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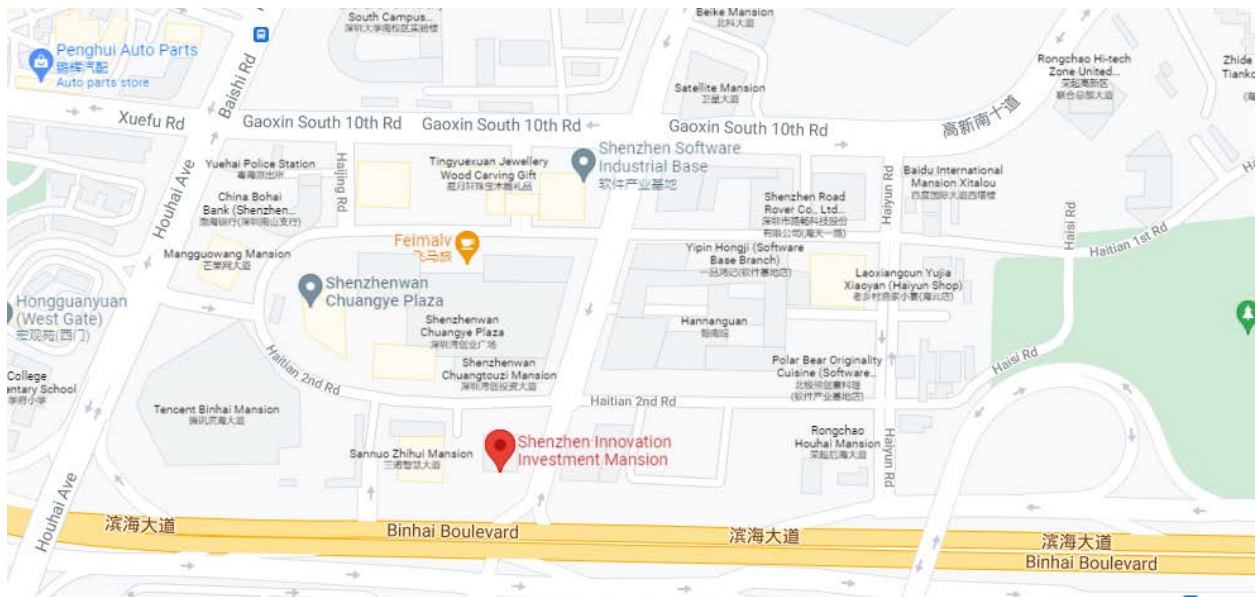
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题目/Title

Citizen Participation and Government Accountability: National-Scale Experimental Evidence from Pollution Appeals in China

作者/Authors

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内容简介/Abstract

Countries around the world have launched public disclosure programs to stimulate citizen participation in environmental governance, yet little is known about when such participation affects regulation and pollution. We conducted a national-scale field experiment that randomly varied how citizen appeals about violations of pollution standards were sent to regulators or the violating firms. We find that, appealing a firm's violations to the regulator publicly through social media increased both regulatory oversight and firm compliance, which reduced subsequent violations by 40% and air and water pollution emissions by 13% and 4%, respectively. In contrast, appealing to the regulator through private channels only caused a marginal improvement in environmental outcomes. Additionally, we randomly varied the proportion of firms subject to appeals at the prefecture-level and find that there is a positive general equilibrium impact as the control firms in high-intensity prefectures reduced violations more than control firms in low-intensity prefectures. Analysis of ambient pollution data and back-of-the-envelope calculations both suggest that encouraging public participation in environmental governance would lead to significant improvements in China's aggregate environmental quality.

主讲人介绍/Biography of the speaker



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其课题得到国际国内多项基金的资助，研究成果受到社会的关注并推动了相关领域政策的出台与制定。何国俊曾荣获多项学术奖励，包括两次获得“邹至庄最佳经济学论文奖”、并入选 2018 年世界经济论坛青年科学家。

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He's research tries to address some of the most challenging problems faced by developing countries and seeks to produce empirically-grounded estimates for optimal policy design. The majority of his work focuses on understanding the benefits and costs of environmental policies.

