

CONFERENCE ON URBANIZATION, STRUCTURAL CHANGE, AND EMPLOYMENT

(AN ACTIVITY OF THE WORLD BANK NETWORK FOR JOBS AND DEVELOPMENT)

11 – 13 December 2015

LSKG012, HKUST Business School, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

11 DECEMBER 2015 (FRIDAY)

- 08:50 – 09:00** **Opening remarks**
Albert PARK (Director, HKUST Institute for Emerging Market Studies)
- 09:00 – 10:30** **Morning Chair: Albert PARK (HKUST)**
1. Christopher PISSARIDES (LSE and HKUST) and Jin WANG (HKUST), **“China's Mobility Barriers and Labor Market Outcomes”** (with Rachel NGAI)
Discussant: Albert PARK (HKUST)
 2. Xiaodong ZHU (University of Toronto), **“Trade, Migration and Productivity: A Quantitative Analysis of China”** (with Trevor TOMBE)
Discussant: Todd SCHOELLMAN (Arizona State University)
- 10:30 – 10:50** **Coffee Break**
- 10:50 – 12:20** **3. Feicheng WANG (University of Nottingham Ningbo), “Trade Liberalisation, Labour Market Reform, and Firm-level Employment Adjustment”** (with Chris MILNER, Juliane SCHEFFEL)
Discussant: Yao Amber LI (HKUST)
- 4. Xin MENG (Australian National University), “China's Labor Market Tension and Future Urbanisation Challenges”**
Discussant: Ming LU (Shanghai Jiaotong University)
- 12:20 – 14:00** **Lunch (By invitation only)**
- 14:00 – 15:30** **Afternoon Chair: Rachel NGAI (LSE and HKUST)**
1. Ping WANG (Washington University-St. Louis), **“Urbanization and Economic Development: A Tale of Two Barriers”** (with Eric BOND, Raymond RIEZMAN)
Discussant: Jiaxiong YAO (Johns Hopkins University)
 2. Ming LU (Shanghai Jiaotong University), **“Housing Prices Threaten Competitiveness: How Do China's Inland-Favoring Land Policies Raise Wages?”** (with Wen Quan LIANG, Hang ZHANG)
Discussant: Ping WANG (Washington University-St. Louis)
- 15:30 – 15:50** **Coffee Break**
- 15:50 – 17:30** **3. Jiaxiong YAO (Johns Hopkins University), “The Human Factor: China's Internal Migration and the Saving Puzzle”** (Hou WANG, Yi David WANG)
Discussant: Xiaodong Zhu (University of Toronto)
- 4. Loren BRANDT (University of Toronto), “Misallocation, Selection, and Productivity: A Quantitative Analysis with Micro Data from China”** (with Tasso ADAMOPOULOS, Jessica LEIGHT, Diego RESTUCCIA)
Discussant: Feicheng WANG (University of Nottingham Ningbo)
- 17:40** **Depart for dinner (By invitation only)**
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12 DECEMBER 2015 (SATURDAY)

09:00 – 10:30

Morning Chair: Christopher PISSARIDES (LSE and HKUST)

1. Gary FIELDS (Cornell University), **“An Overview of Three Multisector Labor Market Models”**

Discussant: Christopher PISSARIDES (LSE and HKUST)

2. Todd SCHOELLMAN (Arizona State University), **“Wages, Human Capital, and Structural Transformation”** (with Berthold HERRENDORF)

Discussant: Roberto SAMANIEGO (George Washington University)

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

3. Alessio MORO (University of Cagliari), **“Does Home Production Drive Structural Transformation?”** (with Solmaz MOSLEHI, Satoshi TANAKA)

Discussant: Rachel NGAI (LSE and HKUST)

4. Yong WANG (HKUST), **“Industrial Upgrading, Structural Change, and the Middle-income Trap”**

Discussant: Joseph KABOSKI (Notre Dame)

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch (*By invitation only*)

14:00 – 15:30

Afternoon Chair: Jin WANG (HKUST)

1. Yang DU (CASS), **“Structural Changes in the Chinese Labor Market”**

Discussant: Xin MENG (Australia National University)

2. Piotr LEWANDOWSKI (Institute for Structural Research (Warsaw)), **“The Evolution of Task Content of Jobs in Central Eastern Europe”** (with Wojciech HARDY, Roma KEISTER)

Discussant: Christina JENQ (HKUST)

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30

3. Timo BOPPART (Stockholm University), **“Non-homothetic Preferences and Industry Directed Technical Change”**

Discussant: Yong WANG (HKUST)

4. Joseph KABOSKI (Notre Dame), **“Agglomeration and (the Lack of) Competition”** (with Wyatt BROOKS, Yao Amber LI)

Discussant: Timo BOPPART (Stockholm University)

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08:45 – 10:15

Morning Chair: Yong WANG (HKUST)

1. Roberto SAMANIEGO (George Washington University), "Investment Specific Technical Progress and Economic Development" (with Juliana Yu SUN)

Discussant: Alessio MORO (University of Cagliari)

2. Sebastian MONROY (World Bank), "World Bank World Development Report 2016: Digital Dividends – Growing Divided?"

Discussant: Piotr LEWANDOWSKI (Institute for Structural Research (Warsaw))

10:15 – 10:35

Coffee Break

10:35 – 12:50

3. Pankaj VASHISHT (ICRIER), "Technological Change and Labour Demand: Insights from India"

Discussant: Yang DU (CASS)

4. Chu Ping LO (National Taiwan University), "Openness and Urbanization: the Case of China vs. India"

Discussant: Jin WANG (HKUST)

5. Albert PARK (HKUST), "How are Chinese Manufacturing Firms Coping with Rising Labor Costs: Preliminary Evidence from Employer-Employee Surveys in Guangdong"

Discussant: Loren BRANDT (University of Toronto)

12:50 – 13:00

Closing Remarks

Albert PARK (Director, HKUST Institute for Emerging Market Studies)
Christopher PISSARIDES (LSE and HKUST)

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