

Assessment of Western China Development and Future Prospects
The 5th Annual Conference of the Consortium for Western China Development Studies

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Co-organizers:

- The Consortium for Western China Development Studies
- Northwest University
- GTZ - German Technical Cooperation

Co-sponsors:

- Shaanxi Provincial Government
- The Chinese Economists Society
- Office of Western China Development, State Council

Since the Chinese government launched the west China development in 2000, significant changes have occurred in Western China: rapid economic growth in terms of GDP, large-scale increases in basic infrastructure investment, industrialization, urbanization, and improvement in people's livelihood. Meanwhile, new challenges to the future development of west China have emerged: excess demand for energy and natural resources, pressure of population and environment in urban cities, and enlarged regional disparities. A comprehensive and scientific approach for the sustainable development of Western China is urgently needed.

Northwest University, the Consortium for Western China Development Studies, and GTZ will co-organize an International Conference on "Assessment of West China Development and Future Prospects" on July 22-24, 2008 in Xian, China. The conference is also co-sponsored by Shaanxi Provincial Government and The Chinese Economists Society, and the Office for Western China Development in the State Council.

The organizers expect 100-200 participants from universities, research institutions, government agencies and business sectors within and outside of China to attend this conference. Many well-known economists from China, the U.S., Germany and other countries have been invited to participate. The conference is expected (1) to serve as a platform for scholars and government officials to exchange their research and development plans on Western China; (2) to submit policy recommendations on under-developed regions to the central government; and (3) to publish a conference proceedings from selected papers presented at the conference.

The conference themes will include, but not be limited to, the following topics:

- The economic development of Western China and the construction of a harmonious society
- Modernization of agriculture and the Western China development
- The development of new rural communities in Western China
- The sustainable development of resources and environment in Western China
- Women's Role in Western China development
- Preserving Cultural Diversity in Under-developed Regions
- Economic Development for National Minorities in Under-developed Regions
- Raising Technological Levels in Western China
- Improving Human Resources and Education in Western China
- Enhancing Public Healthcare in Western China
- Assessment of eight years of Western China Development
- Poverty Alleviation through Migration in Western China
- NGOs' Role in Western China Development

Abstract Submission

Interested participants should send an abstract of no longer than 250 words to the Program Committee at westchina2008@umich.edu along with the name, title, affiliation, and contact information of the author (s), or use the online submission form at <http://chinadatacenter.org/westchina2008/>.

Deadlines

March 15, 2008 - Deadline for abstracts
April 1, 2008 - Notification of paper acceptance
June 30, 2008 - Deadline for completed papers

Registration Fee for the Conference

Registration before May 15, 2008: US\$60.00.
Registration after May 15, 2008: US\$80.00.
Full-time student: US\$30.00.

Please make the payment payable to “The Chinese Economists Society”.

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西部开发研究联合体第 5 届学术年会
“西部大开发八年评估与展望”

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西部大开发自 2000 年正式实施以来，西部地区的经济取得了重大进展，经济总量得到了迅速增加，基础设施建设初具规模，工业化进程显著加快，人民生活水平得到提高。西部大开发使西部经济上了一个台阶，但是能源与自然资源的超常规利用、城市化带来的巨大人口与环境压力、区域间发展差距扩大等问题给未来西部的发展带来新的挑战。未来西部的发展需要坚持以人为本的观念，树立全面、协调、可持续发展的科学发展观，促进西部经济、社会和人的全面发展。

由西北大学、西部开发研究联合体、德国技术合作公司（GTZ）联合主办，陕西省人民政府、中国留美经济学会（CES）、国务院西部办等协办的《西部大开发八年评估与未来发展》，将于 2008 年 7 月 22—2008 年 7 月 24 日在西安举行。

此次研讨会的主题是：“西部大开发八年评估与展望：西部经济全面、协调、与可持续发展”。到会专家预计将 100 人左右，主要来自国内外有关大学，研究机构，政府部门及企业，一批国际知名学者亦将会应邀出席会议。

一、会议的主要议题包括：

- 西部地区经济发展与和谐社会建设
- 现代农业与西部地区发展
- 西部地区发展与新农村建设研究
- 西部地区资源、环境与可持续发展研究
- 西部地区人力资源开发与教育发展
- 劳动力转移培训与西部地区发展
- 卫生、健康与西部地区发展
- 西部地区妇女平等发展

- 中国西部少数民族平等发展问题
- 中国西部移民扶贫易地致富问题
- 非政府组织（NGO）在西部发展中的作用
- 西部地区农村公共服务研究
- 西部地区基础设施建设问题
- 西部大开发八年评估

请您将论文中英文摘要(原则上不超过 600 汉字)连同论文题目，作者姓名，作者所在单位、职务职称以及联系地址，用电子邮件发到

westchina2008@umich.edu or 在会议网站直接提交

(<http://chinadatacenter.org/westchina2008/>)，会务组在收到论文摘要后，邀请专家对选题和摘要进行初审，然后发出论文录用通知和正式邀请。作者在收到论文录用通知和正式邀请函后，尽快向会务组提交论文全文。会前将向参会正式代表赠送大会论文集。

二、重要日期

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| 1、论文摘要提交截止日期： | 2008 年 3 月 15 日 |
| 2、论文正式录用通知和参会邀请： | 2008 年 4 月 1 日 |
| 3、论文全文提交截止日期： | 2008 年 6 月 10 日 |

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