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题目/Title

Burn Coal or Go Electric? A Randomized Field Experiment

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内容简介/Abstract

Coal heating in residential houses is an important source of indoor and outdoor air pollution, with damaging health consequences. We conduct a randomized field experiment to investigate the potential obstacles to electric heating involving three types of SMS campaigns. This experiment allows us to examine the impact of information on electricity costs, health damages of coal heating, and social information on the heating choices of neighbours on electric heating decisions of households in rural villages in northern China. We find that when households are given accurate feedback on electricity expenses, the usage of electric heating decreases substantially; the effect is most profound for households that are concerned about energy costs due to the salience bias. Health SMS and social comparison type SMS are only effective for households that are concerned about the health damage from coal heating or the decision of others. Our results suggest that information nudges are effective when receivers are already interested in the matter.

主讲人介绍/Biography of the speaker



李景景：深圳大学微众银行金融科技学院、深圳大学深圳南特商学院副教授。研究兴趣为实验经济学、行为经济学和行为金融。李教授于香港科技大学获得经济学博士学位，在加入深圳大学前为香港城市大学助理教授、上海财经大学助理教授和德国马克斯普朗克经济研究所(Max Planck Institute of Economics)博士后。李教授是行为与实验经济学领域学术期刊 *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 的 Associate Editor 和期刊 *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental*

Economics 的编委。李教授的研究试图从动机、语言、偏见等角度来理解人们如何做出决定及其对市场的影响。例如，在 Li (2017, *Journal of Economic Psychology*), 他发现使用中文和英文作为实验规则语言会影响被试的信任和值得被信任的程度。在 Li (2013, *Experimental Economics*), 他发现人们有记忆偏见的倾向，例如人们会选择忘记不愉快的经历。李教授在深圳大学的研究小组致力于为理解人类决策及其在商业中的应用和解决社会问题做出贡献。

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题目/Title

The role model effect among government agencies: experimental evidence on environmental information disclosure

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Fangwen Lu

内容简介/Abstract

Government information disclosure is an important part of public management, but the actual implementation is very diverse in China. We conducted a randomized field experiment among 303 prefecture-level cities and test whether the role model effect can promote environmental information disclosure among government agencies. The cities are randomly divided into three groups: the control group receiving the request only; the peer role model group additionally being informed that seven other cities have posted relevant information online; the upward role model group being told that the applicant has successfully requested similar information from their province government. Results show that only when there is considerable ambiguity on whether the information is proper to release, the upward role model increases the likelihood of release. Such an effect is stronger in cities with longer distance from the province capitals.

主讲人介绍/Biography of the speaker



陆方文，毕业于美国加州伯克利大学经济学博士，现任中国人民大学经济学院教授，荣获教育部青年长江学者和国家自然科学基金优秀青年项目。她擅长运用随机实验方法探讨行为经济学和发展经济学领域的热点难点问题，其研究成果发表在经济学、管理学和医学的顶尖学术期刊，其中包括 *British Medical Journal*, *Management Science*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Journal of Environment Economics and Management*, 《经济研究》等，并出版专著《随机实地实验：理论、方法和在中国的运用》。其成果曾被 *Science* 转摘，并荣获第五届“教育部全国教育科学研究优秀成果奖”，以及第十四届和第十六届“北京市哲学社会科学优秀成果奖”。

Fangwen Lu is a professor at Renmin University of China, who obtained a PhD degree from UC Berkeley in 2011. She excels in using random field experiment to explore challenges in development/labor economics. Lu has published in leading international journals, such as *British Medical Journal*, *Management Science*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management* etc.

题目/Title

基金经理激励机制与股票错误定价：一项实验研究

作者/Authors

高媚，杨晓兰

内容简介/Abstract

委托代理背景下的激励机制设计是管理科学研究的重要主题，然而现有研究较少关注如何对从事风险决策的代理人进行激励。本文设计了一个委托代理框架下的股票交易实验，通过引入投资者和基金经理两类角色尽可能还原现实基金经理决策环境，研究基金经理激励机制与股票市场错误定价的因果关系。结果发现，在基金经理分别受到线性激励（按比例提成）、凸性激励（奖励好的）和凹性激励（惩罚差的）的三种情况下，市场都出现了股票错误定价现象。与线性激励相比，凸性激励和凹性激励导致了显著更高的错误定价。基金经理的风险偏好和过度自信均是激励机制对错误定价产生影响的作用机制，风险偏好在凹性激励下对股市错误定价的影响更大，过度自信在凸性激励下对错误定价的影响更大。此外，实验发现激励机制是通过影响基金经理风险选择行为而非羊群行为，进而影响股票错误定价。本文探索了微观层面基金经理激励机制设计和宏观层面市场错误定价之间的关系，对基金公司进行制度设计，以及监管部门加强对机构投资者投资组合风险的审慎监管、维持金融市场稳定具有一定现实意义。

