



## 6<sup>th</sup> HenU / INFER Workshop on Applied Macroeconomics

April 3 - 5, 2024

From April 3 to 5, 2024, the Center for Financial Development and Stability (CFDS) at Henan University and the International Network for Economic Research (INFER) will organize their 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Applied Macroeconomics hosted by Henan University.

Since its economic opening in 1978 and even more so since its accession to the World Trade Organization in 2001, China has become one of the main actors of the global economy. Since 2009, China has been the largest exporter in the world. Since 2013, China has promoted its “Belt and Road Initiative”, funding infrastructure – mostly in emerging markets – along the new “maritime silk road” and the old land trade corridors of the historical silk road to further increase regional connectivity and possibly trade flows. While China has been continuously opening, there are still barriers to trade. With China’s economic prosperity, those are seen increasingly critical by Western trading partners who are less and less willing to treat China as developing economy but rather see it as rival.

In this pivotal situation, we are looking for contributions to provide a better understanding of China’s role in the global economy. As always, we invite papers from all fields in applied macroeconomics, but papers matching those issues are particularly welcome. For more details, please visit <http://appliedmacro.org>.

### Submission

Please submit your paper or extended abstract by **December 10, 2023**, via [conferencemaker](#), preference will be given to full papers. The authors will be informed about acceptance by December 20, 2023.

### Special issue

Selected, excellent papers will be considered for a special issue in *Open Economies Review*. Those papers will be subject to additional double blinded peer review. More details on the submission process will be available on the conference website.

### Keynote lectures



**Prof. Thorsten Beck**

*Director of the Florence School of Banking and Finance and Professor of Financial Stability,  
European University Institute (EUI)*



**Prof. Xiaodong Zhu**

*Professor, Faculty of Business and Economics,  
University of Hong Kong*

### Conference Venue

The conference venue is Henan University's newly opened **Zhengzhou campus** near Longzi Lake. The campus is conveniently located only 10 driving minutes away from Zhengzhou East Train station and 35 driving minutes from Xinzheng Airport. A direct train connection is also available between Xinzheng Airport and Zhengzhou East Train Station (duration: 17 minutes).

### Travel and accommodation

Please arrange your arrival in Zhengzhou on April 3<sup>rd</sup> for registration and welcoming, we will schedule presentations all day on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, in addition, we offer an optional post-conference field trip to visit Millionaire Kang's Mansion (康百萬莊園) in Gongyi County, Zhengzhou on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Rooms, including breakfast, are available at the **Atour Hotel Zhengzhou East Station Longzi Lake** for a special conference rate of 380 RMB (about 52 USD or 49 EUR).

### Conference Fee

The conference fee is **RMB 800**, which can be paid onsite. The conference fee includes buffet lunch and formal dinner on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> as well as shuttle service between the Atour Hotel and the conference venue (distance: 3km).

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