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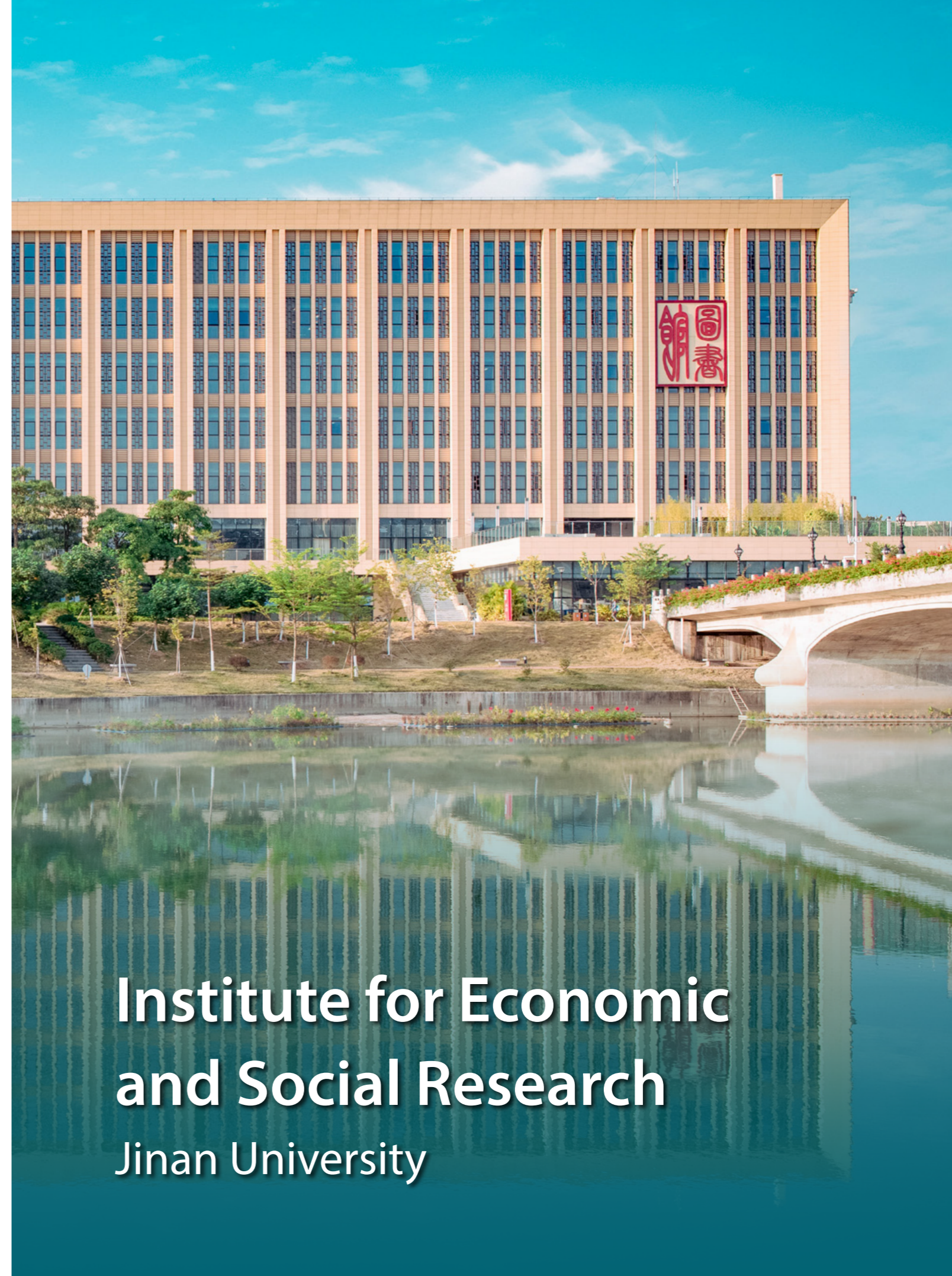
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Founded in 1906, Jinan University (JNU) has a long and successful history in economics education and international cooperation. As one of the earliest universities in China to offer an economics and business major, JNU was the first university to enroll overseas students. Located in Guangzhou, China's third-largest city and a commercial and trading center, JNU is a rapidly growing university with over 400,000 alumni in over 160 countries. In 2018, JNU was recognized by Tilburg University as the 7th best university for economics in China and the 19th best university for economics in Asia.

Introduction

The Institute for Economic and Social Research (IESR) was founded at Jinan University in December 2015. Since then, IESR has been leading in economics education, research, public service, and international cooperation. Operating under the leadership of internationally renowned scholars, including Professor Shuaizhang Feng as Dean and Professor James Heckman as Chair of the Advisory Board, IESR currently has 33 full-time faculty members, many of whom are graduates of renowned institutions such as the University of Chicago, London School of Economics and Political Science, Northwestern University and University of California, Berkeley. Research at IESR covers all major economic fields, and undergraduate and graduate students receive rigorous training in economics. The Institute runs a Survey Data Center for data collection and management and a Policy Research Center for policy analysis and evaluation.



Professor Shuaizhang Feng

The mission of the Institute is to advance policy-oriented economic and social research by addressing pressing social and economic issues in China. Specifically, IESR aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Develop China-based research programs in applied economics and other fields
- Collect original survey data related to China's economic and social development
- Build a leading Chinese think tank to inform and influence national policymaking
- Guide IESR students to become future leaders in economic and social research
- Facilitate academic exchanges between scholars in China and abroad

8 Centers

Center for Labor Economics
Center for International Trade and Firms
Center for Real Estate and Regional Economics
Center for Ecological Civilization and Environmental Economics
Center for Econometrics and Microdata Practice
Survey Data Center
Center for Policy Research
Center for Development and Exchange

33 Full-time faculty members

236 Research papers published (or accepted)

99 Research grants received

600+ Academic events

130 Undergraduate students

55 Graduate students

20 Master programs in Economics and Finance launched with 9 overseas universities



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Chair of the Advisory Board



James J. Heckman

James J. Heckman is a 2000 Nobel Prize Laureate in Economics and the Henry Schultz Distinguished Service Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago. He is the Director of the Center for the Economics of Human Development (CEHD) and Co-Director of the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group (HCEO) at the University of Chicago. Professor Heckman has worked closely with IESR since its launch in late 2015 and now serves as Chair of the IESR Advisory Board.

