

February 2020

Greetings from the [American Committee on Asian Economic Studies](#) and its publication, the [Journal of Asian Economics](#).

This newsletter reports on:

- a revamp of the ACAES governing structure;
- the 30th anniversary of the *Journal of Asian Economics*;
- calls for papers;
- special issues in process;
- conference involvement.

**ACAES Revamp.** ACAES undertook a revision of its bylaws in 2019 and accordingly put in place a new governance structure comprising a Directorate, an Advisory Council, and an Executive Board. The [Directorate](#) is made up of our current officers and immediate past president. The [Advisory Council](#) is newly constituted, and we are pleased to have brought on board a highly esteemed group of scholars.

The [Executive Board](#) carries over in sync with the Journal Editorial Board.



### 30th Anniversary of the Journal.

The *Journal of Asian Economics* marks its 30th anniversary in 2020. An [editorial](#) in our February issue commemorates this milestone.

We kicked off a celebratory year with a reception at the Allied Social Science Association meetings in San Diego. An honored guest at the reception was Frank Hsiao who is retiring from service on the

Journal's Editorial Board dating back to its founding, the last 13 years as an Associate Editor handling manuscripts. Well timed for the Journal's 30 anniversary, Frank and wife Mei-Chu Hsiao (below with Calla Wiemer) have published a volume of their collected papers, four of which originally appeared in JAE. The book is [reviewed](#) in our February issue. Still to come, the editors will unveil their picks of 30 favorite articles from 30 years to be featured by Elsevier for free download during the second quarter of 2020.



**ASSA 2021 Call for Paper Proposals.** The topic of our session at the 2021 Allied Social Science Association Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago, January 3-5, is "Economics of Innovation in Asia". The session is being organized by Kuen Lee of Seoul National University. The proposal deadline is April 30. More broadly, papers for a special issue will be accepted until November 30. See details [here](#).

**JAE Calls for Papers.** See listing [here](#):

- "Bubbles in Asian Economics", guest editor Tomoo Kikuchi (Korea University), deadline June 30;
- "Uncertainty and Risk Management for Asian Economies", guest editors Jack Hou (California State University, Long Beach), Pui Sun Tam (University of Macau), and Tsun-Feng (Ted) Chiang (Henan University), deadline July 31.

**Special Issues in Process.** See listing [here](#).

- "Application of Behavioral Economics to Asia", guest edited by Jie Zheng (Tsinghua University);
- "Financial Development in Asian Countries", guest edited by Paulo Regis (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University);
- "Issues of Climate Change and Environment in Asian Economies", guest edited by Jr-Tsung Huang (National Chengchi University);
- forthcoming, "Economic Inequality in Asia", guest edited by James Vere (Hong Kong Financial Secretary's Office).

**Conference involvement.** The year got off to a strong start with our session on "Economic Inequality in Asia" at the ASSA meetings in San Diego. Later in January, we participated in the Manila Forum on Competition in Developing Countries organized by the Philippine Competition Commission. Established only in 2016, the PCC under Chairman Arsenio Balisacan (right) has quickly become a leader in Asia in the field of competition policy, and we look forward to working with them on a special issue in time.



Our further conference plans for 2020 have come under the pall of COVID-19. Updates will be posted on our website [here](#).

With best wishes for good health,

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