主讲人介绍/Biography of the speaker



杨晓兰，上海外国语大学国际工商管理学院教授，副院长。2020年入选中宣部全国文化名家暨“四个一批”宣传思想文化青年英才、2021年入选上海市领军人才。2005-2017任职浙江大学经济学院，任副教授、博导，金融系副系主任。曾在德国克劳斯塔尔工业大学、美国乔治梅森大学和新加坡国立大学从事合作研究。主要研究领域为行为金融学、实验经济学，金融科技。近年来，承担了国家社科基金、国家自科基金等多项科研项目；发表多篇学术论文，包括 *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Economic Inquiry*, 《管理世界》、《金融研究》、《世界经济》等；出版了《行为金融学》、《行为经济学》、《实验经济学》等教材与专著。兼任浙江大学金融研究院研究员。

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题目/Title

Eliciting willingness-to-pay to decompose beliefs and preferences in selection into competition

作者/Authors

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内容简介/Abstract

We develop a novel econometric methodology to identify the determinants of self-selection into alternative compensation schemes in a laboratory setting. We consider a class of economic models with risk-neutral individuals selecting the compensation schemes that maximize their expected utilities. Given the model and any additional restrictions, we characterize the sharp identified-sets for individual-specific willingness-to-pay, subjective beliefs, and preferences. We establish that an extension of the Niederle and Vesterlund [2007] design that judiciously expands the set of compensation schemes and incorporates Multiple Price Lists to elicit willingness-to-pay for these schemes results in informative bounds when the sharp bounds would otherwise be uninformative under their design. We propose computationally-straightforward methods to construct bounds on individual-specific beliefs and preferences, and develop necessary and sufficient conditions on experimental design under which the bounds are informative. We compare the resulting identified sets across groups using results from the econometrics literature on inference for partially identified models. We apply our methods to examine gender differences in preference for competitive compensation schemes, differentiating between alternative explanations that are observationally equivalent using the Niederle and Vesterlund design. Our main finding is that what has commonly been incorrectly attributed to a gender difference in preference for performing in a competition is instead explained by men having relatively greater over-confidence in their future performance relative to their past performance under a competitive compensation scheme. Overall, our empirical results suggest that men and women do not systematically differ in their taste for competition, but instead differ in their performance-related beliefs.

主讲人介绍/Biography of the speaker



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题目/Title

Ethnic Composition and Competitive Inclination: An Experiment in China

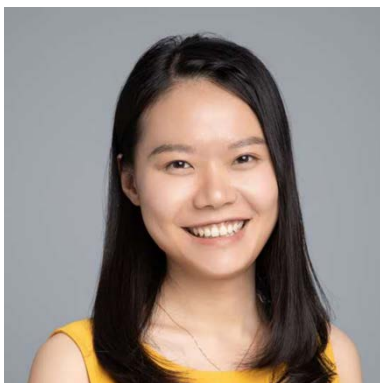
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内容简介/Abstract

Ethnic disparities have been an important issue in many societies. We experimentally investigate whether subjects from different ethnic groups differ in their competitive inclination contributing to the disparities. In a lab-in-the-field experiment, we compare the competitive inclination of Han (ethnic majority) and Yi (ethnic minority) under groups with different ethnic compositions in China. We find no ethnic difference in competitive inclination in homogenous treatments where group members are coethnic. On the contrary, Yi people are less likely to enter tournament than Han in mixed treatments where both ethnicities are present in a group. We explore the explanatory power of a large set of channels that can potentially explain the entry gap. We find differences in aspiration and gender account for the largest shares of the gap. In particular, subjects with a higher level of aspiration such as better dreamed universities are more likely to compete, and this is more common with Han subjects than their Yi counterpart in mixed treatments. We also find that Han males have higher competitive inclination than Yi males in mixed treatments, while there is no difference for females and in homogenous treatments. Other channels through which significantly affect the ethnic entry gap include difference in overconfidence, familiarity bias to compete with own race, and risk aversion.

主讲人介绍/Biography of the speaker



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题目/Title

Fly to Trade: Effects of International Direct Flights on Chinese Cities' Trade

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内容简介/Abstract

This paper estimates the causal effect of international direct flights on cities' international trade, using Chinese customs transaction-level trade data and flight route data from 2000 to 2015 and a staggered differences-in-differences approach. On average a Chinese city's exports to a destination country (imports from a source country) increases by 12.8% (10.4%) after a direct flight route is launched between the city and the country. This positive effect is stronger for the industries with high face-to-face communication intensity and high contract intensity, suggesting that international direct flights reduce cost of international trips and promote face-to-face interactions among international business people.