March 2016

Professor Heckman visited IESR for the first time and set the foundation for IESR's future cooperation with the University of Chicago.

June 2016

IESR and HCEO co-organized the first Guangzhou Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality, which continued as a collaborative summer event to this day.

September 2016

IESR and CEHD co-launched the Longitudinal Study of Children's Development in Mianzhu.

October 2016

IESR and CEHD co-hosted the Asian Family in Transition Conference on Migration, and Professor Heckman was appointed Chair of the IESR Advisory Board.

July 2018

IESR and CEHD formally co-launched the Chicago–Jinan Joint Initiative on the Study of Human Development, which served as a research home for our students/faculty and visiting scholars from guest institutions.

September 2018

Professor Heckman attended the Chicago–Jinan Joint Initiative Workshop 2018 and gave a public lecture entitled "China's Investment in Skills" at Jinan University.

June 2019

Professor Heckman delivered the keynote lecture entitled "A Dynamic Model of Health, Addiction, Education, and Wealth" at the 2019 China Meeting of the Econometric Society held by IESR.

October 2019

Professor Heckman received the Chinese Government Friendship Award, the country's highest honor to foreign experts in recognition of their contribution to China's social and economic development.

January 2020

Professor Heckman participated in the IESR Reception at the ASSA 2020 Annual Meeting in San Diego.

May 2021

Professor Heckman delivered a keynote speech entitled "Treatment Effects and the Measurement of Skills in a Prototypical Home Visiting Program" at the forum of Children of Migrants.

May 2023

Professor James J. Heckman delivered a lecture entitled "Interactions as Investments: The Microdynamics and Measurement of Early Childhood Learning." After the lecture, Professor Heckman had face-to-face discussions with six IESR undergraduate students.

July 2024

Professor Heckman delivered a lecture entitled "The Microdynamics and Measurement of Early Childhood Learning" at Jinan University.

March 2025

Professor Heckman organized and attended the Conference on Frontiers of Measurement and Formation of Skills.



Full-time faculty members

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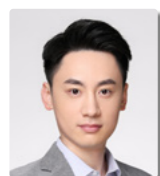
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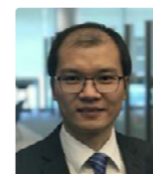
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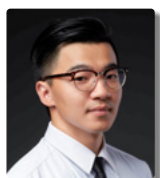
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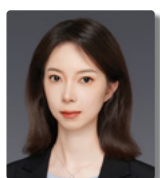
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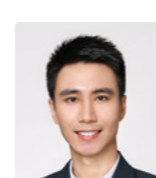
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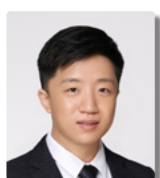
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Research

Selected Recent Publications

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Data

SURVEY DATA CENTER

Affiliated with IESR, the Survey Data Center (SDC) is a leading survey center in China. It uses state-of-the-art methods and technologies to collect several primary datasets. There are four main departments, Survey Operations, Quality Control, Data Analysis, and IT Support, responsible for survey design, system development, fieldwork, data analysis, and report writing.

SDC undertakes several projects focusing on major socioeconomic issues in China, including the development of left-behind children (Longitudinal Study of Children's Development in Mianzhu, LSCD), and rural development (Thousand-Village Survey in Guangdong), etc.

SDC has cooperated with various Chinese government departments to work on joint projects, partnering with the Ministry of Civil Affairs, the National Health Commission, the Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of Guangdong Province, the Guangdong Administration for Market Regulation, the Guangdong Academy of Social Sciences, and the Education Bureau of Mianzhu City. SDC has also joined the Survey Association with other universities (Peking University, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, Beijing Normal University, Zhejiang University, etc.) to carry out large-scale surveys such as the China Household Employment Survey. Cooperation with government and universities facilitates SDC's capacity to conduct large-scale surveys throughout China.



Longitudinal Study of Children's Development in Mianzhu (LSCD)

Large-scale rural-urban migration over the past decades has led to the so-called "left-behind children" phenomenon in China. It is estimated that over 6.97 million children were left behind in villages after their parents migrated to cities for work. The LSCD survey seeks to explore how to measure the traits, skills, and preferences that determine important life outcomes for children, understand the development of the cognitive and non-cognitive skills of left-behind children, and examine the effects of early childhood interventions. So far, the SDC has completed seven waves of follow-up surveys, during which nearly 6,000 students and over 10,000 respondents were involved. In 2023, the LSCD survey started a new cohort of approximately 3,000 second-grade students. Professor James J. Heckman acts as an advisor to this survey and helps to develop its research design.

Thousand-Village Survey in Guangdong

This survey aims to document recent rural and agricultural development in Guangdong province and provide researchers with household-level data to evaluate the impact of the rural vitalization strategy implemented by the central government since 2018. The survey records detailed information about targeted poverty alleviation, rural governance, ecological environment, education, land acquisition, development of rural finance, and other aspects.

The baseline survey was conducted in 2018, covering 25 districts/counties and around 3000 households. From 2019 to 2022, the SDC organized 4 waves of the follow-up survey and expanded the annual sample size to 30 districts/counties and over 3600 households. In 2023, the Thousand-Village Survey in Guangdong refined its target population, shifting its focus from households and villages to villages and towns, and we have visited 103 towns and 1,170 administrative villages by the year of 2024.



Rural-Urban Migration in China (RUMiC)

Due to its rapid industrialization and urbanization over the past three decades, China has experienced the largest rural-to-urban migration in history. Initiated by Prof. Xin Meng (Australian National University) in 2006, RUMiC aims to understand the institutional barriers that restrict rural-to-urban migration and how to improve rural migrants' living conditions. SDC jointly conducted RUMiC with the Australian National University in 2016 and has carried out this survey independently since 2017.

RUMiC is a longitudinal survey conducted yearly, collecting data about migrants' health, education, employment, social networks, household income and expenditure, housing conditions, and places of origin. The annual sample size consists of 5,000 migrant households living in 15 cities across 9 major provinces with the highest level of rural-to-urban migration (i.e., Guangzhou, Dongguan, Shenzhen, Zhengzhou, Luoyang, Chongqing, Shanghai, Nanjing, Wuxi, Hangzhou, Ningbo, Wuhan, Chengdu, Hefei and Bengbu).

