

THE SIXTH ASIAN HISTORICAL ECONOMICS CONFERENCE (AHEC 2018)

Date: September 21-22, 2018
Venue: Function Room 1&2, Level 3, Core E, Cyberport 3
& Le Méridien Ballroom, Hong Kong

Asian Historical Economics Society

Hosted by
Asia Global Institute, The University of Hong Kong
Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Hong Kong
International Society for Quantitative History

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Friday, September 21, 2018 (Day One)

- 9:00-9:15 Registration
- 9:15-9:30 **Opening Remarks**
Zhiwu Chen (The University of Hong Kong)
- 9:30-10:30 **Keynote Speech**
James Kai-sing Kung (The University of Hong Kong)
- 10:30-11:00 *Tea Break*
- 11:00-12:30 **Parallel Sessions A**
Session A1 Wars and Development
Session A2 Human Capital and Labor Productivity
Session A3 Political Economy of Economic Development in China
Session A4 Financial Market in South and Southeast Asia
- 12:30-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:30 **Parallel Sessions B**
Session B1 Merchants and Trade in Southeast Asia
Session B2 Economic History of the Imperial Civil Examination
Session B3 Economic History of Eurasia
- 15:30-16:00 *Tea Break*
- 16:00-17:30 **Parallel Sessions C**
Session C1 Labor Market and Welfare
Session C2 Trade and Public Goods in Historical Japan
Session C3 Social Mobility and Human Capital in Late Imperial China
- 18:30-21:00 **Conference Dinner**
Keynote Speech
Y. C. Richard Wong (The University of Hong Kong)

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9:15-9:30	Opening Remarks				
9:30-10:30	Keynote Speech				
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14:00-15:30 Parallel Sessions B		Session B1 Merchants and Trade in Southeast Asia	Session B2 Economic History of the Imperial Civil Examination		Session B3 Economic History of Eurasia
15:30-16:00	<i>Tea break at Seaview Concourse</i>				
16:00-17:30 Parallel Sessions C		Session C1 Labor Market and Welfare	Session C2 Trade and Public Goods in Historical Japan		Session C3 Social Mobility and Human Capital in Late Imperial China
18:30-21:00	Dinner at Le Méridien Ballroom				

Note: Each session paper has 30 minutes in total, in which 20 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes for discussion.

Saturday, September 22, 2018 (Day Two)

9:00-10:30 **Parallel Sessions D**

- Session D1 Disease and Development
- Session D2 Long-term Persistence
- Session D3 Banking and Finance
- Session D4 Ideology and Innovation in Economic History

10:30-11:00 *Tea Break*

11:00-12:30 **Parallel Sessions E**

- Session E1 Wars, Finance, and Political Change
- Session E2 Money and Market Integration
- Session E3 Land Property Right
- Session E4 Revisiting the Great Divergence Debate: New Explorations in Measuring the Economic Performance in Imperial China

12:30-13:30 *Lunch*

13:30-15:00 **Parallel Sessions F**

- Session F1 Elites, Institutions, and Inequality
- Session F2 Economic Shocks and Politics in Historical China
- Session F3 Industrial and Agricultural Development of South Korea, 1950s-1970s

15:00-15:30 *Tea Break*

15:30-16:30 **Keynote Speech**

Yasheng Huang (MIT Sloan School of Management)

16:30-18:00 **Plenary Session: Research and Publication of New Economic History**

Speakers:

Kris Mitchener (Santa Clara University)
Debin Ma (London School of Economics and Political Science)
Zhiwu Chen (The University of Hong Kong)

Day Two

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9:00-10:30 Parallel Sessions D		Session D1 Disease and Development	Session D2 Long-term Persistence	Session D3 Banking and Finance	Session D4 Ideology and Innovation in Economic History
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9:00-9:15	Registration	
9:15-9:30	Opening Remarks Zhiwu Chen (The University of Hong Kong)	Function Room 1 & 2
9:30-10:30	Keynote Speech <i>The Origins and Persistence of Meritocracy</i> James Kai-sing Kung (The University of Hong Kong) Moderator: Zhiwu Chen (The University of Hong Kong)	
10:30-11:00	<i>Tea Break</i>	Seaview concourse
11:00-12:30	Parallel Sessions A	
Session A1	Wars and Development Chair: Kyoji Fukao (Hitotsubashi University) <i>Railroads and Revolution: A Case of The March First Movement in Colonial Korea, 1919</i> Duol Kim (Myongji University) <i>A Case of a Transition Economy Hiroshima: From A Wartime-planned Economy to A Postwar Economy, 1945-1952</i> Sumiyo Nishizaki (Ritsumeikan University) <i>The Effect of War on Local Collective Action: Evidence from the Korean War</i> Hyunjoo Yang (Incheon National University)	Function Room 3
Session A2	Human Capital and Labor Productivity Chair: Baomin Dong (Henan University) <i>Centralizing School Admissions: Lessons from Imperial Japan</i> Chiaki Moriguchi (Hitotsubashi University), Yusuke Narita (Yale University), and Mari Tanaka (Hitotsubashi University) <i>Nutrition, Health, and Human Capital Development: Evidence from South Korea, 1946-1977</i> Chulhee Lee (Seoul National University) <i>Regional Convergence in Labor Productivity during Japanese Manufacturing Catch-up, 1909-1940</i> Jean-Pascal Bassino (École normale supérieure de Lyon), Kyoji Fukao (Hitotsubashi University), and Tokihiko Settsu (Musashi University)	Training Room 1

