

Conference on Wealth Accumulation and Inequality of Opportunity

October 18 and 19, 2013

Room 2042, Lo Ka Chung Building, Lee Shau Kee Campus, HKUST

Program

Friday, October 18, 2013

8:50 Welcome
James Lee, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, HKUST
Sebastian Veg, CEFC

Morning chair: Albert Park, HKUST

Keynote Address

9:00 Thomas Piketty, Paris School of Economics
Inequality and Capitalism in the Long Run
Discussant: Philip Hoffman, Cal Tech and HKUST

Historical Perspectives on Inequality

9:55 James Lee, HKUST
New Perspectives on Comparative Inequality: The Paucity of Have-Nots in Historical and Contemporary China
Discussant: LI Shi, Beijing Normal University

10:50 Break

11:10 Jérôme Bourdieu, Paris School of Economics
Inheritance and the transmission of inequalities in France (1820-1940)
Discussant: James Lee, HKUST

12:05 Lunch

Afternoon Chair: James Kung, HKUST

1:35 Cameron Campbell, HKUST
Ancestry Matters: Descent Line Growth and Extinction
Discussant: Jérôme Bourdieu, Paris School of Economics

Political Aspects of Inequality

2:30 MENG Xin (Australian National University)
The intergenerational effect of the Chinese cultural revolution on education
Discussant: Nicolas Pistoiesi, Toulouse School of Economics

3:25 Break

3:45 Louis-André Vallet, OSC SciencesPo
The Democratization of Education, its Apparent Paradox, a Plausible Explanation, and its Empirical Proof

Discussant: Cameron Campbell, HKUST

4:40 Sylvie Démurger, GATE
Inequality of Opportunity in China: Political versus Educational Family Background
Discussant: HAN Li, HKUST

5:35 Adjourn

Dinner for invited speakers and participants (time and place TBA)

Saturday, October 19, 2013

Morning Chair: Sylvie Démurger, GATE

Keynote Address

9:00 Francois Bourguignon, Paris School of Economics
The Analytics of Inequality and Development: Where Do We Stand?
Discussant: Albert Park, HKUST

Inequality in Contemporary China and France

9:55 TAN Jijun, Southwest University of Finance and Economics
Income Inequality in China
Discussant: Sylvie Démurger, GATE

10:50 Break

11:10 LI Shi, Beijing Normal University
Changes in Wealth Distribution in China during 2002-2010
Discussant: TAN Jijun, Southwest University of Finance and Economics

12:05 Lunch

Afternoon Chair: Cameron Campbell, HKUST

1:50 Albert Park, HKUST
SHEN Yan, Peking University
Understanding Wealth Inequality among China's Older Population
Discussant: MENG Xin, Australia National University

2:45 WU Xiaogang, HKUST
Registration Status, Occupational Segregation and Rural Migrants in Urban China
Discussant: Louis-André Vallet, OSC SciencesPo

3:40 Break

4:00 Nicolas Pistoletti, Toulouse School of Economics
Decomposing Life Cycle Consumption Inequality

Discussant: YAN Shen, Peking University

What Have We Learned?

4:55 Discussion, led by Francois Bourguignon (Paris School of Economics), Thomas Piketty (Paris School of Economics), Philip Hoffman (Cal Tech and HKUST), and James Lee (HKUST)

5:30 End of Symposium

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