In 2017, SDC successfully implemented the 10th wave of RUMiC. In this wave, a Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) system replaced the traditional paper-and-pencil method and significantly improved data quality. In 2018 and 2019, SDC interviewed all households participating in the 2016 or 2017 waves by phone using the Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) system, successfully tracing 3,036 and 2,471 households, respectively.



Guangdong Manufacturing Firm Survey (GDMFS)

GDMFS is designed to measure the total factor productivity (TFP) of manufacturing firms in Guangdong province and examine the impact of product quality on TFP growth. This survey interviewed 599 and 424 manufacturing firms in 2017 and 2018, respectively, across 14 cities in Guangdong province. It records detailed information on each firm's financial management, quality control, human capital, production, industrial robots, informatization, and e-commerce. Approximately 80 percent of the firms in the dataset can be linked to the Annual Survey of Industrial Enterprises (ASIE) of China's National Bureau of Statistics, one of China's most important databases of this kind.



Think Tank

Center for Policy Research

The Center for Policy Research (CPR) explores a broad range of policy-relevant issues in China, including labor and employment, education of left-behind/migrant children, rural development, migration, industrial and housing policy.

Driven by the motto *Think globally, Act locally*, CPR builds partnerships with internationally renowned think tanks, provides microdata-based policy recommendations, organizes regular policy events, and collaborates with government institutions.

In 2019, CPR was ranked as one of China's 10 most influential social think tanks by the Center for Think Tank Studies, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (CTTS SASS), a leading Chinese think tank and research institution.

Policy Events

Brookings–Jinan China Microeconomic Policy Forum

Brookings–Jinan China Microeconomic Policy Forum in 2019 marked the beginning of IESR's cooperation with the Brookings Institution, a Washington DC-based nonprofit public policy organization recognized to be the most influential think tanks in the United States.

This initiative arose from a shared goal to facilitate closer ties between the institutions' think tanks and promote research collaboration on various microeconomic topics, including environmental, urban, public, labor, trade, industrial, and transportation economics. The annual event aims to generate essential implications for public policy in China by addressing issues concerning the Chinese economy.

The conferences in 2020 and 2021 were held online, with the former focusing on environmental and labor economics while the latter focusing on urban economics and transportation.



Prof. Shuaizhang Feng talking to Karin Schelzig, Principal Social Sector Specialist and Project Officer of the Asian Development Bank



Ashley Langer (U Arizona) and Richard Morgenstern (RFF) having discussions at the Forum

Policy Events

IESR-GLO Workshop

The Workshop is a flagship event of IESR organized in collaboration with GLO since 2018.

The Institute for Economic and Social Research (IESR) at Jinan University and the Global Labor Organization (GLO) jointly hosted the Seventh IESR-GLO Joint Workshop from May 16 to 17, 2024. Discussions were held on topics related to labor economics, such as healthy aging, grandparenting, and the relationship between parents and children.



Policy Roundtable: Real Estate and Regional Development

During the launch and inaugural ceremony of IESR's Center for Real Estate and Regional Economics, the Policy Roundtable featured a discussion on the transformation of real estate and regional economic development in China. Yongheng Deng (UW-Madison), Hanming Fang (UPenn), Li Gan (TAMU and SWUFE), Xiaobo Zhang (PKU), and others discussed property rights and housing prices, reverse mortgages and income stability for the elderly, urbanization and real estate markets, and other germane topics in China.



Guangdong High-End Forum on Rural Revitalization

The 2024 Guangdong High-End Forum on Rural Revitalization was successfully held at Jinan University on December 7th. The Forum has been an annual event since 2021.

The 2024 forum was attended by over 100 participants, including scholars, government officials, and representatives from industries. In-depth discussions were held on significant topics, such as the effective convergence between rural revitalization and poverty alleviation, the development of featured agriculture, and the goal of common prosperity.



The Forum on Children of Migrants

The Forum on Children of Migrants has been an annual tradition of IESR since 2016. The event provides an opportunity for participants to present the latest research findings related to children of migrants with the hope of providing corresponding suggestions and solutions.

The guests invited to the Forums include scholars from institutions such as Stanford University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Oxford, Peking University, Renmin University of China, Shanghai Jiaotong University, etc., alongside government officials from the Education Bureau of Mianzhu City, and practitioners engaged in the relevant sectors.



Prof. Jialing Han (Visiting Professor of IESR) chaired the policy session



Participants of the 7th National Forum on Children of Migrants visiting the primary school in urban villages.

Rural Revitalization Seminar Series

Prestigious scholars with research focus on agriculture, rural areas, and rural people from institutions such as Peking University, Zhejiang University, and South China Agricultural University were invited to the seminar series to share their latest research. Over 30 seminars have been held so far.



Prof. Yu Sheng, Peking University



Prof. Hongdong Guo, Zhejiang University

Other Events

Workshop on Thousand-Village Survey in Guangdong
 October 23, 2018
 April 13, 2019
 November 24, 2019
 January 16, 2021

Workshop on Rural-Urban Migrants: New City Residents
 November 15 - 16, 2019

The National Policy Forum on Children of Migrants
 May 20 - 21, 2017
 May 19 - 20, 2018
 April 18 - 19, 2019
 May 8 - 9, 2021
 May 14, 2022
 May 13, 2023
 May 25-26, 2024

Policy Roundtable: Industry Panel on Real Estate Development, Urban Planning, and Financial Markets
 June 13, 2018

Policy Roundtable: Housing Boom and Bust: What Have We Learnt from U.S. Experience?
 June 9, 2017

Policy Forum on Real Estate and Urban Development
 March 25, 2017

Policy Forum of Economics and Finance of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area
 December 10, 2020

Release Conference of the Bluebook of Children of Migrants: Education and Development of Children of Migrant (2019-2020)
 January 11, 2021

In addition to policy forums, roundtables, and workshops, CPR holds regular policy lectures with leading scholars and government officials discussing various policy issues.

Partnerships

Ministry of Civil Affairs of the People's Republic of China
 China Population and Development Research Center
 Institute of Population and Labor Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (IPLE-CASS)
 The Brookings Institution
 Global Labor Organization (GLO)
 Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of Guangdong Province

CPR Network

Over the years, the Center for Policy Research has collaborated with the Ministry of Civil Affairs, the National Bureau of Statistics, and provincial government units working in education, civil and rural affairs, and other areas. The Center has also rapidly extended its academic network, which now involves several research institutions and think tanks nationwide, including the National Academy of Development and Strategy (NADS, Renmin University of China), the National School of Development (NSD, Peking University), the Research Institute of Chinese Economy (RICE, Fudan University), and the Shanghai Institute of Finance and Law (SIFL). Internationally, CPR has developed ties with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and renowned think tanks in the U.S., such as Mathematica Policy Research and IMPAQ International.



