

The 13th Conference on Asia and Pacific Economies

May 29th – 30th, 2026

Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU)

Venues:

International Academic Exchange & Collaboration Center
International Business School Suzhou (IBSS), South Campus
Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU)
Suzhou, China

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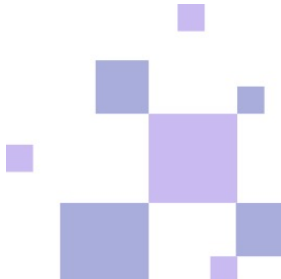
Conference Programme Agenda

The programme consists of five parallel sessions, three on 29th (Friday) and two on 30th (Saturday) of May. Since all sessions are equally important, participants are strongly encouraged to attend all sessions. We would very much appreciate your cooperation. Each paper is allocated within 35 minutes. The presentation is expected to last no more than 30 minutes, with the remaining 5 minutes for discussion. Each session is followed by an open-floor Q&A.

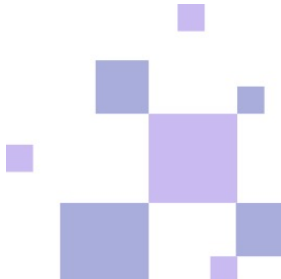
Day One: 29 May 2026, Friday

0830-0900	Registration & Opening (IA G08)		
0900-0915	Opening Remarks Professor Eddy Fang, Dean of IBSS, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU)		
0915-0920	Group Photo		
0920-1010	Keynote Speech I: "Field Experiments in Accounting, Economics, and Finance" Professor Bohui Zhang, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen		
1010-1020	Tea Break		
Session I	1.1 International Finance & Geopolitical Risk (IA 103) Chairperson: Bo Jiang, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University	1.2 Innovation (IA 107) Chairperson: Yu Song, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University	1.3 Family, Education, & Health (IA 111) Chairperson: Simon Fan, Lingnan University
1020-1055	Paper 1: From Dollar Dominance toward Diversified Anchors: Geopolitical Risk and Exchange-Rate Anchoring in East Asia Presenter: Wenjiao Hu, Hitotsubashi University Discussant: Xin Wang, Shandong University of Finance and Economics	Paper 1: Patents, Secrecy, and Financing Innovation Presenter: Yibai Yang, University of Macau Discussant: Li Zhe, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University	Paper 1: Does Parental Divorce Affect Children's Educational Attainment? Evidence from China Presenter: Simon Fan, Lingnan University Discussant: Gi Khan Ten, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
1055-1130	Paper 2: Geopolitics and Corporate Alliances: Evidence from US-China Trade War Presenter: Shanyu Zhang, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Discussant: Wenjiao Hu, Hitotsubashi University	Paper 2: The Nature and Geography of Regional Innovation Dynamism: Evidence from Chinese Cities Presenter: Fushu Luan, Nanjing Audit University Discussant: Yibai Yang, University of Macau	Paper 2: The Way of Water: In-utero Exposure to Improved Water Access and Infant Health Presenter: Xidong Guo, Tsinghua University Discussant: Simon Fan, Lingnan University
1130-1205	Paper 3: Geopolitical Risk and Cross-border Supply Chains: Evidence from Chinese Firms Presenter: Xin Wang, Shandong University of Finance and Economics Discussant: Bo Jiang, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University	Paper 3: Tax Incentives and Firms' Decision on Innovation and Export: Case from the Chinese Advanced Manufacturers Presenter: Li Zhe, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Discussant: Fushu Luan, Nanjing Audit University	Paper 3: One-Time Windfalls, Lasting Gains: Russia's Maternity Capital and Child Health Presenter: Gi Khan Ten, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Discussant: Xidong Guo, Tsinghua University
1205-1215	Open-Floor Q&A	Open-Floor Q&A	Open-Floor Q&A
1215-1330	Lunch + South Campus Tour (with volunteers)		

