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Economics and Economic Growth Centre invite you to a seminar by  
Prof HUANG Wei

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- Speaker** : **Prof HUANG Wei**  
*The President's Assistant Professor  
Department of Real Estate &  
Department of Strategy and Policy  
National University of Singapore*
- Topic** : **"How Do Households Adjust to Trade Liberalization?"**
- Chairperson** : **Prof YAN Jubo**  
*Assistant Professor  
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- Date** : **18 April 2018 (Wednesday)**
- Time** : **3:00pm to 4:00pm**
- Venue** : **HSS Meeting Room 6 (HSS-04-95)**  
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**About the Speaker:**

Dr HUANG Wei is the President's Assistant Professor in the Department of Real Estate and Department of Strategy and Policy at National University of Singapore. Prior to joining NUS, Dr Huang was a Post-doctoral Fellow in Aging and Health Economics at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Dr Huang received his PhD in economics from Harvard University in 2016. He received an M.A in economics from National School of Development at Peking University in 2011, and a B.A. in physics from School of Physics at Peking University in 2008.

His research fields are public economics, labor economics, and health economics. He is interested in the topics such as health, education, ethnicity, and China. His research work has been published in journals such as Review of Economic and Statistics, Journal of Labor Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Nature, Journal of Economic Perspectives, etc. He is an editor for Economics of Transition.

**Abstract:**

We investigate the impacts of trade liberalization on household behaviors and outcomes in urban China, exploiting regional variation in the exposure to tariff cuts resulting from WTO entry. Regions that initially specialized in industries facing larger tariff cuts experienced relative declines in wages. Households responded to this income shock in several ways. First, household members worked more, especially in the non-tradable sector. Second, more young adults co-resided with their parents, and thus household size increased. Third, households saved less. These behaviors significantly buffered the negative wage shock induced by trade liberalization. JEL: F14, F16, J20, R23.

Keywords: Household adjustments, Trade Liberalization, WTO

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