CPR researchers have published and been cited extensively on public media platforms such as The Wall Street Journal, VoxChina, The Paper, The Economic Daily, and Caixin. CPR runs a media platform, *Huangpu Avenue West – Standpoint*, for publishing perspectives and commentaries on economic and social issues.



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评论 south review weekly

新时代流动儿童教育问题的新挑战

在说这一问题前，我们先了解一下“3+3”模式下物理选科背后的本质问题——应该赋予考生多大的科目选择权？

高考的根本目的是选拔具有高素质的人才，那么有哪些情况下会出现考生没有与水平相当的大学录取的情况呢？

“流动儿童”是一个特殊群体，他们随父母从农村或欠发达地区迁移到城市，在流入地接受教育。他们面临着与城市同龄人不同的教育环境、文化背景和生活压力。在“3+3”新高考模式下，流动儿童在选科时面临更多挑战。物理选科往往与理工类专业挂钩，这对他们的知识储备和兴趣提出了更高要求。如何平衡他们的教育需求与城市教育资源的差异，是教育管理部门亟待解决的问题。

GLOBAL TIMES

Easing constraints of foreign spouses can help solve gender imbalance, but risks, uncertainties remain

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随着中国人口结构的深刻变化，性别失衡问题日益凸显。放宽外籍配偶的落户限制，被视为缓解这一问题的重要途径。然而，这一政策调整也伴随着诸多风险和不确定性。如何确保政策的公平性和可持续性，同时维护国家的社会稳定和人口结构的长期平衡，是决策者必须慎重考虑的问题。

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08 早茶

小学生托管机构 怎样才能不“脱管”

学校不放假,家长上班,托管机构成了不少小学生的“第二课堂”。但如何确保这些机构在节假日也能有效监管,避免出现监管真空,是当前教育部门面临的挑战。

15 | 一线调查

乡村振兴期待金融活水

广东农村金融市场状况调查

乡村振兴,金融先行。随着乡村振兴战略的深入实施,农村金融需求日益迫切。然而,农村金融基础设施薄弱、金融服务供给不足等问题依然突出。如何通过创新金融产品和服务,打通金融服务的“最后一公里”,为乡村振兴注入金融活水,是金融界亟待解决的问题。

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IESR offers a B.S. in Economics and a M.S. in Applied Economics. In Fall 2019, IESR launched its first Ph.D. program in Economics.

Undergraduate

IESR students receive rigorous training in mathematics, statistics, and economics. Courses at the introductory and intermediate levels include real analysis, linear algebra, probability theory, microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics. IESR has a diverse faculty offering a full range of elective classes, including field classes on labor, development, urban, environmental, international, and financial economics, as well as advanced econometrics and data science.

Graduate

IESR offers microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics core classes at both Master's and Ph.D. levels. All graduate students take field classes and seminars covering frontier issues in economics research. Ph.D. students are expected to pass three preliminary exams by the end of their first year.

Students

Overseas Master's Programs

IESR has twenty collaborative Master's programs partnered with nine overseas universities.

Study abroad

IESR provides students with opportunities to study abroad. Several IESR students spent a semester at overseas universities, including the University of Chicago, Columbia University, and Johns Hopkins University.

Student Quotes

"Economics is more like a way of thinking than simply studying relevant topics. It provides a unique and comprehensive analytical framework that can be used to shed light on problems. In reality, things are intricately intertwined. Economic research aims to reveal causal relationships, which is hard, even though we are in the era of abundant data and smart tools. Thus, finding a meaningful and interesting topic in the beginning keeps me motivated even when things get hard. I am always skeptical about the conclusions I have drawn and prepared to question them."



– Yu Yan, an undergraduate program alumna, and currently a Ph.D. student in Finance at National University of Singapore. Her research project on the *Impact of Robots on Employment in China* won the second place in the National Challenge Cup in 2019

"To me, IESR serves as a solid international platform that gives me access to various scholars worldwide by regularly inviting them to our institute to share their latest research developments. It is an experience that I find enriching and significant to my research. I am also grateful to my advisor, Ji-Liang Shiu, who has been a great mentor over the past two years and opened the door to a world of research for me."



– Yujian Chen, a Master's program alumnus, and currently a Ph.D. student in Economics at Johns Hopkins University

"Great professors, rich academic resources, and generous Ph.D. funding are definitely the key reasons I have chosen IESR. After finally arriving here in April 2019, what caught my eye was the extraordinary academic environment and rigorous economic instruction. Here, every week, we have the opportunity to meet various scholars from China and abroad, which is crucial to understanding the frontiers of economics research."



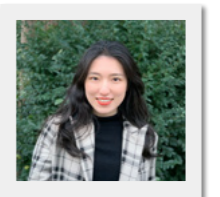
– Dongyi Yan, a Ph.D.'s program alumna, and currently an assistant professor at Zhejiang Gongshang University

"The opportunity to meet outstanding economists and participate in real-life surveys in IESR drives me to make up my mind in taking academic research as my future career."

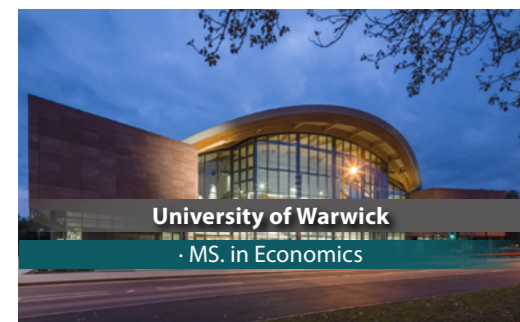


– Kangkai Wang, a master's program alumnus, and currently a Ph.D. student at Guanghua School of Management at Peking University

"My supervisor and other teachers at IESR have provided me with great support. They always encourage me to experience more and discover what I am enthusiastic about."



