



2010

Regional Economic Development: Current Issues 2010-11

Department of Economics

Follow this and additional works at: <http://scholarworks.wmich.edu/sichel-series>



Part of the [Regional Economics Commons](#)

WMU ScholarWorks Citation

Department of Economics, "Regional Economic Development: Current Issues 2010-11" (2010). *Werner Sichel Lecture Series*. 9.
<http://scholarworks.wmich.edu/sichel-series/9>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Economics at ScholarWorks at WMU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Werner Sichel Lecture Series by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks at WMU. For more information, please contact maira.bundza@wmich.edu.



03/16/11

Thomas G. Rawski,
Department of
Economics, University
of Pittsburgh

***China's Economy:
Historical Legacies
and Modern Growth***



Dr. Thomas G. Rawski is professor of Economics and History at the University of Pittsburgh. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University in 1972. He is proficient in Chinese, Japanese, and German.

Prior to joining University of Pittsburgh, he taught at University of Toronto from 1971 to 1985. Rawski has been a visiting professor or scholar at Australian National University, Harvard University, Princeton University, Stanford University, and Tokyo University. He also has held many leadership positions in professional associations and societies, including president of the Association for Comparative Economic Studies.

His research focuses on the development and modern history of China's economy, including studies of China's reform mechanism and achievements, as well as analyses focused on productivity, investment, industry, trade, labor markets, environment, and economic measurement.

His publications include books on Economic Growth and Employment in China; Chinese History in Economic Perspective; Economic Growth in Prewar China; China's Transition to Industrialization; and Economics and the Historian. He is co-editor of recent volumes on China's Rise and the Balance of Influence in Asia (2007) and China's Great Economic Transformation (2008).

04/06/11

Zhiwu Chen, Profes-
sor of Finance, School
of Management, Yale
University,

China in 2049



Professor Chen received a Ph.D. in finance from Yale University in 1990. He is an expert on finance theory, capital markets, and China's economy and financial markets. Chen is a frequent contributor to top economics and finance journals with articles ranging from securities valuation to capital market development, to the impact of financial markets on society and culture, and to economic policy topics.

Recently, Chen has focused his research on market development and institution-building issues in the context of China's transition process and other emerging markets. Chen's work also has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Boston Globe, Barron's, Far-Eastern Economic Review, and many newspapers and magazines in Hong Kong and China. He is a frequent contributor to newspapers and magazines in China, writing on economic policy, market development and legal reform issues, and making him one of the influential economists in China.

Chen's books published in China include "How is Wealth Created?," "Media, Law and Markets," "Why are the Chinese Hard-Working but Poor?," "Irrational Over-confidence," "The Logic of Finance," "24 Wealth Lectures," and "Chen Zhiwu on China's Economy." Among his books, "The Logic of Finance" received 23 Best Books of 2009 awards in China and has remained on the top-five best-seller list since 2009.

Chen is a co-founder and partner of Zebra Capital Management, and a member of the board of directors at both Lord Abbett China and the Bank of Communications in China. He is on the policy advisory board for the Beijing Municipal Government and for the Hunan Provincial Government. Chen received the Pacesetter Research Award at Ohio State University in 1999, the Merton Miller Prize in 1994, and the Chicago Board Options Exchange Competitive Research Award in 1994.

The Sichel Series is codirected by Professors Wei-Chiao Huang and Huizhong Zhou, and is cosponsored by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, College of Arts and Sciences, and Timothy Light Center for Chinese Studies at the Diether H. Haenicke Institute for Global Education at WMU.

It is named for longtime WMU economics professor, Dr. Werner Sichel, who retired in 2004.

This series also coincides timely with the founding of Timothy Light Center for Chinese Studies at Western Michigan University.

For more information please contact Dr. Wei-Chiao Huang at (269)-387-5528 or Dr. Huizhong Zhou at (269)-387-5550, or email them at huang@wmich.edu or huizhong.zhou@wmich.edu.



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Economics

Department of Economics
College of Arts & Sciences
5307 Friedmann Hall
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5330
(269) 387-5536
www.wmich.edu/economics



2010-11 Werner Sichel Lecture Series

Dragon vs. Eagle: The Chinese Economy and US-China Economic Relations

The 2010-11 Werner Sichel Lecture Series features six nationally and internationally recognized economists whose presentations will focus on the Chinese economy and US-China economic relations.

Free and Open to the Public
2028 Brown Hall
3 to 4:30 p.m.

