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Urbanisation and migration externalities in China

edited by Jacqueline nivard

Combes P.-P., Démurger S., Li S., Urbanisation and Migration Externalities in China. Preprint Février 2013, 37 p. Abstract We evaluate the role that cities play on individual productivity in China. First, we show that location explains a large share of nominal wage disparities. Second, even after controlling for individual and -firms characteristics and instrumenting city characteristics, the estimated elasticity of wage with respect to employment density is about three times larger than in Western countries.

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High density and living comfort // China - Austria 2013

edited by Monique Abud

The extent of building activities in China is fascinating. The demand for living space in the big cities has led to an unprecedented high-rise building boom. This building boom and the further densification of cities involves new and complex challenges not only for urban planning departments, mobility and for the infrastructural supply chain management, but also for architecture.

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China at the crossroads: are the reformers winning the argument?

edited by Jacqueline Nivard

China has reached a crossroads. After years of political stability and enviable economic growth, the regime has been facing a stark choice about how the country should move forward. But two crucial recent political events have turned Chinese politics on its head, and are forcing it to decide whether to regress or reform. Over the last year villagers in Wukan, in Guangdong province, rose up and ousted

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their corrupt local leaders after months of protest.

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Happy snake year!

written by François Gipouloux

Picture taken by Miguel Elosua 2013 will be a very critical year regarding China's urbanisation. The election of the 12th National People's Congress with a new generation of leaders, may give new directions to domestic policies. At UrbaChina, we hope that some of our analyses will help, at our small scale, China's stakeholders to find solutions to challenges caused by urbanisation. In 2013, the 2nd international Urbachina conference will be held in Kunming on June 3-5.

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POREEN programme kick off meeting

edited by Sebastien Goulard

On January 28th 2013 the Kick off meeting officially launched the EU funded project, POREEN (Partnering Opportunities between Europe and China in the Renewable Energies and Environmental iNdustry), a Marie Curie project focused on Europe-China cooperation in the green sector. The POREEN project is funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme.

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A brief introduction to “Land ticket transactions” in China

written by Ai Chi-Han

In China, urban development is not on an equal footing in urban and rural areas. This is because there is a heavy demand for land in urban areas, whereas there is insufficient use of land in rural areas. As a result, large tracts of land near cities are requisitioned to satisfy the high demand, while substantial areas of rural land remain abandoned. Let us take, for example, the Jiangjin district in Sichuan province.

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Too much pollution for global aspirations

written by Sebastien Goulard

Air pollution in Beijing has been the subject of wide discussion recently because of the unprecedented low quality of the air. The authorities have asked the population to keep their outdoor activities to a minimum, but more consistent policies need to be implemented. This is not the first time Chinese cities have been blamed for their poor air quality, but this issue has become recurrent and poses a threat to the global ambitions of Chinese cities.

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