



Starting from 14 January 2021 | Every 2nd Thursday of the month

11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Thursday (Beijing-Singapore Time)

10:00 pm, Wednesday (US Time / Eastern Time)

9:00 pm, Wednesday (Central Time)

8:00 pm, Wednesday (Mountain Time)

7:00 pm, Wednesday (Pacific Time)

Financial market development goes hand-in-hand with economic development. Asian economies and corporations have grown by leaps and bounds in capability, size, and sophistication. Asia's capital markets have accordingly broadened and deepened. The level of development, however, is very uneven across the region. (We use the term financial markets expansively, intending to cover banking, insurance, other intermediation, securities, equity markets, exchange exchanges, e-commerce, fintech, etc.) Policymakers across the region can avoid mistakes and move faster towards best practices if research better clarifies what has worked and what has caused problems elsewhere.

The progress of China's capital markets in terms of size, regulations, capability, and functional efficiency have made headlines. China is catching up with the high-income economies, benefiting from lessons learned in the past and elsewhere. China may have surpassed them in some dimensions, notably e-payments systems, where China may have useful lessons for the First World. Yet, China is still a work-in-progress in other ways, and the challenges it faces often are unique. Research into China's capital markets' historical development and current challenges can inform policy decision-makers, practitioners, and educators. Challenges in advanced Asian economies, such as Japan, Korea, Singapore, and Hong Kong also raise important issues of global importance. The Asian Financial Crisis revealed these economies' capital markets to be globally significant, connected, and generating as well as receiving international spillovers. Analysis of their regulatory successes and failures, their rising challenges, demographic and institutional vulnerabilities, and hidden systemic risks can help prepare policymakers, practitioners and educators.

Emerging Asian economies wanting to accelerate capital markets development may benefit from understanding what barriers have prevented some Asian countries from progressing as fast as others. Corporations and investors routinely take advantage of cross-border regulatory gaps, so uneven regulation and development of capital markets across Asia is a policy issue for governments in the entire region and perhaps globally. Finally, expanding financial inclusion is a global goal and remains important in many Asian economies. Research can identify technologies, policies and implementation processes likely to broaden access to banks and capital markets policies and processes to be avoided. Research into these issues can aid policymakers, protect practitioners from policy errors, and help educators better train future leaders. Therefore, the e-seminar series will feature important and promising new research; overview talks by prominent researchers to stimulate further study; and talks by policy-makers to alert researchers to challenges and possible solutions needing greater attention. We hope the seminar series can provide a knowledge-sharing network of benefit to researchers, policymakers, and practitioners in Asia and throughout the world.

The ABFER and the University of Chicago's Becker Friedman Institute China (BFI-China), in collaboration with National University of Singapore Business School (NUS), Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance (SAIF), The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) Department of Economics, CUHK-Shenzhen and Tsinghua University PBC School of Finance (Tsinghua PBCSF), hope the seminar series can provide a knowledge-sharing network of benefit to researchers, policymakers, and practitioners in Asia and throughout the world.

INAUGURAL SPEAKER



14 January 2021

An Overview of China's Financial System and Current Challenges

Professor Wei XIONG

Trumbull-Adams Professor of Finance, Professor of Economics, Department of Economics and Bendheim Center for Finance
Princeton University

UPCOMING WEBINARS



4 February 2021

An Overview of Asia's E-currency, Related Development, and Pending Intellectual Puzzles

Professor Darrell DUFFIE

The Adams Distinguished Professor of Management and Professor of Finance at Stanford Graduate School of Business, Professor of Economics (by courtesy) at School of Humanities and Sciences, Senior Fellow (by courtesy) Hoover Institution
Stanford University

11 March 2021

The SOE Premium and Government Support in China's Credit Market

Zhe GENG and Jun PAN (Shanghai Jiao Tong University - Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance)

Discussant: Zhiguo HE (University of Chicago)

15 April 2021

Going Bankrupt in China

Bo LI (Tsinghua PBCSF) and Jacopo PONTICELLI (Northwestern University)

Discussant: Yueran MA (University of Chicago)

17 June 2021

FinTech Adoption and Household Risk-Taking

Claire Yurong HONG, Xiaomeng LU and Jun PAN (Shanghai Jiao Tong University - Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance)

Discussant: John CAMPBELL (Harvard University)

Session Format

Each session lasts for an hour (30 minutes for the author, 15 minutes for the discussion, 15 minutes for participants' Q&A). Sessions will be recorded and posted on ABFER's web, except in cases where speakers or discussants request us not to.

Registration

Please register [here](#). A unique Zoom webinar link will be sent to you two days before the event. (Notice: Videos and screenshots will be taken during each session for the purpose of marketing, publicity purposes in print, electronic and social media)

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