

**International Conference**  
**The Great Divergence after Ten Years of Debate**

**Conference Agenda**

**29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2012**

**Tsinghua University, Beijing P.R.C.**

**Co-organizers:**

**School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University**

**School of Social Sciences, Tsinghua University**

**Collaborators:**

**International Economic Association**

**Association of Economic History, China**

**National Institute for Fiscal Studies, Tsinghua University**

**Venue:** School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University

**29<sup>th</sup> August (Wednesday)**

**08:30-9:45 Session 1**

Chair and Opening Remarks: Chong-En Bai (Tsinghua University)

**Speaker and Topic**

Masahiko Aoki (Stanford University)

***Institutions in China's Economic Development in a Comparative Perspective.***

**9:45-10:00 Tea and Coffee Break**

**In the remaining sessions, each presentation is allocated 60 minutes, including questions and answers.**

**10:00-12:00 Session 2**

Chairs: Liu Lanxi (CASS), Zhang Tingting (Tsinghua University)

**Speakers and Topics**

Li Bozhong (HKUST/Tsinghua University),

***Why Does the Theory of the Great Divergence Matter? --Taking the Case of the Study of Economic History of the Yangzi Delta.***

Daniel Little (University of Michigan-Dearbon)

***Measuring Qing Agriculture: Recent Research on Farm Productivity and the Standard of Living.***

**12:00-13:30 Lunch**

**13:30-15:30 Session 3**

Chairs: Feng Yuejian (CASS), Yan Se (Peking University)

**Speakers and Topics**

Myung Soo Cha (Yeungnam University)

***State Famine Relief as a Cause of the Great Divergence: Evidence from a Vassal State of China.***

Kent Deng (London School of Economics)

***The Function of the State.***

**15:30-15:45 Tea and Coffee Break**

**15:45-17:45 Session 4**

Chairs: Liu Beicheng (Tsinghua University), Chen Zhengping (Tsinghua U)

**Speakers and Topics**

Robert Allen (Oxford University)

***Economic Incentives and the Invention of the Industrial Revolution.***

Jack Goldstone (George Mason University)

***Cultural Foundations of Technological Change in Europe vs. Asia.***

**18:00 Dinner**

**30<sup>th</sup> August (Thursday)**

**8:30-10:30 Session 5**

Chairs: He Pin (Renmin U), Fan Ying (Tsinghua U)

**Speakers and Topics**

Joseph McDermott (Cambridge University)

***What Weber, Freedman, and Pomeranz Did Not Know about the Ancestral Hall.***

Denggao Long (Tsinghua University)

***Continuous Reinforcement of the Resource Allocation Centered on Land Property: the Land Transaction System in Pre-Modern China.***

**10:30-10:45 Tea and Coffee Break**

**10:45-12:45 Session 6**

Chairs: Qin Hui (Tsinghua U), Zhou Li'An (Peking University)

**Speakers and Topics**

Leonard Blussé (Leiden University)

***Rhine and Yangzi, a Great Divergence? The Lower Yangzi and Rhine Basin Compared: 1350-1850.***

Martin Uebele (University of Muenster)

***German Long Growth Since 1500 in the Context of the Great Divergence.***

**12:45-13:45 Lunch**

**13:45-15:45 Session 7**

Chairs: Wang Yuru (Nankai U) ,Lowery Ying(Tsinghua U) ,

**Speakers and Topics**

Lee, James (HKUST)

***Do Facts Matter: The Scholarship of Discovery and the Great Divergence.***

Kung, James (HKUST)

***A Malthusian Quagmire? Maize, Population, Growth, and Economic Development in China.***

**15:45-16:00 Closing Remarks:**

***Li Bozhong (Tsinghua U)***

**16:00-16:15 Tea and Coffee Break**

**16:15-18:00 Book Launch**

**Chair: Deng Kent (LSE), Long Denggao (Tsinghua U)**

**Robert Allen**

***The British Industrial Revolution in Global Perspective***