



THE CHINESE ECONOMY IN THE LONG RUN

Arthur Lewis Lab Conference #1
Part of the CEPR Economic History programme

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Room 2.016 (second floor)
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Conference organizers

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Posters

Ying Dai (University of
Cambridge), By-employment
in the Yangtze Valley in the long
twentieth century

Zhao Dong (University of
Oxford), Chinese Agricultural
Development and Output Per
Capita 1161-1330

Christoph Hess (University
of Cambridge), The Choice to
Leave: Family Constraints on
Geographical Mobility in Late
Imperial China

Bin Huang (University of Zurich),
Making the Pearls of the Orient:
Treaty Port, Concession, and
the Rise of the Modern Economy
in China, 1840-1920 (with
James Kai-sing Kung)

Xizi Luo (LSE), Parental
Dictates: Marriage Sorting and
Social Mobility in Imperial China,
1614-1854

Chenyang Qi (Central
University of Finance and
Economics, China), The fate
of the Taiping Rebellion:
the mechanics of building
government mobilization
capacity

Jinlin Wei (University of
Warwick), The fiscal foundation
of bureaucratic power sharing
in the late Qing China (with
Tianyang Xi)

Runzhuo Zhai (University of
Oxford). Toward the Great
Divergence: Economic Growth
in Yangzi Delta, 1393-1953

Qingrou Zhao (University of
Edinburg), The 1882-1883
Shanghai Financial Crisis
Revisited: An Analysis From
the Perspective of Self-
Strengthening Enterprises

EVENT PROGRAMME

9.00-9.40

*Opening address: Melanie Xue
(LSE)*

Culture, Institutions and the Long-
Term Development of China

9.40-10.00

Coffee break

10.00-10.20

Time for interaction with poster
presenters

10.20-10.40

Hilton L. Root (GMU)

Religion and the Great Divergence
of East and West: The Persistent
Effects of Networks of Church and
State in the History of China and
Europe

10.40-11.00

*Wolfgang Keller (University of
Colorado)*

Human Capital Strategies for
Recovery from Big Shocks: The Case
of the Fall of the Ming (with Carol H.
Shiue)

11.00-12.00

*Keynote: Stephen Broadberry
(Oxford)*

Technological Progress and the
Great Divergence

12.00-13.00

Lunch

13.00-14.00

Roundtable: Was there a scientific
and institutional Great Divergence
prior to the Great Divergence of
incomes? – with Jack Goldstone
(GMU), Stephen Morgan
(Nottingham), Patrick O'Brien (LSE)
and Meng Wu (Manchester)

14.00-14.20

*Nuno Palma (University of
Manchester)*

The rise and fall of paper money in
Yuan China, 1260-1368 (with Hanhui
Guan and Meng Wu)

14.20-14.40

*Kevin Zhengcheng Liu
(University of Hong Kong)*

Commitment Failure within
Bureaucracy: Why a Centralization
Reform Backfired in Late Imperial
China (with Yu Hao)

14.40-15.00

Alejandra Irigoin (LSE)

China inside out: explaining silver
flows in the UK-Asia triangular
trade 1820s-1870 (with Atsushi
Kobayashi)

15.00-16.00

*Keynote: Richard von Glahn
(UCLA)*

Modalities of the Fiscal State in
Imperial China in Comparative
Perspective

16.00-16.20

Coffee break

16.20-16.40

*Meng Wu (University of
Manchester)*

Adjustments and Vicissitudes: The
Indirect Issuance of Banknotes in
Republican China, 1915-1945 (with
X. Dong, D. Ma, and N. Palma)

16.40-17.00

*Peter E. Hamilton (Lingnan
University, Hong Kong)*

The Book which Increases the
Human Efficiency: The Introduction
of Taylorism in China

17.00-17.20

Li Yang (DIW Berlin)

The Making of China and India in
the 21st Century: Long Run Human
Capital Accumulation from 1900 to
2020 (with Nitin Kumar Bharti)

17.20-18.00

*Closing address: Debin Ma
(University of Oxford)*

Chinese economic history: taking
stock

19.00

Dinner in a restaurant nearby