



The 28th Annual Conference of the Chinese Economics Society
Australia (CESA)

In Search of New Sources of Growth: What China Should Do Next?

James Cook University, Cairns Campus
Cairns, Australia, 17-19 July 2016

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Chinese Economics Society Australia (CESA) in conjunction with the College of Business Law and Governance, and the Cairns Institute at James Cook University will jointly organise the CESA's 28th Annual Conference in Cairns, Australia, 17 -19 July 2016.

In the past three decades, remarkable achievements have been made in China's development, with economic growth averaged at 9% per annum. Rapid economic growth benefits ordinary Chinese, as can be observed that more and more Chinese travel overseas, for sight-seeing, shopping and even hunting for real estate assets. Coupled with these remarkable achievements are a number of challenges that are exerting an increasingly significant constraint on China's road ahead, such as environmental pollutions, income inequality, and regional disparities. For example the widely spread smog in China's major cities is likely to affect people's health in a negative way. The recent policy shocks, namely the "Olympic Blue" and "APEC Blue", appear to suggest a cost of 50% economic activities to immediately address this issue.

Faced with such increasingly binding constraints, Chinese economy appears to settle in a lower growth trajectory, a status of so-called "new normal" (新常态). In response, policy makers are searching for new sources of growth, internally through institutional reforms such as the experimentation of free trade zones and externally through a number of initiatives such as the One Belt and One Road initiative and the establishment of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. Nevertheless, it is not clear how effective these measures will be and to

what extent the constraints will affect Chinese economy. Hence, it is very opportune and most appropriate to hold an international conference to review, evaluate and outlook China's economy into future. Accordingly the conference carries with the title: "In Search of New Sources of Growth: What China Should Do Next?"

The conference will invite selected distinguished scholars and government officials, from China, Australia, and elsewhere, to deliver keynote speeches. A policy forum has also been planned to particularly cater for the business community and public sector to update their knowledge on the Chinese economy and market.

Major topics that will be dealt with at the Conference include, but not limited to:

- Economic growth and sustainability
- Economic/structural reform in China
- Resource demand and supply and long-term strategies
- Environmental issues, climate change and regional development
- Globalisation, including the inward and outbound FDI, and urbanization in China
- Agricultural and rural development, such as food security issues, farm land reform, and the urban-rural relationship
- Tourism industry's development and outlook
- Poverty and inequality alleviation
- The Belt and Road Initiative: New opportunities and challenges for the development
- Australia-China trade and FDI relations, in particular trade in agricultural goods
- The role of competition in China's future growth
- Innovation as a new source of growth
- The role of sharing economy
- Demography, ageing, and health issues in China
- Other macro/micro-economic issues in China.

We would like to invite people from any background – industry personnel, government officials, academia, business consultants, and so on, who are interested in China's economy – to join us at this important international event in Cairns, Australia.

Key Dates:

- March 31: abstracts of papers due (please email submissions in word files)
- April 15: Emails of acceptance of conference papers sent
- May 1: Conference online registration opens
- June 1: Conference online registration closes
- June 10: Full papers due
- July 17: Registration and reception
- July 18 – 19: Conference

Keynote Speakers:

- Wing Thyee Woo, Professor of Economics, University of California Davis, Editor-in-Chief of *Asian Economic Papers*.

- Luigi Pistaferri, Professor of Economics, Stanford University, Co-Editor, *American Economic Review*.
- Other speakers to be invited.

Policy Forum Panel:

- Moderator: Iain Gordon, Professor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Division of Tropical Environment and Societies, James Cook University
- Nicholas Hope, Director of China Program, Stanford Centre for International Development, Stanford University, tentatively confirmed.
- Chen Zunhou, Professor, President of Hebei Finance University, member of the 13rd and 14th National People's Congress of Baoding City, Hebei Province, tentatively confirmed.
- Other speakers to be invited.

Publication:

Selected quality papers presented in this conference will be invited to publish at a special issue of *Singapore Economic Review* (SER), subject to the usual review process of SER. SER is a SSCI indexed journal and is ranked B by Australian Business Deans Council. The guest editors are Dr. Sizhong Sun of James Cook University, Professor Yanrui Wu of University of Western Australia and Assistant Professor Laura Wu of Nanyang Technological University.

Registration Fees:

- Member of CESA: A\$300
- Non-member of CESA: A\$350
- Students: A\$200

Visa, Travel and Accommodation:

Visa, travel, accommodation and online registration information and assistance will be provided in due course.

Participants are encouraged to book your accommodation as soon as you have decided to attend the conference. Accommodation in Cairns is generally very tight and especially so in July due to high demand by tourists. The following website, <http://www.cairnsaccommodation.com/>, provides more information about various kinds of accommodation in Cairns.

Generally, one needs to book their accommodation a few months earlier for July occupancy in Cairns. We strongly urge you to make your bookings without any delay. While the conference organisers will do whatever to help, we cannot guarantee you that we can find one for you if you leave it too late.

To plan your stay in Cairns, you may wish to visit the following webpages to find more information about Cairns and the region:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cairns>

Paper Submission and Conference Inquiries:

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