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**Public Finance Issues in China  
July 5-7, 2012  
Tsinghua University**

**July 5**

8:15 - 8:20 Welcome by Chong-En Bai

8:20 – 8:25 Welcome by Wei Li

8:25 – 8:30 Conference preliminaries by Roger Gordon

***Session 1: Economic Conditions and Health***

Chair: Chong-En Bai

8:30 – 9:25 Shuang Zhang (Cornell)

*Long-term Effect of In Utero Exposure to Land Reform on Academic Performance in China*

Discussant: Jonah Rockoff (Columbia)

9:25 – 10:20 Hui He (Hawaii)

*Are Recessions Good for Your Health? When Ruhn Meets GHH*

Discussant: Karl Scholz (Wisconsin)

10:20 – 10:40 Tea

10:40 – 11:35 Shuang Zhang (Cornell)

*Mother's Education and Infant Health: Evidence from Closure of High Schools in China*

Discussant: Xinzheng Shi (Tsinghua)

11:35 – 12:50 lunch

***Session 2: Health Administration***

Chair: Wei Li (CKGSB)

12:50 – 1:45 Karthik Muralidharan (UCSD)

*Is There a Doctor in the House? Absent Medical Providers in India”*

Discussant: Hongbin Li (Tsinghua)

1:45 – 2:40 Gordon Liu (Peking)

*Separating Government Regulatory Roles from Operational Functions by Public Hospitals for Greater Supply Capacity*

Discussant: Nancy Qian (Yale)

2:40 – 3:35 Jia Yuan (Macao)

*Examining Moral Hazard in China Health Care Reform: A Difference-in-Difference Propensity Score Matching Approach*

Discussant: Julie Cullen (UCSD)

3:35 – 4:05 break

4:05 – 5:00 Gordon Liu (Peking)

*Payment Reform and Changes in Health Care in China*

Discussant: Chong-En Bai(Tsinghua)

## **July 6**

### ***Session 3: Higher education***

Chair: Jonah Rockoff (Columbia)

8:30 – 9:25 Binzhen Wu (Tsinghua)

*Matching Mechanisms and Matching Quality: Evidence from China*

Discussant: Ginger Jin (Maryland)

9:25 – 10:20 Xiaojun Wang (Hawaii)

*Access to Higher Education and Inequality: The Chinese Experience*

Discussant: Jie Gan (CKGSB)

10:20 – 10:40 Tea Break

10:40 – 11:35 Han Li (HKUST)

*Can Conditional Grants Attract Better Students: Evidence from Chinese Normal Universities*

Discussant: Karthik Muralidharan (UCSD)

11:35 – 12:30 Xiaohan Zhong (Tsinghua)

*College Admission Mechanism and Matching Quality: An Empirical Study of China*

Discussant: Michelle White (UCSD and CKGSB)

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 excursion

## **July 7**

### ***Session 4: Public schools***

Chair: Joyce Man (Peking)

8:30 – 9:25 Jonah Rockoff (Columbia)

*The Long-Term Impacts of Teacher Value-Added and Student Outcomes in Adulthood*

Discussant: Yuyu Chen (Peking)

9:25 – 10:20 Lei Zhang (Tsinghua)

*Public School Resources and Private Substitution in Urban China*

Discussant: Douglas Almond (Columbia)

10:20 – 10:40 Tea Break

10:40 – 11:35 Nancy Qian (Yale)

*The Effects of Village Elections on Public Goods and Redistribution: Evidence from China*

Discussant: Shuaizhang Feng (SUFU)

11:35 – 12:50 Lunch

***Session 5: Miscellaneous***

Chair: Roger Gordon (UCSD and CKGSB)

12:50 – 1:45 Ginger Jin (Maryland)

*Gaming in Air Pollution Data? Lessons from China*

Discussant: Erica Li (CKGSB)

1:45 – 2:15 Tea break

2:15 – 3:10 Jie Mao (UIBE)

*Tax Rate and Compliance: Evidence from the Social Security Pension System in China*

Discussant: Shuanglin Lin (Peking)

3:10 – 4:05 Douglas Almond

*Son Preference and Early Childhood Investments in China*

Discussant: Lingsheng Meng (Tsinghua)

4:05 Closing remarks by Roger Gordon