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题目/Title

Misreporting Private Information in a Pandemic: A Lab-Field Investigation

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内容简介/Abstract

Citizens' truthful reporting of some private information, e.g., contact history and symptoms, is the key to effective contact tracing, which in turn is crucial for stopping the spread of a pandemic. Many misreporting behaviors have been observed in the COVID-19 pandemic. But little is known about individual characteristics that are associated with these behaviors, neither about how to promote truthful reporting in a pandemic. Our pre-registered lab-field study investigates the association between a comprehensive set of economic preferences and various misreporting behaviors in the pandemic. We also test the effectiveness of several methods in promoting truthful reporting. Our results indicate a strong link between social preferences and misreporting behaviors in the pandemic, especially between lying preferences and these behaviors. Risk attitudes in several domains are also found closely related to them. Moreover, we find that the associated social cost is a key factor that enters misreporting decision making. Our results have rich implications for pandemic-fighting policies, e.g., which traits of the population to take into account when forecasting the spread of a pandemic, and how to implement effective interventions to promote truthful reporting.

主讲人介绍/Biography of the speaker



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题目/Title

The Unbearable Lightness of Being: The Impacts of The COVID-19 Pandemic on Suicide Mortality in China

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内容简介/Abstract

By combining the suicide mortality data of 605 Death Surveillance Points (DSP) counties/districts of the China Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CCDC) and official data for the dates of pandemic outbreak and lockdown implementation at the prefectural level, we construct a DSP-week level panel data for years 2019 and 2020 and analyzes the impact of pandemic on the suicide mortality among Chinese people.

Our estimation results show that, the COVID-19 pandemic brought about substantial impact on mental disorder and induced more suicide mortality in Hubei, which increases the weekly suicide rates by 61.74% in Hubei during the pandemic period. No such effect has been revealed outside Hubei. The pandemic effects on suicide deaths can persist even after it has been successfully constrained by the lockdown policy where the marginal effect reduced to 14.59%. The effects were heterogeneous among different demographic groups: The larger impacts have been found among females (esp. married females), youth and aged population, higher educated people, and those reside in urban areas.

By using the detailed description for suicide notes (up to 54,200 cases for both years 2019 and 2020 provided by the CDC), we analyze the driving force for the pandemic impact on suicide. The estimation results suggest that the rising in suicide rates might come from emotional shocks, family conflicts, and feeling loneliness, and also the threat of being infected by coronavirus. There is no evidence to show that the suicide increase due to the delayed medical treatment and job or income losses. By using the Employee Tracking Survey in 2020 of China, we also find that the mental health status for females (esp. married females) and the elderly have been worsen over 2020. Our study suggests that massive government subsidies and benefits might have contributed to the prevention of suicides at the beginning of the epidemic, especially for the vulnerable people.

主讲人介绍/Biography of the speaker



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题目/Title

Microcredit and Informal Risk Sharing: Experimental Evidence from the Village Banking Program in China

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内容简介/Abstract

This study examines the impacts of a large-scale government-led microcredit program on informal risk sharing among poor households in rural China using a randomized controlled trial. The results show that informal borrowing decreased substantially for program members, regardless of whether or not they had borrowed from the program. The effect existed even during the announcement period of the program for program members who did not obtain program loans. These results are consistent with theoretical predictions that access to microcredit raises the expected utility of autarky relative to the utility derived from risk-pooling arrangements, and thus reduces the implementable risk-sharing contracts.

主讲人介绍/Biography of the speaker



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題目/Title

Ambiguity Aversion and Familiarity Bias in Source Preference: *Theory and Evidence from Behavioral, Imaging, and Genetics Studies*[†]

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內容簡介/Abstract

Source preference, in which equally distributed risks may be valued differently, is proposed in Fox and Tversky (1995), axiomatized in Chew and Sagi (2008), and tested in Abdellaoui et al (2011). Using subjects recruited in Berkeley, Fox and Tversky further demonstrate a familiarity bias in source preference – betting on a less than even-chance event based on San Francisco temperature is preferred to betting on a better than even-chance event based on Istanbul temperature. Using a novel trailing-digit design, we identify familiarity bias in stock valuation, portfolio choice, and bets on market indices that are free from confounds especially ambiguity aversion. We further find a positive relation between home bias in the portfolios of real-life investors in Hong Kong and United States and familiarity bias, but not ambiguity aversion.

