

The 9th Conference on Asia and Pacific Economies

May 27 – May 28, 2022

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

Venue: Online over Zhumu
International Business School Suzhou (IBSS), South campus
Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU)
Suzhou, China

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The programme consists of five sessions, three on 27 May (Friday) and two on 28 May (Saturday). 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 with 40 minutes. The presentation is expected not to exceed 30 minutes and the rest is for discussion. Each session is followed by Q&A.

Day One: 27 May 2022, Friday

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| 0910-0940 | Opening Remarks Prof. Jorg Bley, Dean, International Business School Suzhou, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Dr. Peter Morgan, Senior Consulting Economist, Vice Chair, Asian Development Bank Institute Zhumu Link (Click) | | |
| SESSION I | 1.1 ADBI Special Session: Sustainability Chairperson: Peter Morgan Zhumu Link (Click) | 1.2 Chinese Economy I Chairperson: Yang Chen Zhumu Link (Click) | 1.3 Demographics and Education Chairperson: Sen Ma Zhumu Link (Click) |
| 0950-1030 | Paper 1: The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic Shock on the Dependence between Energy Markets and EU ETS Presenter: Hao Wang, Jilin University Discussant: Mansi Sharma, Stony Brook University | Paper 1: The Impact of Environmental Regulation on Firms' Product Quality: Evidence from Chinese Exporters Presenter: Longzhou Wang, University of Calgary Discussant: Wei Xiao, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics | Paper 1: A curse or a blessing? The effect of US-China trade war on Chinese corporate innovation Presenter: Yize Liu, University of Macau Discussant: Kun Tian, University of East Anglia |
| 1030-1110 | Paper 2: Female on board and CSR activity: Firm Level Evidence from India Presenter: Mansi Sharma, Stony Brook University Discussant: Bo (Lamout) Yu, City University of Macau | Paper 2: State control, financial crisis and real estate diversification of listed firms in China Presenter: Wei Xiao, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics Discussant: Longzhou Wang, University of Calgary | Paper 2: Paying for the Selected Son: Sex Imbalance and Marriage Payments in China Presenter: Yuanwei Xu, Ruhr University Bochum Discussant: Xiaoxuan Liu, Shanghai University |
| 1110-1150 | Paper 3: Green Infrastructure and Air Pollution: Evidence from Highways Connecting Two Megacities in China Presenter: Bo (Lamout) Yu, City University of Macau Discussant: Wang Hao, Jilin University | Paper 3: The Heterogeneous Effect of Public Expenditure on Growth with Migration within China Presenter: Kun Tian, University of East Anglia Discussant: Tsao Hai-tao, Minjiang University | Paper 3: Does School Shutdown Increase Inequality in Academic Performance? Evidence from COVID-19 Pandemic in China. Presenter: Sen Ma, Jinan University Discussant: Yuanwei Xu, Ruhr University Bochum |
| 1150-1220 | Open floor Q&A | Open floor Q&A | Open floor Q&A |
| 1230-1400 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |



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| SESSION II | 2.1 International Trade Chairperson: Nimesh Salike Zhumu Link (Click) | 2.2 ADBI Special Session: Trade and Innovation Chairperson: Peter Morgan Zhumu Link (Click) | 2.3 Environmental Regulations Chairperson: Marc Gronwald Zhumu Link (Click) |
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| 1400-1440 | Paper 1: Estimating the bilateral ad-valorem equivalents (AVEs) of NTMs Presenter: Yujie Shi, XJTLU Discussant: Murali Kallummal, Centre for WTO Studies | Paper 1: Will Belt and Road Initiative Reshape Global Trade? Evidence from Network Analysis Presenter: Sufrizul Husseini, University Brunei Darussalam Discussant: Yang Chen, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University | Paper 1: The Promise of Water Markets: The Murray-Darling Basin Presenter: Tianshu Li, XJTLU Discussant: Yuting Feng, Hong Kong Polytechnic University |
| 1440-1520 | Paper 2: WTO Negotiation on MSMEs and the Challenges for the Survival of Labour-Intensive Firms: A Case of China, EU, India and the US Presenter: Murali Kallummal, Centre for WTO Studies Discussant: Yujie Shi, XJTLU | Paper 2: The Geography of Innovation in China Presenter: Yang Chen, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Discussant: Sufrizul Husseini, University Brunei Darussalam | Paper 2: Leverage Adjustments to Environmental Regulation Presenter: Yuting Feng, Hong Kong Polytechnic University Discussant: Marc Gronwald, XJTLU |
| 1520-1550 | Open floor Q&A | Open floor Q&A | Open floor Q&A |
| 1550-1610 | Coffee Break | Coffee Break | Coffee Break |
| SESSION III | 3.1 Energy Efficiency Chairperson: Kingsley Dogah Zhumu Link (Click) | 3.2 Stock Market Chairperson: Bo Jiang Zhumu Link (Click) | 3.3 Climate Change Chairperson: Yuting Feng Zhumu Link (Click) |
| 1610-1650 | Paper 1: Energy Efficient Technology and Vintage Capital in Chinese Industry Presenter: Le Tang, Suffolk University Discussant: Kingsley Dogah, XJTLU | Paper 1: Policy responses to Coronavirus and selected stock market reaction: Empirical evidence from an Asian market Presenter: Franck Edouard Gnahe, Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics Discussant: Bo Jiang, XJTLU | Paper 1: Explosive temperatures Presenter: Marc Gronwald, XJTLU Discussant: Tianshu Li, XJTLU |
| 1650-1710 | Open floor Q&A | Open floor Q&A | Open floor Q&A |



