



**政策研究大学院大学**

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**PUBLIC ECONOMICS SEMINAR**

**April 2017 – February 2018**

**Activities Report**

This report is divided into 2 parts.

- Part A reports all 9 public economic seminars during academic year 2017/18
- Part B reports the overall evaluation of the public economic seminar in this year and our look ahead for the next year.

## Part A. Public Economic Seminar Series

### 1. Is Poverty Destiny: Short – and Long – term Impacts of Multidimensional Childhood Poverty in China

- Speaker: Albert Park (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
- Date: May 10, 2017 (Wed)
- Time: 16:40 – 18:10
- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5J
- Total number of attendants: 36 (Students: 26, GRIPS faculty: 8. Guest: 2)



### 2. Heterogeneous Production Functions, Panel Data, and Productivity Dispersion

- Speaker: Jeremy Fox (Rice University)
- Date: June 21, 2017 (Wed)
- Time: 16:40 – 18:10
- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5J
- Total number of attendants: 13 (Students: 7, GRIPS faculty: 4, Guests: 2)



### 3. The Perils of Relying Solely on the March CPS: The Case of Estimating the Effect on Employment of the TennCare Public Insurance Contraction

- Speaker: John Ham (National University of Singapore)
- Date: July 19, 2017 (Wed)
- Time: 16:40 – 18:10
- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5J
- Total number of attendants: 19 (Students: 8, GRIPS faculty: 8, Guests: 3)



### 4. Confidence Intervals for Projections of Partially Identified Parameters

- Speaker: Hiroaki Kaido (Boston University)
- Date: Sept 08, 2017 (Fri)
- Time: 14:00 – 15:30
- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5J
- Total number of attendants: 6 (Students: 2, GRIPS faculty: 1, Guests: 2)



## 5. When Peers Count: Evidence from Randomized Peer Assignments in the Workplace

- Speaker: Sangyoon Park (The University of HongKong)
- Date: November 22, 2017 (Wed)
- Time: 16:40 – 18:10
- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5J
- Total number of attendants: 16 (Students: 10, GRIPS faculty: 5, Guests: 1)



## 6. The impacts of conflicts, economic shocks, and death on depression, economic activities and human capital investment in Nigeria

- Speaker: Tomomi Tanaka (World Bank)
- Date: November 27, 2017 (Mon)
- Time: 16:40 – 18:10
- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5J
- Total number of attendants: 12 (Students: 6, GRIPS faculty: 6)





## 7. The Samurai Bond: Credit Supply and Economic Growth in Pre-War Japan

- Speaker: John P. Tang (Australian National University)
- Date: December 12, 2017 (Tue)
- Time: 12:15 – 13:15
- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5J
- Total number of attendants: 6 (Students: 3, GRIPS faculty: 2, Guests: 1)



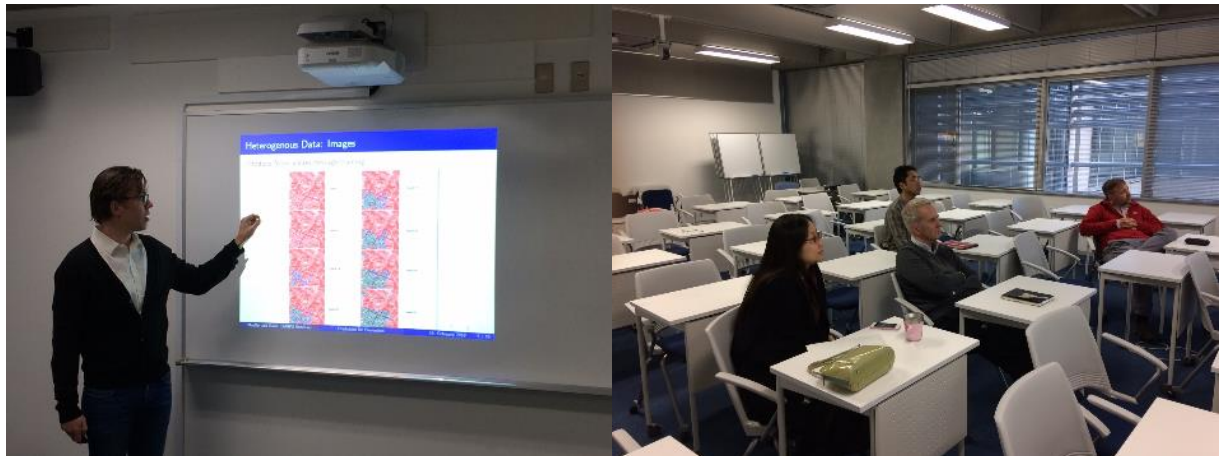
## 8. Long-Term Impacts of Early-life Exposure to Malaria: Evidence from Taiwan's 1950 Eradication Campaign

