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DIVISION OF ECONOMICS
Seminar Series

The Division of Economics invites you to a seminar by Professor Keun Lee

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- Speaker** : **Keun Lee**
Professor of Economics, Seoul National University
- Topic** : **"Schumpeterian analysis of economic catchup and post catchup"**
- Chairperson** : **Associate Professor James Ang**
Division of Economics
School of Humanities & Social Sciences
- Date** : **25 February 2016 (Thursday)**
- Time** : **4.00pm to 5.00pm**
- Venue** : **Meeting Room 6 (HSS-04-91)**
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About the Speaker:

Keun Lee is a Professor of Economics at the Seoul National University, and the founding director of the Center for Economic Catchup. He has been awarded the 2014 Schumpeter Prize for his monograph on Schumpeterian Analysis of Economic Catchup: Knowledge, Pathcreation and the Middle Income Trap (2013 Cambridge Univ. Press) by the International Schumpeter Society. He is also the President Elect of this Society. He is currently a member of the Committee for Development Policy of UN, a co editor of Research Policy, a member of the governing board of Globelics, and had also served as the President of the Asia Pacific Innovation Network.

He obtained Ph.D. degree from the University of California, Berkeley. He had working experience at the World Bank, University of Aberdeen, and the East West Center, Hawaii. He had taught or was a visiting scholar at the University of California at Davis, Tsinghua University in Beijing, Hitotsubashi University in Japan, Hannover University in Germany, and Punjabi University in India. One of his most widely cited articles?with 710 or so citations (Google Scholar)?is a paper on Korea's Technological Catchup published in Research Policy (2001). His Hindex by Google Scholar is now 30, with 70 papers with more than 10 citations.

Abstract:

One of the puzzles about why some countries have stronger economic growth than others revolves around the so called 'middle income trap', the situation in which a country that has grown strongly gets stuck at a certain level. In this book, Keun Lee explores the reasons why examples of successful catching up are limited and in particular, why the Asian economies, including China, have managed to move, or are moving, beyond middle income status but economic growth has stalled in some Latin American countries. This is one of the first studies to demonstrate using patent analysis that the secret lies in innovative systems at the firm, sector and country levels which promote investment in what the author calls 'shortcycle' technologies and thereby create a new path different from that of fore running countries. With its comprehensive policy framework for development as well as useful quantitative methods, this is essential reading for academic researchers and practitioners

Reservation:

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