

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)
Paper: *“Drive Down the Cost: Learning by Doing and Government Policy in the Electric Vehicle Battery Industry”*

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)
Paper: “*Bottom-Up Institutional Change and Growth – Theory and Evidence from China*”

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)
Paper: “*Do Lenders Respond to Import Competition? Evidence from Bank-Firm Loan Level Data*”

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