- Speaker: Claire Hsiu-Han Shih (Tunghai University)
- Date: February 7, 2018 (Wed)
- Time: 16:40 – 18:10
- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5J
- Total number of attendants: 12 (Students: 6, GRIPS faculty: 4, Guests: 2)



## 9. The Hard Problem of Prediction for Conflict Prevention

- Speaker: Hannes Mueller (IAE-CSIC)
- Date: February 14, 2018 (Wed)
- Time: 16:40 – 18:10
- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5J
- Total number of attendants: 7 (Students: 2, GRIPS faculty: 4, Guests: 1)



## **Part C. Overall evaluation of the Public Economics Seminar**

The seminars were successful. We organized nine seminars during April 2017 to February 2018. Participation for the nine seminars were encouraging, the average participation for the nine seminars is approximately 14 persons. Most of the participants were active researchers in the related areas. Majority of the participants were GRIPS students and faculty. In addition, there were participants from other institutions:

- Albert Park (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
- Jeremy Fox (Rice University)
- John Ham (National University of Singapore)
- Hiroaki Kaido (Boston University)
- Chris Helmes (University of Kent)
- Supanika Leucharusmee (Keio University)
- Svetlana Pashchenko (University of Georgia)
- Masao Ogaki (Keio University)
- Toru Kitagawa (University College London)
- Stefan Angrick (Asian Development Bank Institute)
- Sangyoon Park (The University of HongKong)
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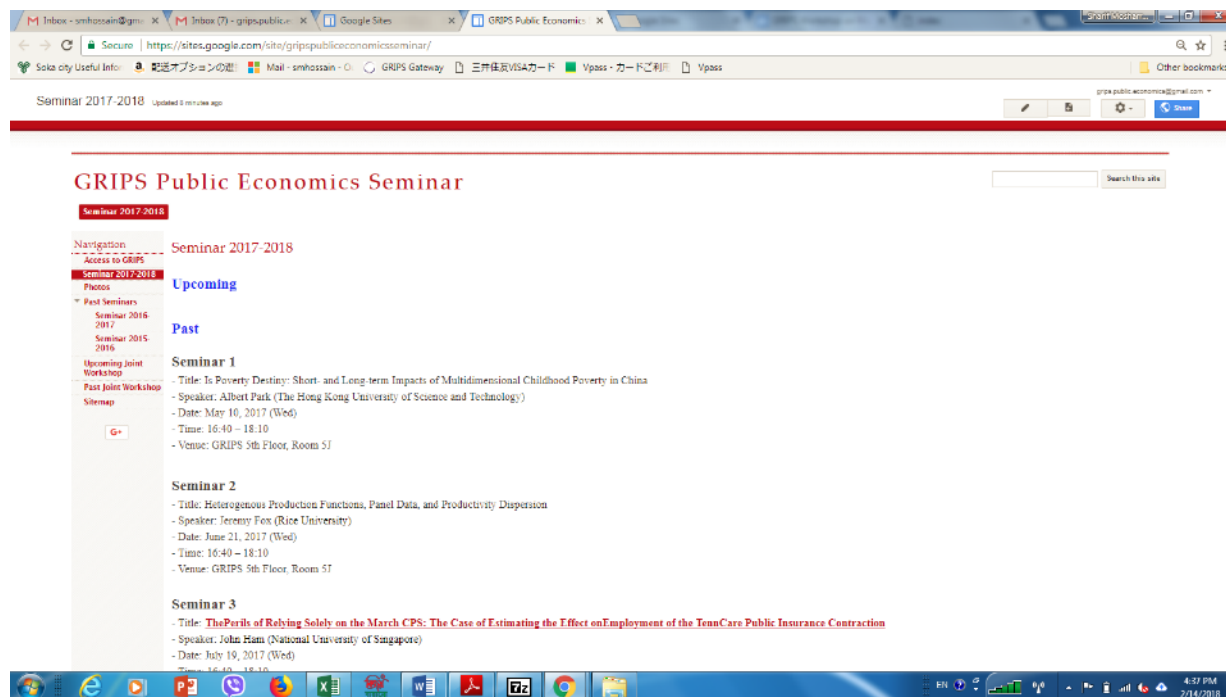
The discussions and exchanges of ideas during the workshop were deep and insightful. Both speakers and participants benefited from the discussion.

The seminars were opened to the general public. Organizers of the seminar disseminated seminar information through the website, <https://sites.google.com/site/gripspubliceconomicsseminar/>, which was publicly accessible. In addition, all joint public economics workshops could be found in this website and past workshops slides and papers are archived in this website.



## Looking ahead for the next academic year

In the future, the organizers will try harder to raise the quality of the public economic seminar series, and also increase the number of participants, particularly the participants from outside GRIPS.



Screen shot from the website for Public Economic Seminar