

First Research Workshop on China's Economy

Washington D.C., April 28–29, 2016

- **Location:** IMF HQ2-03A-351 & 381
- **Format:** 40-min presentation and 10-min discussion
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Thursday, April 28

8:30–9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00–9:15 am Opening Remarks – Jonathan D. Ostry (Deputy Director, Research Department, IMF)

Session 1: Growth and Cycles

Session Chair: Sunil Sharma (IMF)

**9:15–10:05 am Policy Perspectives from the Bottom Up: What Do Firm-Level Data Tell Us
China Needs to Do?**

Loren Brandt (University of Toronto)

Discussant: Zheng Liu (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco)

10:05–10:55am Firm Entry and Regional Growth Disparities: the Effect of SOEs in China

Loren Brandt (University of Toronto), Gueorgui Kambourov (University of Toronto), and
Kjetil Storesletten (University of Oslo)

Discussant: Nan Li (IMF)

10:55–11:15 am

*****Coffee Break*****

11:15–12:05 pm Trends and Cycles in China’s Macroeconomy

Chun Chang (Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance), Kaiji Chen (Emory University), Daniel Waggoner (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta), and **Tao Zha** (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and Emory University)
Discussant: Kevin Huang (Vanderbilt University)

12:05–12:35 pm Open floor for general discussion**12:35–2:00 pm*******Lunch*****

Keynote Speaker: Nicholas Lardy (Peterson Institute)

Session 2: China in the Global Economy

Session Chair: Luis Cubeddu (IMF)

2:00–2:50 pm The RMB’s Role in International Finance

Eswar Prasad (Cornell University, Brookings Institution, and NBER)
Discussant: Federico Mandelman (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta)

2:50–3:40 pm A Unified Model of Structural Adjustment and International Trade

Hanwei Huang (London School of Economics), Jiandong Ju (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics and Tsinghua University) and **Vivian Yue** (Emory University)
Discussant: Xiaodong Zhu (University of Toronto)

3:40–4:00 pm*****Coffee Break*******4:00–4:50 pm Capital Controls and Optimal Chinese Monetary Policy**

Mark Spiegel (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco) and Zheng Liu (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco)
Discussant: Jonathan D. Ostry (IMF)

4:50–5:20 pm Open floor for general discussion

Friday, April 29**8:00–8:30 am Continental Breakfast****Session 3: Inequality**

Session Chair: Kaiji Chen (Emory University)

8:30–9:20 am Offshoring and Wage Inequality: Theory and Evidence from ChinaLiugang Sheng (Chinese University of Hong Kong) and **Dennis Yang** (University of Virginia)*Discussant: David Dollar (Brookings Institution)***9:20–10:10 am Investing Like China****Chong-En Bai** (Tsinghua University), Qing Liu (Tsinghua University) and Wen Yao (Tsinghua University)*Discussant: Hui He (IMF)***10:10–10:30 am ***Coffee Break*******Session 4: Financial and Housing Markets**

Session Chair: Kaiji Chen (Emory University)

10:30–11:20 am The Rise of China's Shadow Banking SystemKinda Hachem (Chicago Booth) and **Zheng Michael Song** (Chinese University of Hong Kong)*Discussant: Laura Kodres (IMF)***11:20–12:10 pm Demystifying the Chinese Housing Boom****Hanming Fang** (University of Pennsylvania), Quanlin Gu (Peking University), Wei Xiong (Princeton University) and Li-An Zhou (Peking University)*Discussant: Bin Wei (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta)***12:10–12:40 pm Open floor for general discussion (for sessions III and IV)****Adjourn**