May 29 Afternoon Sessions			
Session II	2.1 Urban Economics (IA 103) Chairperson: Ye Bai, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University	2.2 Information & Networks (IA 107) Chairperson: Weijie Luo, Beijing International Studies University	2.3 Digital Economy & Labor Markets (IA 111) Chairperson: Nimesh Salike, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
1330-1405	Paper 1: Housing Markets and the Belief in Opportunity Presenter: Wenyi Zhang, Nanyang Technological University Discussant: Bingjie Zhang, University of Macau	Paper 1: Identity on the Bench: Gender In-Group Bias in the Judiciary Presenter: Mingming Ma, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Discussant: Xinqi Yu, Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Paper 1: Remote Work and the Erosion of Wage Anchors in the Digital Era: Evidence from Chinese Firms Presenter: Shufeng Cong, University of Macau Discussant: Yixuan Sun, University of Macau
1405-1440	Paper 2: The Double-Edged Effects of the Nighttime Economy: Evidence from Chinese Labor Wining Rates Presenter: Bingjie Zhang, University of Macau Discussant: Wenyi Zhang, Nanyang Technological University	Paper 2: Information Externality of IPO: Evidence from Supply Chain Presenter: Xinqi Yu, Hong Kong Polytechnic University Discussant: Mingming Ma, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University	Paper 2: Data-Driven Urban Governance, Social Credit and Labor Market Segmentation Presenter: Yixuan Sun, University of Macau Discussant: Shufeng Cong, University of Macau
1440-1450	Open-Floor Q&A	Open-Floor Q&A	Open-Floor Q&A
1450-1500	Tea Break		



Session III	3.1 Trade & Firm Performance (IA 103) Chairperson: Xinxuan Cheng, Hebei University	3.2 CSR & Environmental Governance (IA 107) Chairperson: King Yoong Lim, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University	3.3 Managerial Behaviors (IA 111) Chairperson: Xiaoying Chen, California State Univ. Long Beach
1500-1535	Paper 1: Marketization of Data Elements and Corporate Export Resilience: Empirical Evidence from Data Trading Platforms Presenter: Xinyuan Wang, Northwest Normal University Discussant: Xinxuan Cheng, Hebei University	Paper 1: Pollution in the Administrative Calculus: Land Use, Environmental Quality, and Local Governance Presenter: Deyu Rao, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Discussant: Zhu Meng, City University of Hong Kong	Paper 1: The Trigger Moment: Product Market Competition and Cross-Border Technology Mergers and Acquisitions Presenter: Lu Jolly Zhou, Capital University of Economics and Business Discussant: Wentao Wu, University of Tampa
1535-1610	Paper 2: Switching off Competitiveness? The Export Consequences of Power Outages Presenter: Prakash Singh, Goa Institute of Management Discussant: Xinyuan Wang, Northwest Normal University	Paper 2: Informing China Coalfields and Mines' Green Safety Transformation: The Impact of Natural Disaster Shock and Internal Control Breaches on Local New Ventures Presenter: King Yoong Lim, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Discussant: Deyu Rao, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Paper 2: Undiversified Managers: Idiosyncratic Vega Presenter: Xiaoying Chen, California State Univ. Long Beach Discussant: Lu Jolly Zhou, Capital University of Economics and Business
1610-1645	Paper 3: Decoupling or Resilience? The Dynamic Adjustment and Response of U.S. Multinationals' China-Oriented Supply Chain Dual Embeddedness under Trade Policy Uncertainty Presenter: Xinxuan Cheng, Hebei University Discussant: Prakash Singh, Goa Institute of Management	Paper 3: Falling Short or Walking the Talk? Institutional Distance and Corporate Social Responsibility Decoupling in Emerging Market Multinationals Presenter: Zhu Meng, City University of Hong Kong Discussant: King Yoong Lim, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University	Paper 3: Growth-Promoting Bonuses and Managerial Short-Termism Presenter: Wentao Wu, University of Tampa Discussant: Xiaoying Chen, California State Univ. Long Beach
1645-1655	Open-Floor Q&A	Open-Floor Q&A	Open-Floor Q&A
1800-2030	Dinner Address and Best Paper Award (Circle, SIP)		