Session A3	<p>Political Economy of Economic Development in China Chair: Yu Hao (Peking University)</p> <p><i>Artificial Administrative Boundaries: Evidence from China</i> Pei Li (Xiamen University), Yi Lu (Tsinghua University), and Tuan-Hwee Sng (National University of Singapore)</p> <p><i>Hierarchy and Regional Development: China, A.D., 1000-2000</i> Ying Bai (Chinese University of Hong Kong), and Ruixue Jia (University of California, San Diego)</p> <p><i>State Capacity and Economic Development: Evidence from Transforming Local Governance in Late Imperial Southwest China</i> Nan Li (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics) and Youhong Lin (Guangdong University of Foreign Studies)</p>	Training Room 2
Session A4	<p>Financial Market in South and Southeast Asia Chair: Andrew Sinclair (The University of Hong Kong)</p> <p><i>A Legal Approach to Moneylending: Credit Contracts in Rural Madras 1930-1960</i> Maanik Nath (London School of Economics and Political Science)</p> <p><i>A Means of 'Maintaining Political Stability and A Climate of Confidence': A Political History of the Asian Dollar Market in Singapore, 1968-1975</i> Seung Woo Kim (University of Cambridge)</p>	Training Room 3
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	Seaview concourse
14:00-15:30	Parallel Sessions B	
Session B1	<p>Merchants and Trade in Southeast Asia Chair: Mattia Fochesato (New York University Abu Dhabi)</p> <p><i>Trade and Temples: Conditional Impact of Globalisation on Urbanisation in Rural Siam from 1870 to 1930</i> Thanyaporn Chankrajang (Chulalongkorn University)</p> <p><i>Chinese Merchants and the Changing of Economic Life of Northeastern Region of Thailand during the Late 19th to Early 20th Centuries</i> Pipu Boosabok (Silpakorn University)</p> <p><i>The Thai Military As a Business Group, 1957-2016</i> Kanda Naknoi (University of Connecticut)</p>	Function Room 3
Session B2	<p>Economic History of the Imperial Civil Examination Chair: Ying Bai (Chinese University of Hong Kong)</p> <p><i>Family background influences on the careers of civil officials with examination degrees during the late Qing (1850-1912)</i> Cameron Campbell (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)</p> <p><i>The Short- and Long-Run Effects of Affirmative Action: Evidence from Imperial China</i> Yu Hao (Peking University) and Melanie Meng Xue (Northwestern</p>	Training Room 1

University)

What Determines Intergenerational Transmission Channels? The Persistent Effects of China's Civil Service Exam on Contemporary Social Mobility

Yining Geng (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Session B3 Economic History of Eurasia

Chair: **Montserrat Lopez Jerez** (Lund University)

Function Room 3

Access to Justice in Turkey

Ayça Akarçay (Galatasaray University) and Sezgin Polat (Galatasaray University)

Vietnam: The Economic Phoenix of Asia? Resilience to Shrinking in an Emerging Economy

Montserrat Lopez Jerez (Lund University)

15:30-16:00 *Tea Break*

Seaview
concourse

16:00-17:30 **Parallel Sessions C**

Session C1 Labor Market and Welfare

Chair: **Chulhee Lee** (Seoul National University)

Function Room 3

Living Standard When Include Opium in the Subsistence Basket of Consumption in the Colony of Singapore

Ichiro Sugimoto (Soka University)

Institution, Discrimination, and Assimilation: Evidence from the Chinese Exclusion Act

Shuo Chen (Fudan University), and **Bin Xie** (Jinan University)

A View of the Occupational Structure in Imperial and Republican China (1640–1952)

Yongqin Guo (Guangdong University of Foreign Studies), Zipeng Zhang (Utrecht University), Bas van Leeuwen (International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam), and Yi Xu (Guangxi Normal University)

Session C2 Trade and Public Goods in Historical Japan

Chair: **Tokihiko Settsu** (Musashi University)

Training Room 1

Private Provision of Lighthouses in Pre-Modern Japan

Kuniyoshi Saito (Meiji Gakuin University)

