

Asia-Pacific Digital Economy Forum 2026 - PolyU Digital Economy Workshop (Hong Kong)
6 July 2026

Keynote/ Plenary Sessions: AG 710
Concurrent Sessions: AG 710/ BC 202/ BC 203
Master of Ceremonies: Dr Paul Wang

Monday, 6 July 2026 - Academic Workshop

Morning Plenary Session

Main venue host: Dr Paul Wang, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Time	Programme	Venue
0900-0930	Registration and morning coffee	AG710
0930-0940	Opening remarks by Professor Nancy Su, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	
0940-0945	<i>Group Photo</i>	
0945-1030	Keynote Speech I: Professor Sushanta Mallick , Queen Mary University of London	
1030-1115	Keynote Speech II: Professor Kai Li , Tsinghua University	
1115-1130	<i>Coffee break outside AG710</i>	
1130-1205	Featured Paper Presentation: Professor Ming Lu , Shanghai Jiao Tong University. <i>Currency Overvaluation and Sovereign Debt: Evidence from the Eurozone</i>	
1205-1220	Session to be confirmed: Journal Talk / Roundtable Discussion (TBC)	
1220-1330	<i>Lunch break at Ju Yin House</i>	

Afternoon: Parallel Paper Sessions

Parallel Sessions I

Session I-A: Sovereign Debt and Macro-Finance

Session Chair: Zhongchen Fan, Xi'an Jiaotong University

Time	Paper	Venue
1330-1355	Fiscal Dominance Cycles and Macroeconomic Dynamics: Evidence from an Emerging Economy <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Ruopu Hu, Kobe University</i>	AG710
1355-1420	Political Fragmentation and Collateralized Sovereign Debt: Evidence from China's Warlord Era <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Dongxu Li, Xiamen University</i>	
1420-1445	Production Structure and External Debt-Service Pressure: Evidence from Developing Economies <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Zhongchen Fan, Xi'an Jiaotong University</i>	

Session I-B: AI, Information and Financial Markets

Session Chair: Jinpeng Liu, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics

Time	Paper	Venue
1330-1355	AI Discrete Signals, Heterogeneous Investors, and Optimal Label Classification <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Jing Zhong, Tsinghua University</i>	BC202
1355-1420	Uncertain Tone in Earnings Conference Calls and Cost of Equity: An AI-enabled Method <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Jinpeng Liu, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics</i>	
1420-1445	The Generative Household: Predicting Liquidity Preferences via LLM <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Hairuo Guo, Chinese Academy of Sciences</i>	

Session I-C: Digital Transformation, Innovation and Firm Outcomes

Session Chair: Kaihao Liu, Nanjing University

Time	Paper	Venue
1330-1350	From an "Outbound Channel" to a "Digital Engine": The Establishment of Cross-Border E-Commerce Pilot Zones, Firm Digital Transformation, and Spillovers Along Supply Chains <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Kaihao Liu, Nanjing University</i>	BC203
1350-1410	Digital R&D Collaboration and Corporate Innovation Diversification <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Zehua Ma, Xi'an Jiaotong University</i>	
1410-1430	The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Corporate Competitive Advantage: Evidence from Resilience Perspective <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Yingying Zhang, Hunan University of Technology and Business</i>	
1430-1450	Can Culture-Technology Integration Policies Promote Innovation and Entrepreneurship among Cultural Enterprises? Evidence from National Culture and Technology Integration Demonstration Bases in China <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Fengfan Wang, Xi'an Jiaotong University</i>	
1450-1505	Coffee Break outside BC202 & 203	

Parallel Sessions II

Session II-A: Fiscal Policy, Inflation and Redistribution

Session Chair: Junjie Guo, Central University of Finance and Economics

Time	Paper	Venue
1505-1530	Signaling Effects of Government Spending: The Financing Schemes Matter <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Junjie Guo, Central University of Finance and Economics</i>	AG710
1530-1555	Why Fiscal Expansions Need Not Raise Inflation: Digital Productivity, Fiscal-Monetary Regimes, and Evidence from China <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Liangliang Chen, Renmin University of China</i>	
1555-1620	Universal High Income as Distributive Empowerment: From Survival Rights to Participatory Allocation in the AI Era <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Qin Zhao, Tsinghua University</i>	

Session II-B: Sovereign Risk, Asset Pricing and Knowledge Capital

Session Chair: Yi Hong, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University

Time	Paper	Venue
1505-1530	National Culture and Sovereign Credit Risk: Evidence from Hofstede Dimensions and CDS Markets <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Hengyu Cang, University of Strathclyde</i>	BC202
1530-1555	Relative Asset Valuation: A Global Perspective <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Yi Hong, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University</i>	
1555-1620	Sovereign Risk and the Structure of Firms' Patent-Based Knowledge Capital: Evidence from Independent and Collaborative Patents <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Lian Chen, Xi'an Jiaotong University</i>	

Session II-C: Behaviour, Consumers and Decentralized Finance

Session Chair: Vincent Y. Zhuang, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Time	Paper	Venue
1505-1530	Robin Hood in a Field Experiment: Moral Framing, Discontent with Big Business, and Consumer Behavior <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Xiangyu Lu, The University of Hong Kong</i>	BC203
1530-1555	Algorithmic Salience and Consumer Evaluation Distortion: Evidence from 50 Million Game Reviews <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Minghan Xue, Xi'an Jiaotong University</i>	
1555-1620	Trust Remediation and Behavioral Lock-in: Regulating the Financial Inclusion Paradox in the Decentralized Era <i>Presenter and Affiliation: Vincent Y. Zhuang, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</i>	

Closing

Time	Programme	Venue
16:20-16:30	Closing remarks by Dr Paul Wang, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	AG710

Asia-Pacific Digital Economy Forum 2026 - PolyU Digital Economy Workshop (Hong Kong)
7 July 2026

Industry–Academia Integration Session: Cross-border Digital Business and Data Asset Practices in the Asia-Pacific Region

Time: 09:00 - 11:00 (registration starts at 8:45am)

Format: Industry sharing reports

Venue: AG 710

Host: Dr Paul Wang, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

This session will focus on practical industry experience in digital economy development, cross-border data services, and data asset operation in Hong Kong and the wider Asia-Pacific region. Invited speakers from digital economy firms and data circulation service platforms will share frontline practices and operational insights on the following themes:

1. Practical strategies for firms using Hong Kong as a gateway to expand digital business in the Asia-Pacific region;
2. Frontline experience, operational challenges, and business models in Hong Kong RDA-related services;
3. Practical pathways for cross-border data assets in the Asia-Pacific region, from rights confirmation to commercialisation and value realisation.