Day Two: 30 May, Saturday

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0900-0950 IA G08	Keynote Speech II: Business Environments, the Internationalization of Digital Firms, and Performance Professor Yong Yang, Shanghai Polytechnic University			
0950-1000	Tea Break			
Session IV	4.1 TFSC Special Session: Digitalization & Economic Impacts (IA 103) Chairperson: Luca Mora, Edinburgh Napier University	Session IV	4.2 ESG & Environmental Policy (IA 107) Chairperson: Shiang Liu, Middle Tennessee State University	4.3 Corporate Finance & Asset Markets (IA 111) Chairperson: Edwin Ruan, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
1000-1035	Paper 1: The Impact of Corporate Digital Transformation on Tax Base Erosion in OFDI: A Profit Shifting Perspective Presenter: Yuan Chen, Renmin University of China, Suzhou Campus Discussant: Ziang Qiu, University of Macau	1000-1035	Paper 1: When ESG Is Salient: Strategic ESG Communication in Earnings Conference Calls Presenter: Shiang Liu, Middle Tennessee State University Discussant: Ruoyu Xu, University of Macau	Paper 1: Beyond the Rates: Inflation Concerns and Stock Returns Presenter: Edwin Ruan, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Discussant: Yifan Ye, Beijing Normal-Hong Kong Baptist University
1035-1110	Paper 2: Climate Risk Awareness, Electricity Prices, and Electric Vehicle Charging Behavior: Evidence from Smart Meter Data in Macao Presenter: Ziang Qiu, University of Macau Discussant: Yuan Chen, Renmin University of China, Suzhou Campus	1035-1110	Paper 2: Environmental Policy Effectiveness under Alternative Monetary Policy Regimes in Small Open Economies Presenter: Guangzhi Ye, Nanyang Technological University Discussant: Shiang Liu, Middle Tennessee State University	Paper 2: Reaching for Income: Dividend Demand under Income Risk Presenter: Xin Yu, University of Macau Discussant: Edwin Ruan, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
1110-1145	Paper 3: Does AI Adoption Improve ESG Performance? Causal Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment Based on China's AI Innovative Development Pilot-Zones Presenter: Wenyi Lu, Zhejiang Gong Shang University; Haiyang Chen, Western Carolina University Discussant: Ziyiyang Zhou, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University	1110-1145	Paper 3: Mandatory ESG Disclosure and Government Green Procurement Presenter: Ruoyu Xu, University of Macau Discussant: Guangzhi Ye, Nanyang Technological University	Paper 3: On the Optimal Combination of Portfolio Strategies Presenter: Yifan Ye, Beijing Normal-Hong Kong Baptist University Discussant: Xin Yu, University of Macau
1145-1220	Paper 4: Digitally Empowering Rural China: Technology Acceptance of Generative AI under the Rural Revitalization Agenda Presenter: Ziyiyang Zhou, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Discussant: Wenyi Lu, Zhejiang Gong Shang University	1145-1200	Open-Floor Q&A	Open-Floor Q&A
1220-1340	Lunch			

Session V	5.1 Meet-the-Editors Session (IA G08) Chairperson: Nimesh Salike, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Moderator: Xin Gu, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
1345-1600	Participating Distinguished Editors (alphabetical order) Prof. Jie (Jay) Cao, Co-Editor of the International Review of Finance, Associate Editor of Financial Management and Pacific-Basin Finance Journal, Hong Kong Polytechnic University Prof. Lujie Chen, Associate Editor of the International Journal of Operations and Production Management and Department Editor for IEEE TEM, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Prof. Stephen Gong, Subject Editor for Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Prof. Jane Lu, Senior Editor of the Journal of World Business and a Consulting and Guest Editor of the Journal of International Business Studies, City University of Hong Kong Prof. Luca Mora, Co-Editor-in-Chief of Technological Forecasting and Social Change, Edinburgh Napier University Prof. Peng Zhang, Associate Editor of Journal of Development Economics and China Economic Review, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen
1600-1615	Concluding Remarks (Ye Bai, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University)

