

Human Capital and Economic Development in China

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509 O'Brian Hall, UB North Campus

Friday, October 4

Checking in at Residence Inn by Marriott, 100 Maple Road, Amherst, NY 14221. Tel: 716-632-6622

Saturday, October 5 (509 O'Brian Hall)

8:30-8:45 **Welcome Remarks**, Stephen Dunnett, Professor and Executive Director of Overseas Sponsored Programs, University at Buffalo

8:45-10:45 **Session 1: Migration and Human Capital Investment**

Chair: Haizheng Li, Georgia Institute of Technology

Assimilation and the Wage Growth of Rural-to-Urban Migrants in China
Suqin Ge, Virginia Tech

Economic Opportunities and Gender Equity: The Migration and Education Decisions of Young Women from Rural China

Chunbing Xing, Beijing Normal University; Yan Sun, Beijing Normal University

Son Preference and Human Capital Investment among China's Rural-Urban Migrant Households

Carl Lin, Bucknell University; Yan Sun, Beijing Normal University; Chunbing Xing, Beijing Normal University

Discussants:

Neel Rao, University at Buffalo

Xuezheng Qin, Peking University

Li Yu, Central University of Finance and Economics

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 **Keynote Speech: Human Capital and Economic Development**

Isaac Ehrlich, University at Buffalo

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30-15:30

Session 2: Human Capital Investment and Inequality

Chair: Yongmiao Hong, Cornell University

Sibling Gender Composition, Women's Gender Role Attitudes and Cognitive Ability: Evidence from China

Yanrong Liu, University of Science and Technology Beijing; **Feng Hu**, University of Science and Technology Beijing

Unobserved Human Capital and Regional Inequality: Evidence from China

Tang Tang, JS Fund; Haizheng Li, Georgia Institute of Technology; Belton M Fleisher, Ohio State University; **Qinyi Liu**, University of International Business and Economics

Financial Development and Income Inequality in China

Samuel Jung, SUNY at Cortland

Discussants:

Yang Song, Colgate University

Carl Lin, Bucknell University

Zibin Huang, University of Rochester

18:30-20:00

Dinner (by invitation)

Sunday, October 6 (509 O'Brian Hall)

8:30-10:30

Session 3: College Access and Admission

Chair: Xuezheng Qin, Peking University

Higher Education Expansion and Rural-urban Inequality in Access to College Education in China

Kerui Geng, Tulane University, Zhiqiang Liu, University at Buffalo, and **Li Yu**, Central University of Finance and Economics

College Matching Mechanisms and Matching Stability: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in China

Wei Ha, Peking University; Le Kang, Peking University; **Yang Song**, Colgate University

Human Instruction vs. Machine Learning: Experimental Evidence on Improving College Access and Match at Scale

Xiaoyang Ye, Princeton University

Discussants:

Chunbing Xing, Beijing Normal University

Suqin Ge, Virginia Tech

Cynthia Bansak, St. Lawrence University

10:30-10:40 Coffee Break

10:40-12:40 **Session 4: Human Capital Investment: Environment and Spillovers**

Chair: Neel Rao, University at Buffalo

Do Tiger Moms Raise Superior Kids? The Impact of Parenting Style on Adolescent Human Capital Formation in China

Haochen Zhang, Peking University; **Xuezheng Qin**, Peking University; Jiantao Zhou, Beihang University

Are Migrant and Left-behind Children Bad Apples? Evidence from Classroom Random Assignment in China

Zibin Huang, University of Rochester

The Peer Effects of Personality on Students' Academic and Non-cognitive Outcomes

Jian Zou, University of Illinois

Discussants:

Feng Hu, University of Science and Technology Beijing

Samuel Jung, SUNY at Cortland

Xiaoyang Ye, Princeton University

12:40-13:30 Lunch and Concluding Remarks

13:30-15:30 **Roundtable:
Economics Education in China: Curriculum and Faculty Development**

Panelists:

Yongmiao Hong, Cornell University

Haizheng Li, Georgia Institute of Technology

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