

The 12th Conference on Asia and Pacific Economies

May 23rd – 24th, 2025

Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU)
and
Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

Venue:

BS4114/BS390A/BS390B/BS390C/BS392
International Business School Suzhou (IBSS), South campus
Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU)
Suzhou, China

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Conference Programme Agenda

The programme consists of five sessions, three on 23rd (Friday) and two on 24th (Saturday) of May. Since all sessions are equally important, attendance by participants in all sessions is strongly encouraged. We would very much appreciate your cooperation. Each paper is allocated within 40 minutes. The presentation is expected not to exceed 30 minutes and the rest 10 minutes is for discussion. Each session is followed by Open floor Q&A.

Day One: 23 May 2025, Friday

0830-0855	Registration (IBSS Building, outside BS4114)		
0855-0900	Group Photo (BS4114)		
0900-0925	Opening Remarks (BS4114) Dr. Nimesh Salike, Associate Dean of IBSS, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU) Dr. Arief Ramayandi, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)		
0925-1015	Keynote Speech I (BS 4114) Professor Xiaoneng Zhu, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics Speech Title: Monetary Policy Narratives and Bond Returns		
SESSION I	1.1 Innovation and Resilience (BS390A) Chairperson: Nimesh Salike	1.2 Financial Literacy & Digital Technology (BS390B) Chairperson: Ye Bai	1.3 Economic Growth (BS390C) Chairperson: Yang Chen
1020-1100	Paper 1: Green Innovation Efficiency and Economic Resilience: Does Climate Policy Uncertainty Matter? Presenter: Ziang Qiu, University of Macau Discussant: Lu Jolly Zhou, Capital University of Economics and Business	Paper 1: Does Financial Literacy Alleviate Poverty? – New Insights from a Multidimensional Approach Presenter: Pawan Ashok Kamble, Birla Institute of Management Technology Discussant: Jesson Pagaduan, Asian Development Bank	Paper 1: Rewiring Capital Flows: Exploring the Nexus Between Digital Finance and Investment Growth Presenter: Tristan Lim, Singapore University of Social Sciences Discussant: Matteo Lanzafame, Asian Development Bank
1100-1140	Paper 2: “Involution” or “Evolution”? The Corporate Strategy Imitation Effect of Capital Market Liberalization Presenter: Lu Jolly Zhou, Capital University of Economics and Business Discussant: Ziang Qiu, University of Macau	Paper 2: The Long-Run Effects of Early Life Exposure to Droughts/Wet Shocks on Human Capital: Evidence from the Philippines Presenter: Jesson Pagaduan, Asian Development Bank Discussant: Pawan Ashok Kamble, Birla Institute of Management Technology	Paper 2: Structural Change and Growth Trajectories through Counterfactual Quantile Decomposition Presenter: Matteo Lanzafame, Asian Development Bank Discussant: Tristan Lim, Singapore University of Social Sciences
1140-1200	Open floor Q&A	Open floor Q&A	Open floor Q&A
1200-1300	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch

SESSION II	2.1 Fiscal Policy and Industrial Development (BS390A) Chairperson: Tianshu Li	2.2 Behavioral & Labor Economics (BS390B) Chairperson: Yang Chen	2.3 International Trade & Finance (BS390C) Chairperson: Arief Ramayandi
1310-1350	Paper 1: Removing a Bottleneck in Industrial Development: Evidence from Regional Water Rights in China Presenter: Tianshu Li, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Discussant: Hong Son Ngo, Mekong Development Research Institute	Paper 1: Environmental Unfamiliarity and Work Performance: Evidence from Chinese Basketball during COVID-19 Presenter: Xidong Guo, Tsinghua University Discussant: Prakash Singh, Goa Institute of Management	Paper 1: The Diminishing Impact of Exchange Rates on China's Exports Presenter: Willem Thorbecke, RIETI Discussant: Wenjiao Hu, Hitotsubashi University
1350-1430	Paper 2: FDI and Green Productivity in Vietnam: Does Fiscal Policy Make a Difference? Presenter: Hong Son Ngo, Mekong Development Research Institute Discussant: Tianshu Li, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University	Paper 2: Financing the Underdog: Capital Constraints and MSME Labour Productivity in Developing Markets Presenter: Prakash Singh, Goa Institute of Management Discussant: Xidong Guo, Tsinghua University	Paper 2: Asymmetric Choice of Anchoring Renminbi under Geopolitical Risk Presenter: Wenjiao Hu, Hitotsubashi University Discussant: Willem Thorbecke, RIETI
1430-1450	Open floor Q&A	Open floor Q&A	Open floor Q&A
1450-1540 (Tea Break)	Keynote Speech II (BS392) Professor Murtinu Samuele, Utrecht University School of Economics Speech Title: Entrepreneurship Theory and Economic Development		

