

International Conference
The Great Divergence after Ten Years of Debate

Conference Agenda

29th, 30th August, 2012

Tsinghua University, Beijing P.R.C.

Co-organizers:

School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University

School of Social Sciences, Tsinghua University

Collaborators:

International Economic Association

Association of Economic History, China

National Institute for Fiscal Studies, Tsinghua University

Venue: School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University

29th August (Wednesday)

08:30-9:45 Session 1

Chair and Opening Remarks: Chong-En Bai (Tsinghua University)

Speaker and Topic

Masahiko Aoki (Stanford University)

Institutions in China's Economic Development in a Comparative Perspective.

9:45-10:00 Tea and Coffee Break

In the remaining sessions, each presentation is allocated 60 minutes, including questions and answers.

10:00-12:00 Session 2

Chairs: Liu Lanxi (CASS), Zhang Tingting (Tsinghua University)

Speakers and Topics

Li Bozhong (HKUST/Tsinghua University),

Why Does the Theory of the Great Divergence Matter? --Taking the Case of the Study of Economic History of the Yangzi Delta.

Daniel Little (University of Michigan-Dearborn)

Measuring Qing Agriculture: Recent Research on Farm Productivity and the Standard of Living.

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 Session 3

Chairs: Feng Yuejian (CASS), Yan Se (Peking University)

Speakers and Topics

Myung Soo Cha (Yeungnam University)

State Famine Relief as a Cause of the Great Divergence: Evidence from a Vassal State of China.

Kent Deng (London School of Economics)

The Function of the State.

15:30-15:45 Tea and Coffee Break

15:45-17:45 Session 4

Chairs: Liu Beicheng (Tsinghua University), Chen Zhengping (Tsinghua U)

Speakers and Topics

Robert Allen (Oxford University)

Economic Incentives and the Invention of the Industrial Revolution.

Jack Goldstone (George Mason University)

Cultural Foundations of Technological Change in Europe vs. Asia.

18:00 Dinner

30th August (Thursday)

8:30-10:30 Session 5

Chairs: He Pin (Renmin U), Fan Ying (Tsinghua U)

Speakers and Topics

Joseph McDermott (Cambridge University)

What Weber, Freedman, and Pomeranz Did Not Know about the Ancestral Hall.

Denggao Long (Tsinghua University)

Continuous Reinforcement of the Resource Allocation Centered on Land Property: the Land Transaction System in Pre-Modern China.

10:30-10:45 Tea and Coffee Break

10:45-12:45 Session 6

Chairs: Qin Hui (Tsinghua U), Zhou Li'An (Peking University)

Speakers and Topics

Leonard Blussé (Leiden University)

Rhine and Yangzi, a Great Divergence? The Lower Yangzi and Rhine Basin Compared: 1350-1850.

Martin Uebele (University of Muenster)

German Long Growth Since 1500 in the Context of the Great Divergence.

12:45-13:45 Lunch

13:45-15:45 Session 7

Chairs: Wang Yuru (Nankai U) ,Lowery Ying(Tsinghua U) ,

Speakers and Topics

Lee, James (HKUST)

Do Facts Matter: The Scholarship of Discovery and the Great Divergence.

Kung, James (HKUST)

A Malthusian Quagmire? Maize, Population, Growth, and Economic Development in China.

15:45-16:00 Closing Remarks:

Li Bozhong (Tsinghua U)

16:00-16:15 Tea and Coffee Break

16:15-18:00 Book Launch

Chair: Deng Kent (LSE), Long Denggao (Tsinghua U)

Robert Allen

The British Industrial Revolution in Global Perspective