

The 18th China Economics Summer Institute

August 23 – 24, 2025

School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University

Programme

August 23, 2025, Saturday (Beijing Time)

08:00 – 08:45 Registration

08:45 – 09:00 **Opening Remarks**

Session 1: Institutions and Norms

Chair: Ruixue Jia

09:00 – 10:00 *On the Centralization of Policymaking in China*
Kaicheng Luo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

10:00 – 11:00 *Local Favoritism in State Formation*
Zining Wang, Peking University

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break

11:30 – 12:30 *Asymmetric Fertility Elasticities*
Anson Zhou, The University of Hong Kong

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch (by Invitation)

Firm Visit & Field Work (by Invitation)

14:00 – 17:00 Xiaomi Firm Visit and Field Work (by Invitation)

18:00 Dinner (by Invitation)

August 24, 2025, Sunday (Beijing Time)

Session 2: Environment and Technology

Chair: Yifan Zhang

- 08:30 – 09:00 Coffee/Tea Break
- 09:00 – 10:00 *Industrial Water Pollution, Agricultural Productivity and Labor Reallocation: Evidence from China*
Xiaomeng Cui, IESR, Jinan University
- 10:00 – 11:00 *Welfare Effects of Reducing Coal Production in China*
Tianshi Mu, Tsinghua University
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:30 – 12:30 *The Anatomy of Chinese Innovation: Insights on Patent Quality and Ownership*
Philipp Boeing, Goethe University Frankfurt, ZEW Mannheim
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch (by Invitation)

Session 3: Trade and Trade War

Chair: Hong Ma

- 13:30 – 14:30 *The Impact of the Trade War: Divergence in Chinese and U.S. Innovations in the Post-Conflict Era*
Yiran Zhang, Fudan University
- 14:30 – 15:30 *Financial Sanctions and Russian Trade*
Yang Jiao, Singapore Management University
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea Break
- 16:00 – 17:00 *Blocking the Giants: Theory and Evidence from the GFW*
Ruiqi Sun, University of Toronto
- 18:00 Dinner (by Invitation)