CALL FOR PAPERS

Chinese Economists Society 2018 North America Conference April 6-7, 2018

Athens, GA, USA

The Chinese Economists Society (CES) calls for abstract submissions for its 2018 North America Conference, to be held at Terry College of Business, University of Georgia in Athens, GA, April 6-7 (Friday and Saturday), 2018. The local host for the conference is **the University of Georgia.** The theme of the conference is **"Regulatory Impact Analysis: Methods, Applications, and Implications for Emerging Economies"**. The conference includes invited keynote speakers, roundtable forums, and parallel sessions. Arrival and registration of participants will start in the afternoon of April 5. All speeches and sessions are on April 6 and 7. Confirmed keynote speakers include:

- **Dr. James Hammitt,** Director of Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, and Professor of Economics and Decision Sciences, Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health.
- **Dr. Ginger Zhe Jin,** Professor of Economics at the University of Maryland, College Park, Former Director of the Bureau of Economics, US Federal Trade Commission, Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).
- **Dr. Mark Roberts,** Professor of Economics at the Pennsylvania State University, Research Associate of the NBER, a member of the Census Advisory Committee, American Economic Association.
- **Dr. Tao Zha,** Research Center Executive Director of the Center for Quantitative Economic Research, the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Economics at Emory University, and Research Associate at the NBER.

This conference will promote academic exchanges related to the Chinese economy in a North American venue. It also provides professional development opportunities for doctoral candidates in North America who do China-related research and/or are interested in China-based employments. This conference will offer a focus-group panel session and other extended activities for these candidates. We encourage participating institutions, especially Chinese universities to recruit at the conference for new faculty and pursue visiting opportunities in North America for their faculty members. This conference also encourages student participation by offering one Gregory Chow Best Paper Award, travel subsidies, and valuable opportunities for students to network with experienced scholars.

PAPER SUBMISSIONS

CES invites both members and non-members to submit papers and/or to propose organized sessions at the 2018 CES North America Conference. All fields of specialization within Economics will be considered, but papers with close relevance to the theme or the Chinese economy will be given preference. The abstract submission deadline is **December 15, 2017.**

Persons interested in presenting a paper at the conference need to submit an abstract of no more than 400 words with title, author name(s), JEL code(s), and keywords via the CES website at http://www.china-ces.org/Conferences/NewAbstract.aspx?ID=47. Submitters will be notified via e-mail by January 15, 2018 as to whether your abstract is accepted for presentation.

If you would like to organize one or more sessions on a specific topic and have speakers/presenters lined up, please submit your proposal to Professor Zhuo (Adam) CHEN, CES President, for approval at zchen1@uga.edu by **November 30th, 2017**. Each organized session should consist of four individual papers. Proposal should contain a tentative name of the session, titles of papers along with their abstracts, as well as names of session presenters and discussants with their e-mails. Please note that papers included in a session must still go through the regular paper submission process through the CES website to be included into the program.

Important Dates

Date		
November 30, 2017	Organized session proposal submission deadline (submit proposals to	
	zchen1@uga.edu)	
December 15, 2017	Abstract submission deadline for both individual presenters and presenters	
	of proposed organized sessions (submit via the CES website at	
	http://www.china-ces.org/Conferences/NewAbstract.aspx?ID=47)	
January 15, 2018	Notification of decision	

GREGORY CHOW BEST PAPER AWARD

We will select an outstanding paper presented at the 2018 CES North America conference for the Gregory Chow Best Paper Award. To be eligible for consideration for this prestigious award, the primary author of the paper must be a graduate student or a junior scholar who received his/her PhD within the last five years (no earlier than May 2013). The award winner will receive a certificate and a US\$1,000 prize. Persons interested in being considered for the Award must provide information confirming eligibility at the time of submission. Graduate students' electronic submissions should be followed up by a letter on official university stationary from a professor certifying that the submitter is a graduate student in good standing. An electronic

version of this letter should be signed and emailed by the professor to Dr. Guodong (Gordon) GAO at ggao@rhsmith.umd.edu by **February 28, 2018**.

PUBLICATIONS

The CES plans to select a group of high quality papers presented at the conference for special issues at journals such as *China Economic Review, Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, and *Emerging Market Finance and Trade*. Papers submitted for consideration of the special issue still need to go through regular review process. Details about these publication opportunities will be provided later.

TRAVEL SUPPORT AND REGISTRATION WAIVERS

Limited travel subsidy of up to \$500 per person are available to presenting authors. Preference will be given to students or junior faculty (received their doctoral degree May 2013 or later). Recipients of the travel fund must be CES members who are current on dues while new members may receive priority. Eligible presenters may indicate their interest in applying for the travel subsidy when responding to the decision regarding their abstract submission.

With the generous support from the State-of-the-Art Conference Support Program, the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost's Office, the University of Georgia (UGA), registration waivers are available with preference given to UGA students, and non-UGA presenting students.

Applicants for travel subsidy and/or registration waivers need to apply for the support by indicating their interest and providing appropriate documentations by February 1, 2018. Decisions will be sent to applicants by February 15, 2018.

REGISTRATION

All presenters and conference attendees must register for the Conference. Registration should be made online through the conference page at www.china-ces.org under "Conferences". Please note that registration fees are non-refundable. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER BY MARCH 23 TO BE INCLUDED INTO THE FINAL PROGRAM.

You can join the CES and become a member here: http://www.chinaces.org/AboutCES/Default.aspx?title=Join%20CES. Regular membership is \$40 per year while student membership is \$15 per year.

Registration Fee Schedule

	Before or on Feb. 28 th , 2018	After Feb. 28 th , 2018
Regular CES member	US \$100	US \$150
Non-CES member	US \$150	US \$200
Student CES member	US \$50	US \$120
Student Non-CES member	US \$80	US \$180

LODGING AND SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Hotel information will be coming soon.

Athens, Georgia is about two hours from Atlanta airport via Groome Transportation (\$39 oneway). Schedule and booking of the shuttles are available on http://athens.groometransportation.com/athens-shuttle-schedule/.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Inquiries should be sent to:

- for academic matters: Dr. Zhuo (Adam) CHEN at zchen1@uga.edu
- for general inquiries: Dr. Zijun LUO at luozijun@shsu.edu

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