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Programme

Thursday, 3 July

14.30-15.00	Welcome Speech
15.00–16.00	Keynote Address: Institutional Change and Economic Growth Philippe Aghion (University College London, Harvard University and CEPR)
	Panel Session: Honesty and Trust: Theory and Experience in the Light of the Post-Socialist Transformation
Chair:	TBC
16.00–16.50	Honesty and Trust in the Light of Postsocialist Transition: An Overview of the Collegium Budapest Project János Kornai (Collegium Budapest and Harvard University)
16.50–17.10	Why And Who Do Firms Trust? Evidence from 26 Transition Economies Martin Raiser (EBRD)
17.10–17.30	How Trust Is Established in Economic Relationships When Institutions and Individuals Are Not Trustworthy (The Case of Russia) Vadim Radaev (State University – Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
17.30-18.00	General discussion

<u>Friday, 4 July</u>

	Parallel Session 1
Session 1.A	
11.00–11.45	The Value of Corporate Control: Evidence from Chinese ST Firms * Chong-En Bai (University of Hong Kong) Qiu Liu (University of Hong Kong) Frank Song (University of Hong Kong)
Discussant:	Zsuzsanna Fluck (Michigan State University)
11.45–12.30	Privatize in the Margin: Lessons from China's State Enterprise Reform * David Li (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and CEPR) Changqi Wu (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Peking University)
Discussant:	Jan Svejnar (The William Davidson Institute, University of Michigan, CERGE-EI Prague and CEPR)
Session 1.B	
11.00–11.45	Can Government Paternalism Prevent Credit Market Failure? * Akhmed Akhmedov (Centre for Economic & Financial Research, Moscow) Eugene Orlov (Northwestern University)
Discussant:	Akos Valentinyi (University of Southampton and CEPR)
11.45–12.30	Culture Rules: The Foundations of the Rule of Law and Other Norms of Governance Chanan Goldschmid (Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya) *Amir Licht (Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya)
Discussant:	Shalom H Schwartz (Hebrew University, Jerusalem) Scott Gehlbach (Centre for Economic & Financial Research, Moscow)
	Parallel Sessions 2
Session 2.A	
14.00–14.45	Policy Regime Change and Corporate Credit in Bulgaria: Asymmetric Supply and Demand Responses *Rumen Dobrinsky (UN Economic Commission for Europe) Nikolay Markov (Centre for Economic and Strategic Research, Bulgaria)
Discussant:	Fabrizio Coricelli (Università di Siena and CEPR)
14.45–15.30	Financial Regulations, Investment Risks and Determinants of the Chinese IPO Underpricing Lihui Tian (London Business School and Peking University)
Discussant:	Koen Schoors (University of Gent and Said Business School, University of Oxford)

Session 2.B	
14.00–14.45	Wage Growth and Inequality Change During Rapid Economic Transition *Ira Gang (Rutgers University) Myeong-Su Yun (Tulane University)
Discussant:	Elizabeth Brainerd (Williams College and CEPR)
14.45–15.30	Responses of Private and Public Schools to Voucher Funding: The Czech Experience
Discussant:	Daniel Műnich (CERGE-EI, Prague and CEPR) Margaret Maurer-Fazio (Bates College)
	Parallel Sessions 3
Session 3.A	
16.00–16.45	Running «Dinosaurs»: A Political Economy Model of Soft Budget Constraints Jiahua Che (University of Illinois)
Discussant: Géra Bruxelles and CEP	ard Roland (University of California Berkeley, ECARES, Université Libre de