

The 18th China Economics Summer Institute

August 23 – 24, 2025

Organizers:

Chinese University of Hong Kong-Tsinghua University Joint Research Center for Chinese Economy

Center for Economic Policy, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Guanghua School of Management, Peking University

Stanford Center on China's Economy and Institutions (SCCEI) at Stanford University

School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University

Venue: Room 509, Jianhua Building, School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University

Programme

August 23, 2025, Saturday (Beijing Time)

08:00 – 08:45 Registration

08:45 – 09:00 **Opening Remarks**

Session 1: Institutions and Norms

Chair: Ruixue Jia (UCSD)

09:00 – 10:00 *On the Centralization of Policymaking in China*
Kaicheng Luo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

10:00 – 11:00 *Local Favoritism in State Formation*
Zining Wang, Peking University

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 12:30 *Asymmetric Fertility Elasticities*
Anson Zhou, The University of Hong Kong

Afternoon: Closed --- door Session

August 24, 2025, Sunday (Beijing Time)

Session 2: Environment and Technology

Chair: Yifan Zhang (CUHK)

- 09:00 – 10:00 *Industrial Water Pollution, Agricultural Productivity and Labor Reallocation: Evidence from China*
Xiaomeng Cui, IESR, Jinan University
- 10:00 – 11:00 *Welfare Effects of Reducing Coal Production in China*
Tianshi Mu, Tsinghua University
- 11:00 – 11:30 Break
- 11:30 – 12:30 *The Anatomy of Chinese Innovation: Insights on Patent Quality and Ownership*
Philipp Boeing, Goethe University Frankfurt, ZEW Mannheim

Session 3: Trade and Trade War

Chair: Hong Ma (Tsinghua)

- 13:30 – 14:30 *The Impact of the Trade War: Divergence in Chinese and U.S. Innovations in the Post-Conflict Era*
Yiran Zhang, Fudan University
- 14:30 – 15:30 *Financial Sanctions and Russian Trade*
Yang Jiao, Singapore Management University
- 15:30 – 16:00 Break
- 16:00 – 17:00 *Blocking the Giants: Theory and Evidence from the GFW*
Ruiqi Sun, The University of Hong Kong