

## Tutorial Two: Week 5 and Week 6

### Tasks:

- Finalization of discussion/project groups;
- Term papers matters;
- Discussion within groups;
- Class discussion and summing up.

### Key questions for discussion:

1. Rural development and measures to reduce rural-urban gap;
2. Why has the Chinese government been so cautious about rural land privatization?
3. Poverty reduction in China: main lessons and challenges.

### Readings:

Below are some relevant readings. Other materials may also be used.

Xiwen Chen, "Review of China's agricultural and rural development: policy changes and current issues", *China's agriculture and rural development*, Volume 1 (2), 2009 [focus on section 2 (pg 124, line 18 - page 128, line 12) and section 4].

Anonymous, "Land reform in China: Promises, promises" *The Economist*, Oct 16 2008.

Anonymous, "This land is my land", *The Economist*, Feb 14 2008.

Martin Ravallion & Shaohua Chen, "Learning from Successes" *IMF Finance & Development*, December 2004

## **Term paper matters**

### **1. Groups and the topics**

- Topics to be decided during the second tutorial (week 5 and 6);
- For each tutorial, one topic can be picked up by one group only.

### **2. Outline (optional)**

- A one-page outline may be prepared and uploaded to IVLE (by week 8) for comments.

### **3. Presentation (7% of total mark)**

- A 15-min presentation is scheduled in week 11 (DO1-DO4) or week 12 (DE1-DE4)

### **4. Written paper (8% of total mark)**

- The written paper should be either 1.5 or double spaced (font size <12), not exceed 20 pagers all inclusive, and the main text should be 12-15 pages.
- The final paper is due on IVLE by 12 (DO1-DO4) and 19 (DE1-DE4) of November 2010.

### **5. Project topics (minor modification may be approved)**

- Income inequality in China: its original, recent dynamic and the impact of current economic crisis;
- Chinese industries: advantages, disadvantage, and the prospects to become global leaders;
- China's banking sector (or financial sector): their strength, limitations, and the way forward;
- China's aging problem: characteristics, development, and policies;
- Sustainability of China's rapid growth: main driving forces, main constrains, and future outlook;
- Emergence of a global trade power: managing China's external economic relations in post-crisis world.

## **6. Essentials:**

- Cover page: title, group number, names of group members, course code and course name, and submission date;
- Table of contents: headings/subsections with page numbers;
- Introduction: a brief explanation of the problem, goal of the term paper, key questions to be addressed, and the relevance of the topic;
- Main body: carry out the investigation in sections and sub-section. In every section, state a main point or argument, develop the argument in a clear and logic fashion, use citation (from book, journal or other sources) and other appropriate information to support your argument, if necessary;
- Conclusion: state the questions you posed and summarize the key results and conclusion you reached;
- References/bibliography: a list the major sources of information;
- Appendices: Tables, graphs.