British Perceptions of Anglo-Japanese Bilateral Trade, 1952-1972: Conflict, Competition and Cooperation

Yuhua Chen (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Japan Industrial exports and Imperialism in East Asia 1912-1938

Alejandro Ayuso (Carlos III de Madrid)

Session C3 Social Mobility and Human Capital in Late Imperial China
Chair: **Tuan-Hwee Sng** (National University of Singapore)

Training Room 3

Bring Down the Gentry: the Abolition of Exam, Local Governance and Anti-Gentry Rebellions, 1902-1911

Yu Hao (Peking University), Zheng-Cheng Liu (Peking University), and Li-An Zhou (Peking University)

Social Mobility in Pre-Industrial China: Reconsidering the “Ladder of Success” Hypothesis

Qin Jiang (Shanghai Jiao Tong University) and James Kai-sing Kung (The University of Hong Kong)

The Jesuits and Chinese Science

Chicheng Ma (The University of Hong Kong)

18:30-21:00 **Conference Dinner**

Le Méridien
Ballroom

Keynote Speech

Homes and Immigrants in Post-war Hong Kong: A Quantitative History

Y. C. Richard Wong (The University of Hong Kong)

Moderator: **Zhigang Tao** (The University of Hong Kong)

Saturday, September 22, 2018 (Day Two)

Time		Venue
9:00-10:30	Parallel Sessions D	
Session D1	<p>Disease and Development Chair: Bin Xie (Jinan University)</p> <p><i>Was the Late Medieval Middle East Malthusian? Land Tenure, Labor Organization and Plagues in Egypt And Syria</i> Mattia Fochesato (New York University Abu Dhabi)</p> <p><i>The Biological Standards of Living in China during the Maoist period (1950-76)</i> Roser Alvarez-Klee (University of Barcelona)</p> <p><i>The Epidemic Consequence of Political Turmoil: Evidence from Malaria Outbreak in China's Cultural Revolution</i> Youhong Lin (Guangdong University of Foreign Studies)</p>	Function Room 3
Session D2	<p>Long-term Persistence Chair: Melanie Meng Xue (Northwestern University)</p> <p><i>Mandala Matters: Former Tributary States and Modern Civil Conflict in Thailand</i> Christopher Paik (New York University Abu Dhabi) and Jessica Vechbanyongratana (Chulalongkorn University)</p> <p><i>Pre-colonial Religious Institutions and Development: Evidence through a Military Coup</i> Rinchan Ali Mirza (University of Namur) and Adeel Malik (University of Oxford)</p> <p><i>"The Red and The Black" in the Twenty-First Century: Reexamination the Effect of Class Origin in Mao era on Contemporary Urban Chinese</i> Shi Li (Beijing Normal University), Xiaoguang Ling (Nanjing University), and Zhaopeng Qu (Nanjing University)</p>	Training Room 1
Session D3	<p>Banking and Finance Chair: Dan Li (Fudan University)</p> <p><i>A Reanalysis of Estimated Interest Rate in Early Modern Japan: Loans for Domain Lords in Osaka</i> Shuntaro Washizaki (Kyushu University)</p> <p><i>Building a Web of Connections: The Interlocking Directorate Network of Chinese Banks During the Republic</i> Lingyu Kong (University of Adelaide) and Florian Ploeckl (University of Adelaide)</p>	Training Room 2
Session D4	<p>Ideology and Innovation in Economic History Chair: Cong Liu (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics)</p> <p><i>Economic History and the Future of Innovation in China</i> Stephen Morgan (University of Nottingham Ningbo China)</p> <p><i>Fear and Envy as Ideological Motives for the Pursuit of Economic Growth</i></p>	Training Room 3