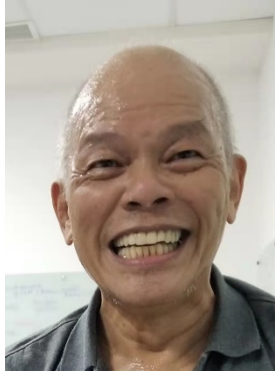
Neophobia is associated with the amygdala which is GABA-rich and is known to be modulated by benzodiazepines as anxiolytic agents that enhance the activity of the $GABA_A$ receptor in processing anxiety and fear. This leads to our hypothesis that familiarity bias in decision making may be explained by polymorphic variations in this receptor mediated by anxiety regulation in the amygdala. In two companion studies involving Beijing-based subjects, we examine 10 single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) of *GABRB2* (encoding $GABA_A$ receptor, beta 2 subunit) and find 7 SNPs each showing negative association between familiarity bias – preference for betting on parity of Beijing temperature over Tokyo temperature – and having at least one minor allele (*less than 50% prevalence*). In an imaging genetics study of a subsample of subjects based on the SNP with the most balanced allelic distribution, we find that subjects' familiarity bias in terms of risk aversion towards bets on the parity of the temperature of twenty Chinese cities is negatively associated with their post-scanning familiarity ratings of the cities only for those with at least one minor allele in this SNP. Moreover, familiarity bias is positively associated with activation in the right amygdala along with the brain's attention networks. Our finding supports our gene-brain-behavior hypothesis of GABAergic modulation of amygdala activation in response to familiarity bias in source preference.

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题目/Title

Childbearing Age and Gender Discrimination on Labor Market: A Large-scale Field Experiment

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内容简介/Abstract

We conduct a large-scale field experiment in China to investigate the effect of childbearing age on gender discrimination on the labor market. We send fictitious resumes to real job postings on a major Chinese online recruitment platform for jobs in four major cities Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Guangzhou that differ in length of paid maternity leave, and in male-dominated jobs: information technology (IT), and female-dominated jobs: human resource (HR), and accounting and finance (AF). We systematically vary age and gender of the job applicants, and record call-back for interviews. We find that there is gender discrimination in IT where females are less likely to receive call-back, whereas in HR and AF, males are being discriminated and less likely to receive call-back. Childbearing age females are being discriminated in all three industries. Cities (Guangzhou and Shenzhen) with longer maternity leave have stronger childbearing age discrimination for females in male dominated industry (IT), and such longer maternity leave effect is not observed with HR and AF.

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题目/Title

Labor Market Discrimination against Family Responsibilities: A Correspondence Study with Policy Change in China

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内容简介/Abstract

China shifted its controversial one-child policy (1979–2015) to a two-child policy in 2016. We take advantage of this unexpected policy change and the heterogeneities in the pre-change environment to investigate labor market discrimination against expected family responsibilities. In a two-wave correspondence study before and after the policy change, we sent 8,848 fictitious resumes aged 22 to 29 in response to online job advertisements. Their gender and only-child/siblings status were systematically varied. We find that women, but not men, are subject to labor market discrimination for expected family responsibilities. This discrimination worsens with the increase in women's reproductive age.

主讲人介绍/Biography of the speaker



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题目/Title

The Long-Run Educational Impacts of Gifted Classrooms

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内容简介/Abstract

School tracking, the practice of dividing students into different classrooms based on their prior academic achievement, is common in many countries such as the United States, Canada and China. Despite its prevalence, evidence on whether it improves students' educational success is mixed, and most previous studies examine its impacts on short-term academic performance. This paper provides some of the first causal evidence on how placing high school students into high-achieving or "gifted" classrooms affects their contemporaneous and longer-term academic performance as well as college choice. We focus on the Chinese educational system, where at the beginning of their first year of high school, students are placed in gifted classrooms if they score above a certain cutoff on prior common exams. Compared to regular classrooms, gifted classrooms provide students with exposure to higher-achieving peers and higher-quality teachers, a different teaching style and smaller class sizes.

We collected rich and unique administrative data on all students enrolled in a large and selective Chinese high school from the years 2015 to 2017. Our data provide us with detailed information on students' test scores throughout high school, performance on the university entrance exam and the type of universities they enroll in. To identify the causal effect of gifted classrooms, we use a regression discontinuity design which compares students who score marginally above the cutoff on the classroom placement exam and are thus assigned to gifted classrooms, to those who score marginally below the cutoff and are assigned to regular classrooms.

