggregate Productivity**

\*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

\*Keun Lee, Seoul National University  
*Discussant: Ming Lu*

12:35 – 13:35 Lunch

13:35 – 14:55 Session 7

Session Chair: Julian 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