David Mitch (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

- 10:30-11:00 *Tea Break* Seaview
concourse
- 11:00-12:30 **Parallel Sessions E**
- Session E1 Wars, Finance, and Political Change Function Room 3
Chair: **Chicheng Ma** (The University of Hong Kong)
- Swords into Bank Shares: Finance, Conflict and Political Reform in Japan*
Saumitra Jha (Stanford University), **Kris Mitchener** (Santa Clara
University), and Masanori Takashima (Hitotsubashi University)
- Reputation Building of a Nascent Government in Debt Financing: Lessons
from the Bond Market in China, 1912-37*
Dan Li (Fudan University) and Chun-Yu Ho (University at Albany)
- War, Nationalism and the Rise of Communism in China*
Ting Chen (Hong Kong Baptist University) and James Kung (The
University of Hong Kong)
- Session E2 Money and Market Integration Training Room 1
Chair: **Duol Kim** (Myongji University)
- Oversea Silver Inflow and the Price Revolution in Qing China: Empirical
Evidence from 114 Prefectures of 12 Provinces, 1736-1911*
Yumei Hu (Fudan University), **Hongjun Zhao** (Shanghai Normal
University), and Jialiang Zhu (Xiamen University)
- Seeds of American Industrialization: A New View From Economic
Geography*
Stephen Sun (Hitotsubashi Institute for Advanced Study)
- Sources of Market Disintegration in 18th Century China*
Daniel Bernhofena (American University), Markus Eberhardt (University
of Nottingham), Jianan Li (Xiamen University), and **Stephen Morgan**
(University of Nottingham Ningbo China)
- Session E3 Land Property Right Training Room 2
Chair: **Chiaki Moriguchi** (Hitotsubashi University)
- Active Land Markets Despite 'Fuzzy' Property Rights in Indonesia, 1920s-
1930s*
Yutaka Arimoto (Hitotsubashi University) and **Pierre van der Eng**
(Australian National University & Tsinghua University)
- Land Rights and the Limits on Government: Cross-Country Historical
Evidence*
Xiaoting Mai (The University of Hong Kong) and Chenggang Xu (Cheung
Kong Graduate School of Business)
- State Capacity, Cultural Legacy and Land Reform in 1950-52*
Ningning Ma (Central University of Finance and Economics) and **Wuyue
You** (Central University of Finance and Economics)

- Session E4 Revisiting the Great Divergence Debate: New Explorations in Measuring the Economic Performance in Imperial China Training Room 3
Chair: **Kaixiang Peng** (Henan University)
- China, Europe and the Great Divergence: A Study in Historical National Accounting, 980-1850*
Stephen Broadberry (University of Oxford), Hanhui Guan (Peking University), and David Daokui Li (Tsinghua University)
- Long-term Changes in Late Imperial China's Real Wages and GDP Per Capita, 1000-1900: A Reexamination and Reassessment*
William Guanglin Liu (Lingnan University), Kaixiang Peng (Henan University), and Dwight H. Perkins (Harvard University)
- 12:30-13:30 *Lunch* Seaview
concourse
- 13:30-15:00 **Parallel Sessions F**
- Session F1 Elites, Institutions, and Inequality Function Room 3
Chair: **Christopher Paik** (New York University Abu Dhabi)
- Frontier Development and Extraction in Peninsular Southeast Asia*
Montserrat Lopez Jerez (Lund University)
- Elites and the State: Public Goods Provision in the Grain Market in Eighteenth Century China*
Cong Liu (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics) and Se Yan (Peking University)
- Lucky To Have A Sister: The Effects of Unmarried Sister on Brother Outcomes in Qing China*
Feng Ding (Zhejiang University), Jinchuan Shi (Zhejiang University), and Bing Ye (Zhejiang University)
- Session F2 Economic Shocks and Politics in Historical China Training Room 1
Chair: **Stephen Broadberry** (University of Oxford)
- Against Mother Nature? The Long-run Consequences of China's Grand Canal*
Shuang Shi (The University of Hong Kong)
- Geopolitical Cycles in Imperial China: Climate Trigger or Nomad-Agricultural Culture Force?*
Qing Pei (Education University of Hong Kong)
- Natural Resource Shock and State Centralization in Southwest China, 1661-1735*
Jun Fang (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
- Session F3 Industrial and Agricultural Development of South Korea, 1950s-1970s Training Room 3
Chair: **Hyunjoo Yang** (Incheon National University)
- Reforestation in South Korea and Its Consequences*
Min Young Seo (KDI School of Public Policy and Management)

*South Korean Industrialization, Skill Demand, and Wage Premium:
Industry-level Evidence*
Changkeun Lee (Yonsei University, Wonju Campus)

- 15:00-15:30 *Tea Break* Seaview
concourse
- 15:30-16:30 **Keynote Speech** Function Room
1 & 2
- The Longevity of Chinese Absolutism*
Yasheng Huang (MIT Sloan School of Management) and Clair Yang
(University of Washington)
- Moderator: **Zhiwu Chen** (The University of Hong Kong)
- 16:30-18:00 **Plenary Session: Research and Publication of New Economic History** Function Room
1 & 2
- Moderator: **Debin Ma** (London School of Economics and Political
Science)
- Publishing Articles in Economic History Journals — An Editor's
Perspective*
Kris Mitchener (Santa Clara University)
- Introduction to Cambridge Economic History of China*
Debin Ma (London School of Economics and Political Science)
- Update on Quantitative History*
Zhiwu Chen (The University of Hong Kong)

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Parallel Sessions

A4, B3, C3, D4, E4 & F3 Training Room 3

A3, D3, & E3 Training Room 2

A2, B2, C2, D2, E2 & F2 Training Room 1

A1, B1, C1, D1, E1 & F1 Function Room 3