Department of Economics
Western Michigan University



Western Michigan University



10/20/2010

Dr. Robert Koopman, Department of US International Trade Commission

Value Chains in Global Production Networks - China and Asia in a Global Context

Dr. Robert B. Koopman received his Ph.D. in Economics in 1985 from Boston College. He currently serves as acting director for the Office of Operations at the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) which oversees the Commission's trade policy research and negotiation assistance provided to the US trade representative and congress, antidumping and countervailing duty investigations; unfair imports adjudication; and maintenance of the harmonized tariff system. Koopman's regular position, since 1999, is as chief economist and director of the USITC Office of Economics. In this position he provides economic analysis and support for the commission's role as adviser to Congress and the President on international trade matters. He teaches graduate classes in advanced international trade and trade and economic development at Georgetown University.

His most recent research interests are focused on understanding the links between trade and economic growth, estimating value added along global supply chains, and examining advanced technology product trade between the US and China. In addition to building highly effective policy relevant research programs within US government agencies Koopman has developed award winning technical assistance and capacity building programs in the transition economies and developing countries, focused on filling market information gaps for businesses and developing policy relevant analysis for high level government officials.

Koopman spent 15 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he served in various leadership and research positions. He is a recipient of the Secretary's Honor Award and numerous other awards for his analysis of the impacts of world trade as a result of the Uruguay Round, CAP Reform, and the effects of transition in the former centrally planned economies.

11/10/10

Dr. Terry Sicular, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario

Inequality in China: Challenges to a Harmonious Society

Dr. Terry Sicular is professor of Economics at the University of Western Ontario. She received her doctorate at Yale and has taught at Stanford and Harvard Universities.



Sicular is a specialist on the Chinese economy, speaks fluent Mandarin, and has been researching and traveling to China for over 30 years. In the past her research focused on China's rural economy, especially topics related to agricultural prices and market reforms.

More recently, she has studied incomes and inequality in China, as

well as questions regarding educational attainment and transmission, and the impact of housing reforms on household income and wealth. She has published widely in scholarly journals and some books, including as a contributor and co-editor of "Inequality and Public Policy," published by Cambridge University Press in 2008.

Sicular has served as a consultant to international donor organizations, and is a co-leader in the ongoing China Household Income Project, a collaborative research project that conducts a nationwide household survey and monitors trends in China's incomes and inequality.

12/01/10

Dr. John Giles, Development Research Group, World Bank,



Rural to Urban Migration and the Well-Being of China's Rural Elderly

Dr. John Giles is senior labor economist in the World Bank's Development Research Group (human development and public services team). He received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1999.

Prior to joining the World Bank in May 2007, he spent two years as an Academy Scholar at Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, and six years at Michigan State University, where he was promoted to associate professor.

His current research interests include the movement of labor from agricultural to non-agricultural employment; internal migration and its impacts on households and communities; poverty traps; household risk-coping and risk-management behavior; population aging and retirement decisions in developing countries; and women's labor supply decisions in developing countries.

Giles has published widely on China in leading economics journals including The Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, and China Economic Review.

01/12/11

Dr. Gary Jefferson, Department of Economics, Brandeis University

Foreign Direct Investment, Technology Spillover, and Income Inequality in China

Dr. Gary Jefferson has joint appointments at Brandeis University in the Department of Economics, and the International Business School, where his research focuses on institutions, technology, economic growth, and China's economic transformation. He also teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on the economics of innovation, development economics, and China.



A graduate of Dartmouth College (A.B.) and Yale University (Ph.D.), Jefferson, in addition to serving on the Brandeis faculty, is an adjunct professor at the Fletcher School at Tufts University, where he teaches a course on the political economy of China (in Chinese) and is an honorary professor at Wuhan University. He also has spent time as a visiting scholar at the China research centers at Fudan University and Peking University.

Jefferson's recent publications include "R&D and Technology Transfer: Firm-Level Evidence from Chinese Industry," Review of Economics and Statistics (2005); "Privatization and Restructuring in China: Evidence from Shareholding Ownership" Journal of Comparative Economics (2006); "The Sources and Sustainability of China's Economic Growth," Brookings Papers on Economic Activity (2006); "Technology Diversity and Development: Evidence from China's Industrial Enterprises," Journal of Comparative Economics (2008); and "A Great Wall of Patents: What is Behind China's Recent Patent Explosion?," Journal of Development Economics (2008).

Travel Directions

From I-94 take U.S. 131 north to Exit 36A (Stadium Drive). Travel east on Stadium Drive to the fourth traffic light at Howard St. Turn left onto Howard and take the second right to the WMU campus. Follow the signs to the Miller Auditorium parking ramp. Brown Hall is located at the east of the fountain and in between Miller Auditorium and Sprau Tower.