SESSION III	3.1 Inequality (BS390A) Chairperson: King Yoong Lim	3.2 Network Analysis (BS390B) Chairperson: Jin Zheng
1540-1620	Paper 1: Examining the Inequality Effect of Global Value Chain Participation: Evidence from Malaysia Presenter: Tan Kay Kiang, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies, National University of Malaysia Discussant: Yang Xu, Xiamen University	Paper 1: Partner Selection in Venture Capital Syndication: A Neural Network-Based Study Presenter: Qiong Ji, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Discussant: Jin Zheng, University of Bristol
1620-1700	Paper 2: Land Market Distortions, Structural Change, and Wage Inequality Presenter: Yang Xu, Xiamen University Discussant: Tan Kay Kiang, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies	Paper 2: Enhancing Stock Prediction Accuracy through GNN-based Sentiment Analysis Presenter: Jin Zheng, University of Bristol Discussant: Qiong Ji, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
1700-1720	Open floor Q&A	Open floor Q&A



Day Two: 24 May, Saturday

0900-0950	Keynote Speech I (BS392) Prof. Yunxiao Xu, Peking University Speech Title: Urban Sustainability and the Sustainable Development		
0950-1000	Tea Break		
SESSION IV	4.1 Financial Regulation & Banking (BS390A) Chairperson: Arief Ramayandi	4.2 Climate & Environmental Economics (BS390B) Chairperson: Mingming Ma	4.3 Firm Productivity (BS390C) Chairperson: Haiyang Chen
1000-1040	Paper 1: Navigate with Caution: The Unintended Consequences of ECL Adoption in Chinese Banks Presenter: Yuhang He, Nanyang Technological University Discussant: Alfian Mansur, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Indonesia	Paper 1: Climate Change, Food Productivity, and Adaptation in Production Network Presenter: Soumya Pal, Krea University Discussant: Mingming Ma, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University	Paper 1: The Impact of Financing Constraints on Total Factor Productivity: Evidence from Listed Companies in China Presenter: Haiyang Chen, Western Carolina University Discussant: Chongwu Xia, Singapore University of Social Sciences
1040-1120	Paper 2: Corruption, Anti-Corruption and Local Bank Lending in Vietnam Presenter: Thang Ngoc Bach, National Economics University Discussant: Yuhang He, Nanyang Technological University	Paper 2: Weather-Indexed Insurance and Climate Adaptation among Urban Self-Employed Workers in Cambodia Presenter: Yuki Kanayama, Cambodia Development Resource Institute Discussant: Soumya Pal, Krea University	Paper 2: Intangible Capital and Firm Productivity: The Case of China Presenter: Sasan Bakhtiari, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Discussant: Haiyang Chen, Western Carolina University
1120-1200	Paper 3: Monetary Policy Transmission Channels in an Administered Price Environment Presenter: Alfian Mansur, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Indonesia Discussant: Thang Ngoc Bach, National Economics University	Paper 3: Heating Up Risk Aversion: The Long-Term Impact of Prenatal Temperature on Risk Preferences Presenter: Mingming Ma, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Discussant: Yuki Kanayama, Cambodia Development Resource Institute	Paper 3: Enhancing Productivity by Doing Good: Business Response to Government-Initiated Corporate Social Responsibility Presenter: Chongwu Xia, Singapore University of Social Sciences Discussant: Sasan Bakhtiari, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
1200-1220	Open floor Q&A	Open floor Q&A	Open floor Q&A
1220-1320	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch

SESSION V	5.1 Environment and Trade (BS390A) Chairperson: Nimesh Salike	5.2 Trade & Global Strategy (BS390B) Chairperson: Francesco Macheda
1330-1410	Paper 1: Do the New Energy Demonstration Cities Spatially Reduce Carbon Emissions in China? Presenter: Ding Chen, Xi'an Shiyou University Discussant: Gi Khan Ten, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University	Paper 1: A Different China Shock: Input Trade and Labor Market Outcomes in Cambodia Presenter: Pingting Song, Keio University Discussant: Francesco Macheda, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
1410-1450	Paper 2: Are Nationalist Countries More Protectionist? Presenter: Gi Khan Ten, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Discussant: Ding Chen, Xi'an Shiyou University	Paper 2: China's Path to Sustainable Development through Going Global Strategy Presenter: Francesco Macheda, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Discussant: Pingting Song, Keio University
1450-1510	Open floor Q&A	Open floor Q&A
1510-1600 (Tea Break)	Keynote Speech II (BS392) Professor Shuang Ren, Queen's University Belfast Speech Title: The Future of Work: Managing Talent and Optimizing Sustainability in the Digital Era	
1600-1615	Concluding Remarks	

