

## Conference call for papers

### “Uncertainty and Economic Activity: Measurement, Facts and Fiction”

May 10-11, 2018, Beijing, China

Following the success of the first two conferences ([http://www.pramu.ac.uk/?page\\_id=331](http://www.pramu.ac.uk/?page_id=331)), we will organize a third conference on “Uncertainty and Economic Activity: Measurement, Facts and Fiction” on May 10-11, 2018 in Beijing, China. The purpose of the conference is to bring together researchers working on various aspects of measurement, modelling, evaluation and analysis of macroeconomic uncertainties, with an emphasis on the effects of uncertainty on Chinese economy. The local organizer is the School of Economics at Renmin University of China.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Nick Bloom (Stanford University)

We envisage the conference papers will address, among others, the following topics:

- Various approaches to measuring uncertainty
- Assessing the macroeconomic effects of uncertainty
- Uncertainty and its global spillovers
- Conducting monetary policy in times of uncertainty
- Uncertainty and Chinese economy
- The role of uncertainty in economic forecasting

The scope of the conference is not limited to the topics listed above and submissions from all areas of uncertainty are welcome.

#### PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:

Please send full papers as a PDF to Yong Zhao ([joyong@ruc.edu.cn](mailto:joyong@ruc.edu.cn)). The deadline for paper submissions is **February 28, 2018**. Authors of accepted papers will be informed by March 9, 2018.

#### EXPENSES:

There is no participation fee. For each accepted paper, the conference will cover up to 3 days of accommodation for one author. The same applies to all session chairs. It is expected that the presenters will cover their own travel expenses. We have, however, limited funds available to subsidize expenses of the presenters. If your institution cannot fully cover your travel costs, please enquire while making your submission.

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