

QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

PATHOGEN STRESS, NATURAL DISASTER, AND LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA

WANG JUN, ECONOMICS

Abstract

Can cross-region disparities in economic and social outcomes be traced to local ecological factors? In this research, we aim to improve our understanding of how region-specific geographical endowments shape the long-term development of a society. The thesis contains three related topics that aim to explore the interaction between the environment and human behavior. Specifically, we will focus on how some fundamental factors, including disease prevalence and natural disasters, drive government action and change people's attitude and behavior. Given that cultures and institutions matter for economic outcomes, an understanding of these topics will provide some insights into the historical roots of the contemporary development of a region.

Proceedings

Duration	Session
5 mins	Chair Welcome & Introduction of Panel
30-45mins	Presentation by Student
15 mins	Q&A (by audience – faculty / students)
Break	Audience to leave the TEAMS meeting
30 mins	Q&A by Panel
15 mins	Chairperson to ask candidate to leave the TEAMS meeting Private Panel Discussion and Decision to Pass the Student
15 mins	Candidate invited back by Chairperson to the TEAMS meeting Feedback and Outcome of Qualifying Examination

Friday 24 Apr 2020

1pm

**Venue:
via TEAMS Meeting**

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