

# SPRING 2015 SCHEDULE

## EC 2342: China Economy Seminar

TIME: Wednesdays, 1pm-2:30pm (except as noted)  
LOCATION: Littauer M-15, North Yard (unless otherwise noted)  
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### Feb 11:

SPEAKER: Tao Chen (Univ of Waterloo, Dept of Economics; Director of Big Data Research Lab)  
TITLE: "Overeducation? Student Loans? Wage Bargaining and more?"

### Feb 18: replaced by Feb 20, Friday @ 12pm

### Feb 20: Friday @ 12pm

SPEAKER: Matthew Nidel (Columbia Univ, Dept of Health Policy and Mgmt)  
TITLE: "Pollution and Worker Productivity"  
PAPER 1: ["The Impact of Pollution on Worker Productivity"](#)  
PAPER 2: ["Particulate Pollution and the Productivity of Pear Packers"](#)  
JOINT WITH: ec2888r / SBBI  
LOCATION: Baker 102, Harvard Business School

### Feb 25:

SPEAKERS: Wei Huang (Harvard and NBER) and Richard B. Freeman (Harvard and NBER)  
TITLE: "China's Great Leap Forward and the New Special Relationship in Collaborations between Chinese and US Researchers"

### Mar 4:

SPEAKER: Zheng Xu (U Connecticut and Fellow, LWP at Harvard Law School)  
TITLE: "Internal Migration and Local Labor Market Effects of Exports: the Case of China"

### Mar 11:

SPEAKER: Hanming Fang (U Penn, Dept of Economics and NBER) Paper joint with Quanlin Gu (Peking Univ), Wei Xiong (Peking Univ), and Li-An Zhou (Peking Univ)  
TITLE: ["Demystifying the Chinese Housing Boom"](#)

### Mar 18: Spring Break

### Mar 25:

SPEAKER: Gary Jefferson (Brandeis, Dept of Economics & International Business School)  
TITLE: "Will China Escape the Middle Income Trap?"

### April 1: No Seminar

### April 8:

SPEAKER: Daniel Koss (PhD Candidate, Harvard Dept of Govt)  
TITLE: "Local Governance Challenges and the Reach of the Chinese State: An Introduction to Imperial Survey Data from 1732"

### April 15:

SPEAKER: Shuang Zhang (Univ of Colorado and Visiting Fellow, Labor and Worklife Program at the Harvard Law School) and Zhejiang University researchers  
TITLE: "Analysis of Green Buildings and Air Filtration Systems to improve air in China"

### April 22:

SPEAKER: Jeff Zax (Univ of Colorado, Dept of Economics)  
TITLE: "Housing Allocations and Inequality in Urban China"

### April 29:

SPEAKER: Yang You (Harvard University) and Richard B. Freeman (Harvard and NBER)  
TITLE: "The China Gazeteer Project"