| SESSION IV | 4.1 Trade Chairperson: Ye Bai Zhumu Link (Click) | 4.2 Labor Economics Chairperson: Bilal Muhammad Khan Zhumu Link (Click) | 4.3 Chinese Economy II Chairperson: Tsao Hai-tao Zhumu Link (Click) |
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| 1000-1040 | Paper 1: On the asymmetric free trade agreements in a four country model Presenter: Haifeng Fu, XJTU Discussant: Xin Jin, XJTU | Paper 1: Successful vs Unsuccessful Self-employed in the Developing World Presenter: Bilal Muhammad Khan, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Discussant: Yuanwei Xu, Ruhr University Bochum | Paper 1: The Political Economy of “Minor Property Rights Housing” in Rural China: A Property Rights Model Presenter: Tsao Hai-tao, Minjiang University Discussant: Yize Liu, University of Macau |
| 1040-1120 | Paper 2: Structural Change and International Trade: New Evidence Presenter: Xin Jin, XJTU Discussant: Haifeng Fu, XJTU | Paper 2: Employment Effects of Coal Mine Openings in China Presenter: Yuanwei Xu, Ruhr University Bochum Discussant: Bilal Muhammad Khan, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank | Paper 2: The Effect of Having a Boy on Women’s Marital Stability under the Context of One Child Policy Presenter: Xiaoxuan Liu, Shanghai University Discussant: Sen Ma, Jinan University |
| 1120-1150 | Open floor Q&A | Open floor Q&A | Open floor Q&A |
| 1200-1330 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |
| SESSION V | 5.1 Health and Welfare Chairperson: Chen Huang Zhumu Link (Click) | 5.2 Transportation Chairperson: Lixian Qian Zhumu Link (Click) | 5.3 Consumer Behavior Chairperson: Wai Kee Thomas Yuen Zhumu Link (Click) |
| 1330-1410 | Paper 1: Vaccination and Risk Behaviors: Evidence from the Hepatitis B Vaccination Campaign in China Presenter: Chen Huang, Central University of Finance and Economics Discussant: Xidong Guo, University College Dublin | Paper 1: Spatial Network Effect of Charging Stations on Electric Vehicle Adoption: Evidence from Tesla Presenter: Lixian Qian, XJTU Discussant: Yanmin Yang, Nanjing Audit University | Paper 1: Association between Financial competitiveness and FinTech Consumer experience; Ecosystem; startups Presenter: Wai Kee Thomas YUEN, Hong Kong Shue Yan University Discussant: Shuyang Si, XJTU |
| 1410-1450 | Paper 2: Private Practice in Public Hospitals: Should Senior Consultants Be Privileged? Presenter: Xidong Guo, University College Dublin Discussant: Chen Huang, Central University of Finance and Economics | Paper 2: Driving Restrictions, Traffic Speed and Carbon Emissions: Evidence from High-Frequency Data Presenter: Yanmin Yang, Nanjing Audit University Discussant: Lixian Qian, XJTU | Paper 2: Food Safety and Restaurant Food Presenter: Shuyang Si, XJTU Discussant: Wai Kee Thomas YUEN, Hong Kong Shue Yan University |
| 1450-1510 | Concluding Remarks | Concluding Remarks | Concluding Remarks |