

## Call for Papers

XJTLU and ADBI announce

7<sup>th</sup> seminar on Asia and Pacific Economies

May 31 – June 1, 2019

Suzhou, China

Special issue in the *Journal of Asian Economics*

We invite submission of papers for this two-day event on topics related to the Asia and Pacific economies. We are looking for original research papers in theoretical and empirical economic and social issues. The *Asian Development Bank Institute* (ADBI) joins *Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University* (XJTLU) with special sessions on financial inclusion and literacy, small and medium-sized enterprise finance and infrastructure investment that broaden the scope of the research agenda. The *Journal of Asian Economics* provides selected papers with publication possibility in a special issue on “Financial Development in Asian Countries”.

### Themes of the seminar:

Two central themes are related to Asia & Pacific studies and the Chinese economy.

- The Asia-Pacific region has experienced market-oriented reforms, market opening and globalization, economic and financial regionalization, etc., which underpin the first theme. Topics include but are not restricted to Asian integration, trade, foreign investment, financial development, macroeconomics and exchange rates.
- The central role of China as the world’s biggest exporter and second largest economy underpins the second theme. Any aspects of the Chinese economy may be explored, including trade liberalization, economic concentration, fiscal policy and institutional factors, financial sector reforms, structural reforms, etc.

Information on previous years’ events can be found at the following link:

<http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/departments/academic-departments/international-business-school-suzhou/research/international-seminar-on-asia-and-pacific-economies>

Many of the original research output presented in past seminar has been disseminated through the RIEI Working Paper Series: <https://ideas.repec.org/s/xjt/riewp.html>.

### ADBI Special Sessions

This is the fifth year that ADBI is organizing special sessions for the seminar. The topics for the ADBI special sessions include the following:

- Financial inclusion and financial literacy
- Small and medium-sized enterprise finance
- Infrastructure investment and finance

### Special issue: *Journal of Asian Economics*

In cooperation with the *Journal of Asian Economics* (SSCI impact factor of 0.753, and placed in the top 200 journals by the RePEc 10-year simple impact factor), selected papers from the conference will be included in a special issue on: “Financial Development in Asian Countries”. We are particularly interested on papers related to the financial sector, including banking stock and future’s markets, as well as the penetration of financial products in the economy. Some topics related to this theme may be:

- Access to finance
- Financial literacy
- Regulations in financial markets
- Systemic risk in financial markets

**Registration fees:**

Presenters of selected papers are required to register and pay a USD50 fee for the seminar. The registration fee includes the seminar dinner on Friday 31 May.

**Funding opportunities:**

There is some limited funding to support some of the presenters.

We provide economy-class transport (international or domestic) to Suzhou and three nights' accommodation for participants from East Asia. Participants from other locations may apply for partial funding.

**Submissions:**

In your submission you must clearly state:

- Whether you would like to be considered to be included in the special issue of the Journal of Asian Economics on "Financial Development in Asian countries".
- Whether you would like to be considered for funding to attend the seminar as first option.
- Whether they would like to be considered to attend the seminar as self-funded if the available funding opportunities are exhausted (answering yes would not affect your changes of obtaining funding since papers with funding are selected first).

Otherwise, your submission would not be considered complete.

Full paper (around 8,000 words) or abstract (300 words or less) must be submitted to [econseminar@xjtlu.edu.cn](mailto:econseminar@xjtlu.edu.cn) no later than February 20, 2019 as a Word document containing a title, name and affiliation of the author(s), contact information and the appropriate fields (JEL classifications). However, early applications with a full paper are preferred. The working language of the seminar will be English. Only papers written in English will be considered. If there are two or more authors, please identify who will be attending. Selected papers will be notified by middle March or earlier. To authors that submitted an extended abstract, a full draft paper will be required for the workshop, and should be submitted by March 20, 2019.

**Participation:**

Each paper is assigned a 50 minute slot, which includes 30 minute presentation, 10 minute comments from discussant/s and 10 minute open floor Q&A. At least one discussant per paper will comment on the paper and lead the discussion. All presenters will be requested to serve as discussant and provide comments in at least one other paper. The seminar consists of six sessions, spread on Friday and Saturday. Since all papers are equally important, all participants are expected to be available both days.

**Dates:**

May 31 (Friday) and June 1 (Saturday) 2019

Venue: Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, Suzhou, China

Submission Deadline: Abstract (February 20, 2019); Full paper (March 20, 2019)

Language: English

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