The 2nd Annual Conference on Asia and the Global Economy

Date: 6 - 8 May, 2024
Location: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Organizer: Institute of China Economy, HKU Business School, and International University - VNU HCMC

May 6 (Monday)

9:00am – 9:05am: Welcome Remarks (Local Organizer)
9:05am – 9:10am: Opening Remarks (Professor Xiaodong ZHU, HKU)
9:10am – 10:10am: **Keynote Speech**
Professor Andy BERNARD (Dartmouth College, NBER & CEPR)
Paper: “The Great Firewall and Knowledge Diffusion”

Tea Break: 20 minutes

10:30am – 11:20am: **Morning Session I**
Professor Swapnika RACHAPALLI (The University of British Columbia)
Paper: “Learning between Buyers and Sellers Along the Global Value Chain”

11:20am – 12:10am: **Morning Session II**
Mr. Duc NGUYEN (University of Toronto)
Paper: “Openness to Foreign Firms, Industrialization, and Growth”

Lunch: 1 hour 50 minutes

2:00pm – 2:50pm: **Afternoon Session I**
Professor Shanjun LI (Cornell University)

2:50pm – 3:40pm: **Afternoon Session II**
Professor Ming LI (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen)
Paper: “Industrial Policy and Serial Entrepreneur”

Tea Break: 20 minutes

Young Economist Session: 4:00pm – 6:00pm
4:00pm – 4:30pm: “AI, intangible capital and productivity”
    Presenter: Dr. Yanwan Ji (The University of Hong Kong)

Dinner: 6:30pm (Location TBC)
May 7 (Tuesday)

9:00am – 10:00am:  **Keynote Speech**
Professor Rema HANNA (Harvard Kennedy School) [ZOOM]
Paper: “Social Protection in Indonesia”

**Tea Break: 20 minutes**

10:20am – 11:10am:  **Morning Session I**
Professor Melanie XUE (London School of Economics and Political Science)
Paper: “Values of China”

11:10am – 12:00am:  **Keynote Speech**
Professor Bingjing LI (The University of Hong Kong)

**Lunch: 2 hours**

2:00pm – 2:50pm:  **Afternoon Session I**
Professor Huancheng DU (Central University of Finance and Economics)
Paper: “The Spillover Effects of Real Estate”

2:50pm – 3:40pm:  **Afternoon Session II**
Professor Pavel CHAKRABORTY (Lancaster University)

**Tea Break: 20 minutes**

4:00pm – 6:00pm:  **Policy Panel Discussion**

**Dinner: 6:30pm (Location TBC)**

May 8 (Wednesday)

Field Trip to visit 2-3 companies in Vietnam