



西南财经大学经济与管理研究院

Research Institute of Economics and Management
Southwestern University of Finance and Economics

2012 SWUFE International Workshop on Applied Microeconomics

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Research Institute of Economics and Management at Southwestern University of Finance and Economics is pleased to announce the 2012 SWUFE International Workshop on Applied Microeconomics, to be held on June 8 - June 9, 2012 in Chengdu, China.

Throughout governments around the world, there is growing demand for making evidence-based decisions that take into account both the effectiveness of a potential policy and the economic rationale for choosing this policy over alternative policies. As a result, economists are increasingly applying theoretical, empirical and experimental methods to understand the causal mechanisms underlying a broad range of policies and socioeconomic outcomes. This workshop aims to not only facilitate the interactions of local and international researchers specializing in applied microeconomics but also provide a forum for researchers and policymakers to interact and discuss important policy relevant issues. We seek high quality academic work that enriches, refines, and challenges our understanding of contemporary policy relevant topics.

This year we plan to devote half of the scheduled time to papers that examine issues related to human capital development and the role of the education sector in the economy. Theoretical, empirical and methodological contributions are all welcome. We encourage submissions and attendance by researchers on education, health and public finance in China.

Prospective contributors are invited to submit extended abstracts or full papers to swufe.appmicro.conf@gmail.com. Subject to conference budget, travel cost may be partially covered for conference presenters. The deadline for submission has been extended to February 28, 2012. Decisions of acceptance by the program committee will be announced on March 15, 2012.



The program committee:

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Some useful information for conference travel:

The university is located in Chengdu, China. Over 14 million in population according to the 2010 census and flight time of 2 hours from Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong, this mega city is the gateway to major southwest China tourist attractions and ranked very high among the most liveable cities in China. Among its own top attractions are spicy cuisine (especially hotpot), tea drinking life style and natural beauty abounds in surrounding areas. Finally, the Chengdu Panda Breeding and Research Center which is home to many giant pandas is located close to the conference site and is a very popular destination for visitors.

Frommer's Introduction:

<http://www.frommers.com/destinations/chengdu/3411010001.html>

Lonely Planet's Introduction:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/china/sichuan/chengdu>