– Zhiwen Huang, an undergraduate program alumna, and currently an analyst Discover Financial Services in the USA



Student Publications

| Name | Advisor | Title | Journal |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Lanyue Hu (Undergraduate) | Wei Shi | Urban Consumption Dissimilarities and Subjective Wellbeing: Evidence from Mobile Big Data in China | Economics Letters |
| Yajie Han (Undergraduate) | Hongjia Zhu | Disguised Pollution: Industrial Activities in the Dark | Journal of Public Economics |
| Haoye Liao (Undergraduate) | Sen Ma | Does School Shutdown Increase Inequality in Academic Performance? Evidence from COVID-19 Pandemic in China | China Economic Review |
| Zheng Zhong (Master) | Shu Cai | Climate change, cropland adjustments, and food security: Evidence from China | Journal of Development Economics |
| Jingran Wei (Master) | Wei Shi | In the Crossfire: Multinational Companies and Consumer Boycotts | China Economic Review |
| Pei Yu (Master) | Wei Shi Yun Qiu | Key Links in Network Interactions: Assessing Route-Specific Travel Restrictions in China during the Covid-19 Pandemic | China Economic Review |
| Yan Zhou (Master) | Shiyu Bo Cong Liu | Military Investment and the Rise of Industrial Clusters: Evidence from China's Self-Strengthening Movement | Journal of Development Economics |
| Yaxin Yang (Ph.D. Candidate) | Lixin Tang | Robots as guardians: Industrial automation and workplace safety in China | Journal of Development Economics |



Student Placements

| Area | University |
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| USA | University of Chicago |
| | University of Pennsylvania |
| | Columbia University |
| | Cornell University |
| | University of Michigan |
| | Johns Hopkins University |
| | University of California, Los Angeles |
| | New York University |
| | Duke University |
| UK | University of Wisconsin–Madison |
| | The University of Edinburgh |
| | The University of Manchester |
| | The London School of Economics and Political Science |
| | The University of Warwick |
| Singapore | University of Glasgow |
| | National University of Singapore |
| Hong Kong SAR | Nanyang Technological University |
| | The University of Hong Kong |
| | The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology |
| | The Chinese University of Hong Kong |
| | City University of Hong Kong |
| | The Hong Kong Polytechnic University |



1. Yajie Han, an undergraduate program alumna, and currently a Ph.D. student at the National University of Singapore. She won the Outstanding Student Award of Jinan University.
2. Yue Han, a senior undergraduate student, spent a year as a visiting student at University of Edinburgh.
3. Jiawei Lyu, a master's program alumna, and currently a Ph.D. student at University of Pittsburgh. She visited the University of Chicago for three months under the Chicago-Jinan Joint Initiative.

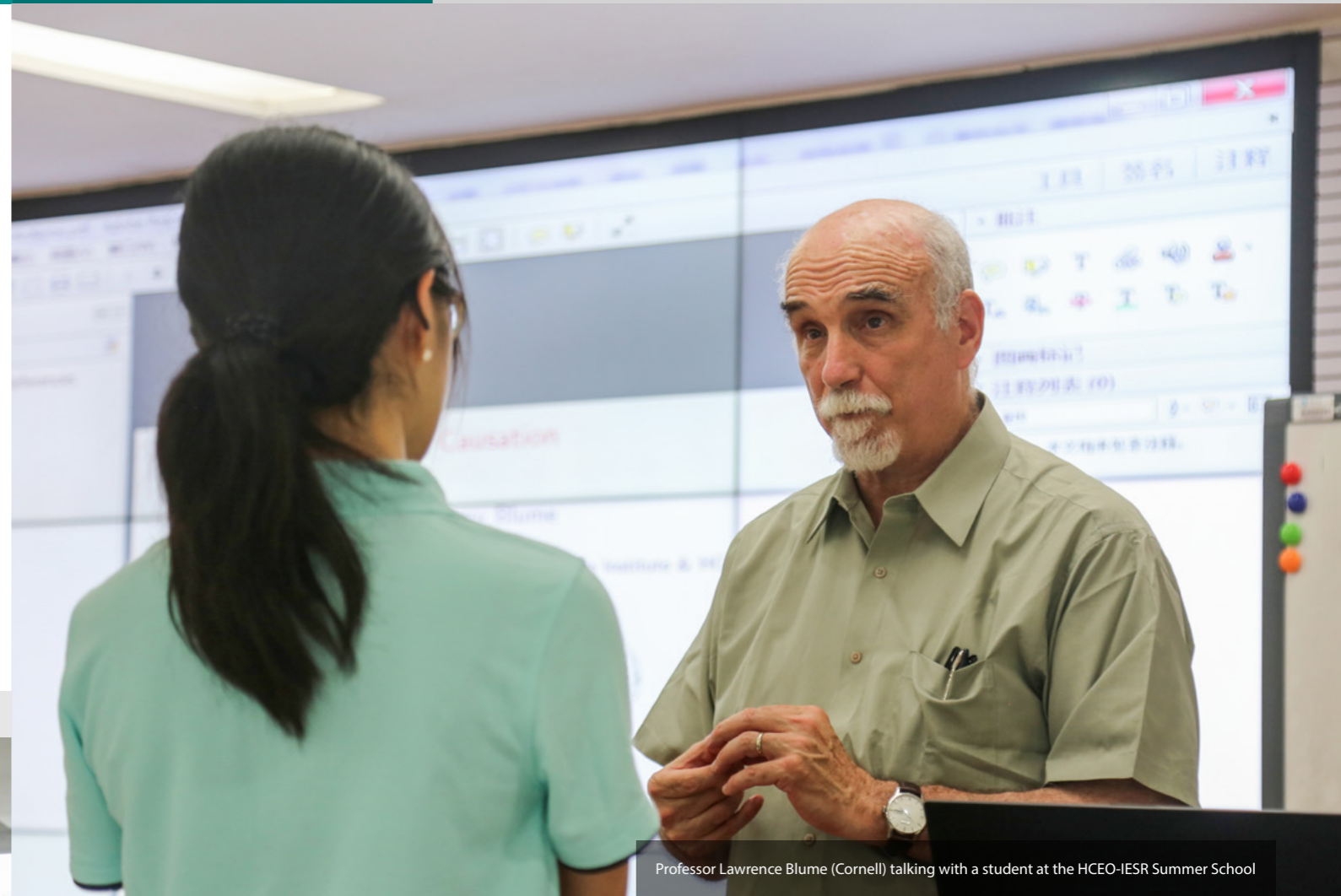
Training Programs

Nobel Prize Laureate Joshua Angrist's Workshop "Mastering 'Metrics: Empirical Strategies with Chinese Characteristics"

Hosted by IESR, the three-day workshop examined contemporary econometric methods and empirical modeling strategies with a focus on applications to economic policy. Joshua Angrist introduced key concepts and applications in his *Mostly Harmless Econometrics* and *Mastering 'Metrics* to nearly 200 workshop participants. He also commented on and suggested about several ongoing research projects presented by workshop participants during the three-day event.



