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- Speaker** : **Jr-Tsung Huang**
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- Topic** : **"Social Welfare, Election and Internal Migration In Taiwan— Evidence From Panel Spatial Durbin Model"**
- Chairperson** : **Professor Tan Kong Yam**
*Division of Economics
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- Date** : **1st April 2016 (Friday)**
- Time** : **2.15pm to 3.15pm**
- Venue** : **Meeting Room 5 (HSS-04-89)**
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About the Speaker:

Dr. Jr-Tsung Huang is currently served as a Distinguished Professor of Public Finance at National Chengchi University (NCCU), Taiwan.

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Dr. Huang obtained his Ph.D. degree in Economics from University of Washington, Seattle in 1998, MA and BA degrees in Economics from National Taiwan University, Taiwan in 1990 and 1988, respectively. Dr. Huang used to be the Chairperson of Public Finance at National Chengchi University during 2013-2015, the President of Asian Consumer and Family Economics Association (ACFEA, 2013-2015), the guest editor of Journal of Family and Economic Issues (JFEI), the Dean of School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Kainan University during 2008-2011, the Vice President of the Cross-Strait Interflow Prospect Foundation during 2006-2008, a visiting scholar at ICSEAD (renamed to AGI) in 2004, a visiting associate professor of Economics at University of Washington in 2005, an associate professor of Public Finance at NCCU during 2003-2006, an assistant professor of the graduate institute of National Development at NCCU during 1999-2003. Lots of published articles had been conducted by Dr. Huang. His research interests are economic development, Taiwan and China economies, public finance, taxation, inter-government financial relations. His articles have been published in Contemporary Economic Policy, Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, The Developing Economies, Defence and Peace Economics, Public Finance Review, Singapore Economic Review, China Economic Review, Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning, etc. For more details, please refer to his website at <http://www3.nccu.edu.tw/~jthuang>.

Abstract:

This paper aims to investigate the following two issues in the internal migration of Taiwan: one is a widely discussed issue of the existence of magnetic effects induced by welfare benefits; the other is a rarely discussed issue of the existence of the phantom voter effect. Using a panel data of 23 counties and cities from 1995 to 2010 and estimating three fixed-effect SDM models, the primary findings of this study are that, keeping other factor constant and considering spatial dependence of migration, welfare migration exists, particularly for female, and the size of phantom voters in the electoral year can significantly affect internal migration in Taiwan.

Keywords: Internal Migration; Phantom Voters; Spatial Durbin Model; Welfare Migration; Taiwan.

JEL Classifications: C21; H75; I38; J15.

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