

*Seminar*

**“Social Norms and Female Labor Force Participation in Urban China”**

(in English)



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**Abstract:**

This study investigates the impact of social norms on the labor supply decision of married women in urban China. Our estimation results indicate that men raised by non-working mothers are more likely to support traditional gender roles, are more averse to having working wives, and tend to be less productive or less willing to engage in housework than other men. Consequently, the labor force participation rate of married women with non-working mothers-in-law is 5 to 18 percentage points lower than that of married women with working mothers-in-law.

**Date: 29 September 2016 (Thursday)**

**Time: 11:00am - 12:30pm**

**Venue: WYL314, Dorothy Y. L. Wong Building**

**Biography:**

Suqin Ge is an Associate Professor of Economics at Virginia Tech. She obtained her Master in Economics from Fudan University and her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Minnesota. Suqin's research focuses primarily on labor economics and Chinese economy. Her work has covered a wide range of topics including education, labor supply, wage structure, discrimination, migration and early child development. She has published in economics journals such as Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, and Journal of Applied Econometrics. She was awarded the U.S. Department of Labor Scholar in 2015.

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