Professor Joshua Angrist (MIT) teaching applied econometrics at IESR



Professor Lawrence Blume (Cornell) talking with a student at the HCEO-IESR Summer School

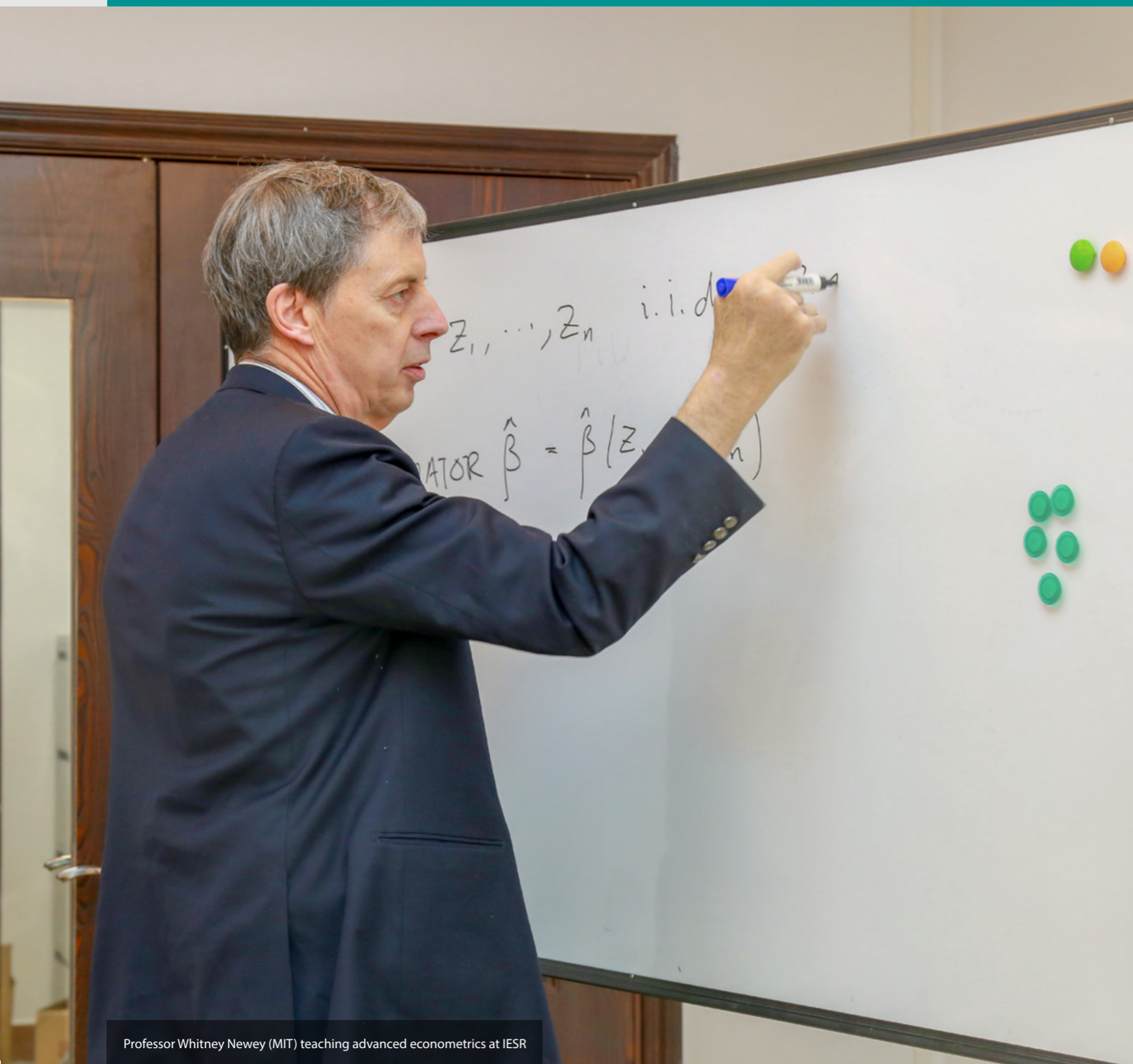
HCEO-IESR Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality

IESR and HCEO have co-organized the Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality and Best Paper Competition since 2016.

Students attended lectures on a variety of economics topics given by renowned academics, including Lawrence Blume (Cornell), Steven Durlauf (Chicago), Chao Fu (UW Madison), and Raji Jayaraman (Toronto).

The 2022 Summer School was held on 11-15 July with participants from over 25 universities worldwide.





Professor Whitney Newey (MIT) teaching advanced econometrics at IESR

Econometrics Camp at CEMP

In December 2019, the Center for Econometrics and Microdata Practice (CEMP) at IESR organized the first Econometrics Camp. Three leading econometricians, Whitney Newey (MIT), Bryan Graham (UC Berkeley), and Yingyao Hu (Johns Hopkins), gave lectures on topics including machine learning and nonparametrics, network and social interactions, and the econometrics of unobservables.

The Second IESR Econometrics Camp was held on Zoom from August 10 to August 14, 2020. The topic of this virtual econometrics summer camp was "Panel Data Econometrics and Its Applications." Manuel Arellano (CEMFI), Stéphane Bonhomme (University of Chicago), and Áureo de Paula (UCL) delivered lectures and held office hours during the camp.





Academic Cooperation

Keynote by Professor Vernon Henderson (LSE) at the 2018 AREUEA



Keynote by Professor Joseph Gyourko (UPenn) at the 2018 AREUEA

2018 AREUEA International Conference

The 2018 AREUEA International Conference attracted more than 160 international scholars to disseminate theoretical and empirical research in real estate economics, real estate finance, and urban economics, and to exchange ideas on applied decision-making in related areas. Conference highlights included keynote addresses by Vernon Henderson (LSE) and Joseph E. Gyourko (UPenn), a special panel of local real estate industry representatives moderated by Sheridan Titman (UT Austin), and two days of parallel sessions.





