Stanford Center on China’s Economy and Institutions

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Faculty Meet & Greet

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Agenda

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China’s Economy and Institutions

- China has the second largest economy in the world, if it flourishes or grows, the livelihoods of more than a billion people will improve, if not, it’s hard to describe the cost.
- China has many unique institutions, which are the fundamental reasons for why China is China today.
China’s relationship with the world is a vital part of future economic growth world-wide;
A growing China could be an engine fueling the world’s economy;
A stagnant or declining China could have a negative impact on world economic growth;
Either way, China will have important political and social consequences.
Today’s World Knows Little about China

- Presently there are many gaping holes in our knowledge.
- Historically (think Cold War era) scores of economists from top US economic departments focused on researching and understanding China’s economy.
- Today, there are very few working on China and zero are funded by the federal government.
SCCEI is Working to Fill the Knowledge Gap

- There is a **huge need for data and empirical research** on China’s economy;
- We need to understand not only the working issues of the economy, but also the most important institutions that shape China’s economy;
- These issues influence policy makers and the business community not only in China but in the US and world-wide.
What is SCCEI?
Our Mission

SCCEI is Stanford’s home for empirical, multidisciplinary research on China’s economy. We aim to foster path-breaking research, create transformative student experiences, and advance public understanding of China’s economy and its impact on the world.
SCCEI is Multidisciplinary.

- Our multidisciplinary faculty affiliates research issues that affect China’s economy, political economy, & social development.
SCCEI is Multi-Organizational.

- We build links across Stanford campus and those outside who are conducting high quality empirical research;
- We connect policy centers that are addressing issues that do not yet have an empirical basis;
- We will continue to build our affiliate network in China who are colleagues with similar interests.
SCCEI is Translational.

- Our ultimate goal is to make an impact.
- We aim to provide data and empirical findings to those that make decisions affecting China’s growth and the nature of China’s relationships worldwide.
Our Impact Plan

Empirical research from our faculty affiliates will inform Impact Briefs to be shared with:

- Policy makers in Washington DC,
- Businesses in New York City,
- Technology investment groups and entrepreneurs in Silicon Valley,
- Businesses and individuals in China,
- China’s policy makers,
- And more.
Who is SCCEI?

Scott Rozelle
Co-Director

Hongbin Li
Co-Director

Alexis Medina
Research Programs

Tina Shi
Strategic Partnerships

Matthew Boswell
External Affairs

Ronda Fenton
Finance & Administration

Heather Rahimi
Communications
What does it mean to be a SCCEI faculty affiliate?

- SCCEI faculty affiliates conduct empirically based research on China’s development in an environment with a number of other colleagues that are also doing empirical work on China’s contemporary economy and institutions.

  **Our goal: interactions with colleagues ➔ raise the quality of all of our work**

- We will work together to identify topics and sources of data and collaborations for our affiliates (if and where needed)
- Jointly search for funding opportunities for field work, data acquisition and research assistance
- Faculty affiliate research and publications contribute to impact briefs distributed to the communities outside of academics to enhance our impact
SCCEI Flagship Research Initiatives
Demography

- China’s “One-Child Policy”
- Aging population
- Shrinking workforce
- Surplus of unmarried men
- 30 million “missing girls” through sex-selective abortion, neglect, and abandonment
Education

- Human capital crisis
- Quality rural schooling
- Early childhood development
- Educational technology
- Rural Education Action Program (REAP)
Environmental Quality & Sustainability

- Carbon dioxide emissions policies
- Policy for an ecological civilization
- Agricultural development
- Water management
Firms & Productivity

- China Employer-Employee Survey
- Robotic automation in Chinese factories
- Manufacturing productivity over time
- Zombie firms in China
- Government interventions
Health

- Healthcare system reform
- Standardized patients
- Care and access for underserved populations
- Baby nutrition and caregiver health education
- Rural Education Action Program (REAP)
Political Economy & Governance

- Local governance dynamics
- Role of local bureaucratic networks and social institutions in economic development
- The interaction of politics, economy and society
Future Possible Research Initiatives

In the future, SCCEI aims to draw upon the research interests and expertise of Center affiliated faculty to establish and foster new flagship initiatives, such as:

- US-China bilateral trade
- Consumer welfare and producer interests in China
- Emerging technologies, talent flows and technology transfer
- Industrial organization in the US and China and implications for competitiveness
- Competitiveness and productivity in China and the US
- And more!
Faculty Affiliate
Panel Discussion on
Research
Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 23 | 11am – 12:15pm PT
Prof. Ruixue Jia, UCSD Global Policy & Strategy
Winter Seminar Series: Entrepreneurial Reluctance: Talent and Firm Creation in China

Tuesday, March 9 | 11am – 12:15pm PT
Prof. Jean Oi, Stanford Political Science
Winter Seminar Series: The Political Genesis of Local Government Debt in China

Tuesday, March 30 | 5pm – 6:15pm PT
Prof. Steven Chu, Stanford Medical School, Former U.S. Secretary of Energy, & Nobel Laureate
China and U.S. Collaborations on Climate Change

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