We find that assignment to a gifted classroom raises students' mathematics performance in their first year of high school by 23 percent of a standard deviation. These effects are long-lasting as we document significant and comparable increases in math performance until the last year of high school. Effects on performance in Chinese and English language subjects are more muted. At the end of their last year of high school, all students in China have to take a university entrance exam which determines the university they can enroll in. We find that gifted classroom assignment increases students' scores on this high-stakes exam by 28 percent of a standard deviation. We further show that gifted classrooms raise the likelihood that students enroll in highly selective universities by 17 percentage points. Taken together, our findings indicate that high school gifted classrooms substantially improve academic success both in the short- and long-term.

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题目/Title

随机干预实验在教育政策研究中的应用与经验

Application and Experience of Randomized Controlled Trials in Educational Policy Research

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内容简介/Abstract

中国由发展中国家迈向发达国家需要高质量的人力资本储备,但今天的中国农村人力资本储备远不能满足未来社会发展的需要,运用随机干预实验在中国农村教育领域探索兼具成本效益的教育公共政策显得尤为重要。虽然国际上已有大量研究验证了随机干预实验在促进教育产出、改善贫困群体收入方面的积极作用,但中国运用随机干预实验在教育政策研究领域的探索却鲜为人知。基于此,本报告梳理了团队自 2007 年至 2021 年间,围绕“教师与教育”、“信息技术与教育”、“营养健康与教育”和“儿童早期发展”等领域开展的随机干预实验研究,探索了低成本且可行的解决农村教育及相关问题的有效途径,为农村教育实践者提供可操作的办法,为农村教育决策者提供基于数据的实证支撑,也为国家教育制度设计者提供经过随机干预实验验证的有效策略。

China's transition from a developing country to a developed country requires high-quality human capital reserves, but human capital reserves of rural areas in China are far from meeting the requirements of future social development. It is necessarily important to explore cost-effective educational public policies in China's rural education field by using Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs). Although a large number of international studies have revealed the positive roles of RCTs in promoting educational output and improving the incomes of poor groups, similar research efforts in the field of educational policy in China remain unknown to many. This report reviews the RCTs conducted by CEEE from 2007 to 2021 in the fields of "Rural Education and Teaching Method", "Computer Technology in Education", "Nutrition, Health and Education among Rural Students" and "Early Childhood Development", exploring low-cost and feasible effective approaches to solve education and related problems in rural areas, providing practical methods for rural education practitioners, empirical support based on data for rural education policy makers, and effective strategies verified by RCTs for national education system designers.

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题目/Title

Rare Character in Names, does it matter?

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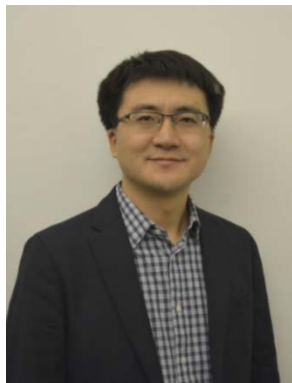
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内容简介/Abstract

生僻字名字在中国是常见现象，近年比例还在增长。与英语文化中罕见姓名的负效应不同，我们发现中文名罕见字对教育程度有显著的正效应，即使控制父母的社会经济条件变量。这个结果在多个数据源都一致。为探索这个效应背后的机制，我们设计了实验并确认了两个机制：对教育更加努力的家长倾向于用生僻字取名；教师对生僻字名有正向的偏误。

Rare character in Names is a widely observed and growing phenomenon in China. Unlike the negative effect in English culture, we found strong and positive effect of rare Chinese characters in education achievements when controlling parental SES variables. The results are consistent across multiple data sources. We conduct experiments to explore the mechanisms under this association. We identify these two mechanisms: parents with more efforts tend to choose rare character to name their children; teachers may hold a positive bias toward names with rare character.

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Can adjusted reputation score improve market efficiency? —Theory and Experiment

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内容简介/Abstract

Reputation system is an important mechanism to solve adverse selection and moral hazard problems. However, in reality reviewers are heterogeneous and the scores they give might be misleading for people with different standards, especially when sample sizes are small or when reviewers are self-selected. In this study we first design two adjusted average reputation scores based on first-order information and second-order information and build economic models to show their effects on market efficiency. Then we test their effects over simple average reputation scores and a baseline treatment without reputation system in a lemon market experiment.

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