Keynote by Professor Ariel Pakes (Harvard) at the 2019 CMES



Keynote by Professor Samuel Kortum (Yale) at the 2019 CMES

Imports From France Divided by GDP

2019 China Meeting of the Econometric Society

The three-day 2019 China Meeting of the Econometric Society brought together nearly 300 scholars from more than 100 organizations across the globe, spurring the advancement of economic theory in its relation to statistics and mathematics and facilitating academic exchanges between scholars in China and other countries. The 2019 China Meeting featured 67 parallel sessions with over 260 papers presented and 11 keynote speeches delivered by James J. Heckman (Chicago), Junsen Zhang (CUHK), Tong Li (Vanderbilt), Xiaohong Chen (Yale), Whitney Newey (MIT), Enrique Sentana (CEMFI), Christian Dustmann (UCL), Jess Benhabib (NYU), Jianjun Miao (BU), Ariel Pakes (Harvard), and Samuel Kortum (Yale).





Chicago–Jinan Joint Initiative on the Study of Human Development

IESR and the Center for the Economics of Human Development (CEHD), led by Professor James Heckman, launched the Chicago-Jinan Joint Initiative on the Study of Human Development. The Initiative serves as a research home for both IESR and CEHD students, faculty, and visiting scholars from guest institutions. The Initiative marked a formalized partnership that began in 2016 and led to regular collaborative events and projects such as the Asian Family in Transition Conference on Migration, the HCEO-IESR Summer School, and the Longitudinal Study of Children’s Development in Mianzhu, among others.



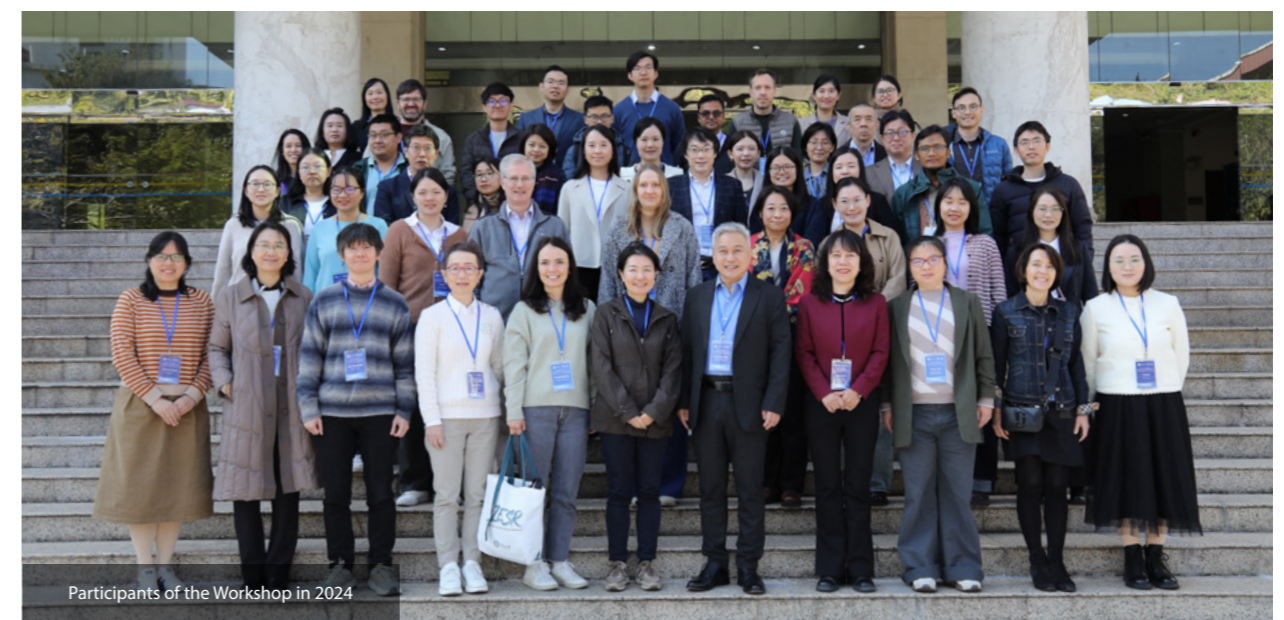
Conference on Frontiers of Measurement and Formation of Skills

On March 14 and 15, 2025, IESR and the Center for the Economics of Human Development (CEHD) co-organized the Conference on Frontiers of Measurement and Formation of Skills at Jinan University. This interdisciplinary Conference assembles group members from renowned institutions working on measuring and forming skills for children and young adults. It marked the eighth time Professor Heckman has visited Jinan University since 2016.



JNU-HKU Joint Workshop on Labor and Human Capital Management

May 10, the 2024 JNU-HKU Joint Workshop on Labor and Human Capital Management was jointly hosted by IESR at Jinan University and Management and Strategy of HKU Business School.



Participants of the Workshop in 2024

Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics

From December 17 to 19, the 2024 Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics was successfully held at Jinan University. IESR, Tokyo Center for Economic Research, Waseda Institute of Social and Human Capital Studies, and the Health Technology Assessment Unit of Keio University jointly organized the Workshop.



IESR-Warwick Joint Workshop

From June 26 to 27, the 2024 IESR-Warwick Joint Workshop was organized by IESR, with support from the University of Warwick.



IESR-CUHK Joint Workshop

From October 14 to 15, 2024, IESR and the Department of Economics at the Chinese University of Hong Kong jointly hosted the IESR-CUHK Joint Workshop.



Participants of the Workshop in 2019

Workshop on Firms in Emerging Economies

Workshop on Firms in Emerging Economies has been an annual event since 2017. The workshop invited scholars to present their industrial organization, development economics, and generate discussions on data and policies on industrial development in a globalized economy and across various emerging markets.



Keynote by Professor Fernando Broner (CREI) at the 2018 Conference



Keynote by Professor Neng Wang (Columbia University) at the 2019 Conference



Keynote by Professor Alberto Salvo (National University of Singapore) at the Workshop



Speech by Professor Shanjun Li (Cornell University) at the Workshop

HKUST–Jinan Joint Conference on Macroeconomics

To promote academic exchange in the Greater Bay Area, HKUST Department of Economics and IESR have cohosted the HKUST–Jinan Joint Conference on Macroeconomics since 2018. This annual conference has attracted economists from the United States, Europe, and China to discuss critical macroeconomic issues.

