

PAFTAD 34 - Seminar for Young Scholars

“The Politics and the Economics of Integration in Asia and the Pacific”

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China Center of Economic Research, Peking University

Program

Young Fellows: Huong Le, Yuan Li, Alberto Posso, Andrew Pua, Laura Puzzello, Wei Tian, David Wang and Li Xin.

PAFTAD Participants: Peter Drysdale, Peter Petri, Hugh Patrick, Wendy Dobson, Shiro Armstrong, Rob Scollay, Yiping Huang, Sherry Tao Kong, Ligang Song and others.

Presentations: Paper writers have strictly *10 minutes* to present.

Discussants: The lead discussant in each session will be a PAFTAD Young Fellow and will have strictly *10 minutes* for the initial comment, followed by members of the PAFTAD conference.

8:30am	Assemble at Lakeview Hotel lobby for transport.
9:00am	Opening Remarks: Peter Drysdale
9:10am	<i>The Gender Wage Gap in the Vietnamese Transition, 1993 – 2008</i> Paper writer: Huong Le (The Australian National University) Chair: Wendy Dobson (University of Toronto) Discussant: Andrew Pua (Universitaet Bielefeld) This paper uses the Vietnam Living Standard Surveys (VLSS) to examine the wages and the gender wage gap in Vietnam between 1993 and 2008, a period of accelerated transition and international integration.
9:55am	<i>Convertibility Restriction in China’s Foreign Exchange Market and its Impact on Forward Pricing</i> Paper writer: David Wang (Stanford University) Chair: Yiping Huang (Peking University) Discussant: Alberto Posso (RMIT) This paper proposes a theoretical framework under which the Chinese authorities impose conversion restrictions in the spot market in an attempt to achieve capital flow balance.
10:40am	Coffee Break

10:55am	<p><i>Have imports from China hurt workers in Asia?</i></p> <p>Paper writer: Alberto Posso (RMIT)</p> <p>Chair: Sherry Tao Kong (ANU)</p> <p>Discussant: Yuan Li (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart)</p> <p>This paper examines how import penetration from China has affected workers in the manufacturing sector in a sample of ten Asian economies over 1977 to 2003.</p>
11:40am	<p><i>Quantifying the impact of RMB appreciation by CGE model</i></p> <p>Paper writer: Li Xin (Peking University)</p> <p>Chair: Rob Scollay (University of Auckland)</p> <p>Discussant: Laura Puzzello (Monash University)</p> <p>This paper builds a modified CGE model of two types of Chinese exports, “processed” & “non-processed” and quantifies the macro implications of the RMB appreciation.</p>
12:25pm	Lunch, Dining Room, Shao Yuan Restaurant (勺园 7 号楼餐厅)
1:25pm	<p><i>How Flexible are Wages Across Barangays? Exploring the Wage Curve Relationship in Pasay City</i></p> <p>Paper writer: Andrew Pua (De La Salle University)</p> <p>Chair: Hugh Patrick (Columbia University)</p> <p>Discussant: Wei Tian (Peking University)</p> <p>This paper uses Philippine data to estimate wage curves using the Pasay City cross section from the Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS) data of 200 barangays with more than 40,000 individuals.</p>
2:10pm	<p><i>A Symmetry Hypothesis and Measurement Biases in the Factor Content of Trade</i></p> <p>Paper writer: Laura Puzzello (Monash University)</p> <p>Chair: Peter Petri (Brandeis)</p> <p>Discussant: David Wang (Stanford University)</p> <p>This study revisits Reimer (2006), and Trefler and Zhu (2005, 2006) (RTZ) tests of the Vanek proposition in the presence of international differences in production techniques and global production sharing.</p>
2:55pm	Coffee break
3:10pm	<p><i>Accountability in One-party Government: Rethinking the Success of Chinese Economic Reform</i></p> <p>Paper writer: Yuan Li (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart)</p> <p>Chair: Peter Drysdale (The Australian National University)</p> <p>Discussant: Li Xin (Peking University)</p> <p>This paper builds a theoretical model based on the selectorate theory to explain why Chinese central government could adopt economic-enhancing policies during the reform era in the absence of regularized election, while other autocratic governments, like those in sub-Saharan Africa, did not.</p>

3:55pm	<p><i>Demography, urbanisation and capital accumulation in an open economy</i></p> <p>Paper writer: Wei Tian (Peking University)</p> <p>Chair: Shiro Armstrong (The Australian National University)</p> <p>Discussant: Huong Le (The Australian National University)</p> <p>This paper argues that the high saving rate and current account in China is an endogenous consequence of the country's low dependency ratio and low urbanization rate using a two-sector and two-country overlapping generations model.</p>
4:40pm	Group Photo
6:30pm	<p>Dinner</p> <p>Venue: Room Yanyuan, Shao Yuan Restaurant (勺园燕园厅)</p>