

Plenary Speakers

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Prof. Thomas J. Sargent is a Professor of Economics at New York University and the Director of Sargent Institute of Quantitative Economics and Finance at Peking University HSBC Business School. He was awarded the 2011 Nobel Prize in Economics, shared with Princeton University's Christopher Sims, "for their empirical research on cause and effect in the macroeconomy." He received his bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley, winning the medal as the university's most distinguished scholar in the Class of 1964, and obtained his Ph.D. at Harvard University in 1968. He has been Professor of Economics at the University of Minnesota, the David Rockefeller Professor at the University of Chicago, and the Donald Lucas Professor of Economics at Stanford University. He has been a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution since 1987. He is a Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Econometric Society. He has been President of the American Economic Association, the Econometric Society, and the Society for Economic Dynamics. In his Nobel speech in Stockholm he described himself as someone who aspires to use statistics and economic theory to understand how governments and markets can improve peoples' lives.

Prof. Fan Liming

President of Shandong University



Professor Fan Liming is the President of Shandong University. Prior to this position, she served as the President of Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SUFE) and Vice President of Shandong University. She is entitled to special government allowances of the State Council. She holds the title of Vice Chair of the Curriculum Development Committee, Chair of the Education Advisory Board for Finance, Chair of the Working Group on Emerging Humanities and Social Sciences under the Ministry of Education, and Vice Chair of the Chinese Tax Institute. Her major memberships also include the leading expert of Marxist theoretical research and development project, and specialist of provincial Hundred Talents Program for Theoretical Research. Professor Fan Liming has led more than 20 provincial and ministerial-level research projects funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) and the National Social Science Foundation (NSF). She has published over 100 papers in the fields of public goods supply, taxation theory, local fiscal operations and public policy, and more than ten books. She has been awarded many prizes for her research work, which include the second and third prize in humanities and social sciences by the Ministry of Education and 3 first prizes at the provincial level.

Keynote Speaker

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