IESR Workshop on Environmental and Resource Economics

IESR held the first Workshop on Environmental and Resource Economics in December 2023. Scholars from Yale, Stanford, Cornell, Chicago, UCSD, UMich, NCSU, Hamburg, NUS, HKUST, Peking, Tsinghua, SJTU, Nanjing, Jinan, and other institutions participated in the workshop.



Professor Jonathan Guryan (Northwestern) presenting at the 2017 International Symposium



IESR Assistant Professor Bin Xie commenting in a parallel session



IESR Associate Professor Yunho Cho chairing the parallel session at the Conference



IESR Associate Professor Shimeng Liu introducing the keynote speaker

International Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics

The International Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics is jointly organized by the Jinan University (IESR and SOE), Xiamen University (Wang Yanan Institute for Studies in Economics), and the Chinese University of Hong Kong (Department of Economics). This Symposium aims to facilitate the exchange of ideas on labor economics between Chinese and international scholars. This annual event was held in Guangzhou in 2017 and 2020, Xiamen in 2018, and Shenzhen in 2019.

Jinan-SMU Conference on Urban and Regional Economics

Jinan-SMU Conference on Urban and Regional Economics is co-organized by Jinan University (IESR) and Singapore Management University (School of Economics). Since 2021, this annual conference has attracted scholars in different fields of economics to participate in discussions on urban development, green cities, housing price fluctuations, housing policy, etc.



Professor Christopher Pissarides (LSE) lecturing at Jinan University



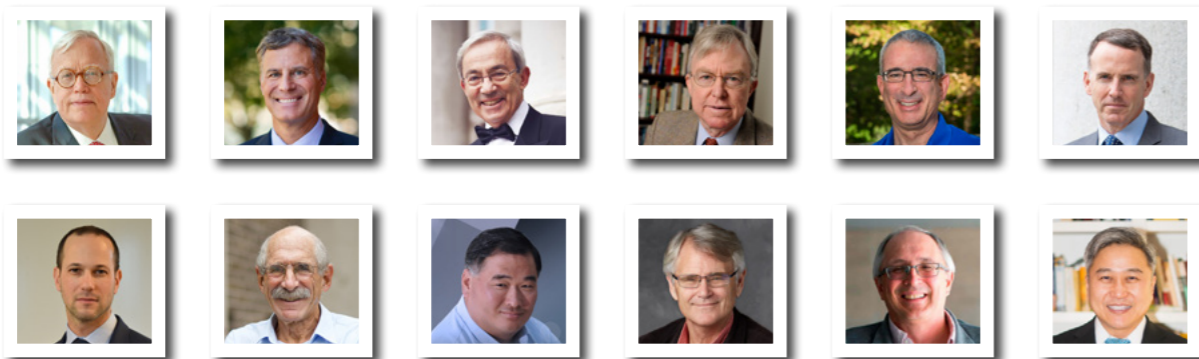
Xin Meng (Australian National University)



Loren Brandt (University of Toronto)

Public Lectures

IESR regularly invites world-renowned scholars to deliver public lectures to faculty and students. Recently invited speakers include Christopher Pissarides (LSE), James Heckman (Chicago), Joshua Angrist (MIT), Robert Moffitt (JHU), Alan Krueger (Princeton), Edward Glaeser (Harvard), Greg Kaplan (Chicago), Michael Oppenheimer (Princeton), Chang-Tai Hsieh (Chicago), Scott Rozelle (Stanford), Peter Kuhn (UCSB), and Hanming Fang (UPenn).

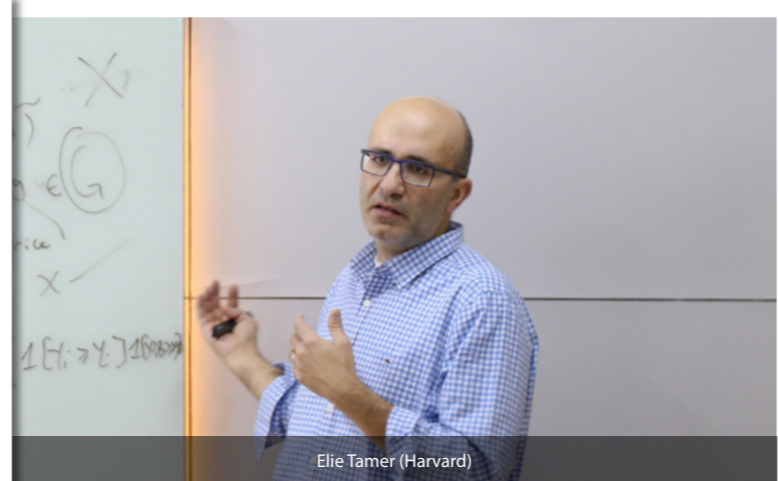


Regular Seminars

IESR had more than 400 regular seminars over the past few years. Invited speakers from all over the world presented their working papers and work in progress on a wide range of topics. Coordinated by field leaders, regular seminars are broadly categorized into eight fields: labor, development, econometrics, industrial organization and trade, urban and transportation, environmental and resource, macroeconomics and finance, and others.



Vincent Yao (Georgia State)



Elie Tamer (Harvard)



Professor Danyang Xie presenting The Future is Flipped: Interactive Workshop on Flipped Classrooms



Professor Jie Gong presenting AI and Creative Process



Lars Lefgren (Brigham Young)



Sumit Agarwal (NUS)



Professor Yongmiao Hong presenting Opportunities and Challenges of Econometrics in the AI Era



Professor Ting Chen presenting Most Harmless Introduction of LLM for Economists

Short Courses

In addition to the training programs, IESR hosts a series of short courses on frontier topics for junior faculty and graduate students. Recently invited instructors include Elie Tamer (Harvard), Tong Li (Vanderbilt), Sumit Agarwal (NUS), Vincent Yao (Georgia State), Andrew Chesher (UCL), Russell Cooper (the European University Institute), and Lars Lefgren (Brigham Young).

AI Empowerment and Future Society Seminars

IESR organizes a special seminar series focusing on AI empowerment and future society, that brings researchers from multiple disciplines to explore the new opportunities and challenges of academic research in the intelligent era.