

# **Second Conference on Micro Evidence on Innovation and Development**

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**Center for Applied Statistics, Renmin University, Beijing  
UNU-MERIT, United Nations University and University of Maastricht**

The Center for Applied Statistics (CAS) at the Renmin University of China, in collaboration with the Maastricht Economic and social Research and training centre on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT), is announcing the *Second Conference on Micro Evidence on Innovation and Development (MEIDE)*. The aim of the conference is to bring together researchers from around the world to discuss the importance and the different dimensions of innovation in relation with economic growth and development. Contributions based on micro data from firm or household surveys, case studies and cross country comparative analyses are particularly wanted.

In this second Conference, a particular emphasis will be put on innovation in China and other BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, South Africa) countries. Contributions on other countries, in particular developing countries, are also welcome.

Many countries have conducted micro surveys on innovation for a number of years. It would be interesting to confront what has been learned from these surveys, and from case studies, to guide innovation policy.

Examples of topics that could be covered:

- Innovation, productivity and firm performance
- Innovation, education, health and human capital
- Innovation in universities and public institutions
- Technology adoption and diffusion
- Innovation and employment
- Innovation and the role of foreign firms
- Innovation and the role of financial institutions
- Innovation and international trade
- International comparisons of innovation performance
- Effectiveness of innovation policies

**Invited Speakers**

**Sponsors:**

Center for Applied Statistics, Renmin University of China  
UNU-MERIT, joint research institute, United Nations University and Maastricht University  
China Financial Policy Research Center, Renmin University of China  
School of Statistics, Renmin University of China  
School of Statistics, Capital University of Economics and Business

**Organisers:**

Yanyun Zhao (Renmin University of China)  
Zhen Feng (Renmin University of China)  
Jacques Mairesse (UNU-MERIT)  
Pierre Mohnen (UNU-MERIT)

**Submission:** Researchers are invited to submit a full paper or an extended abstract (3 pages) by January 31, 2008. Please submit by clicking on “submit your paper” on the website <http://www.merit.unu.edu/MEIDE/>. Upon acceptance of your paper, a formal invitation form will be sent to you for application of visas to the People’s Republic of China. Accommodation in a new hotel on the Renmin University campus, lunches, a conference dinner and an excursion will be covered for one presenter per paper.

**Important dates**

Submission deadline: January 31, 2008

Notification of acceptance: February 15, 2008

Paper submission: April 14, 2008

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