



Conference on innovation and productivity in the aftermath of the pandemic

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In the last few years, the ADBI has provided support and hosted conferences (see for instance the last on [September 2020](#)), aimed at fostering an adequate micro data infrastructure in Asia for research and policy use on productivity enhancement. The COVID-19 epidemic and the associated acceleration in the pace of digitalization and innovation, had provided further motivation for analysing granular information at the firm level. Firms are required to adapt to the new standards and procedures in order to survive. Now that we are entering a post-pandemic world, business models and working environment may not be the same as they were before COVID-19. How do the changes and innovation affect productivity in this new setting? What are the advantages and disadvantages associated with R&D-intensive firms? How different is the pace of innovation among countries and regions? This conference aims at providing responses to such issues relying on innovative firm level datasets both for Asia and Europe.

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PROGRAMME (30 min presentation + 10 min Q&A)

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| 9.00 AM | Registration |
| 9.30 AM | Introductory remarks by the Dean of ADBI |
| 9.45 AM | Keynote: Business Environment Reforms and Microenterprise Productivity in India
(Kenichi Ueda, University of Tokyo, TCER, and CEPR) |

- 10.45 AM **Enabling a Better Tomorrow: Accelerating Innovation and Digitalization in Asia to Boost Productivity (Tidiane Kinda et al, 2022)**
(Presented by Tidiane Kinda, IMF)
- 11.30 AM **Capital Budgeting, Uncertainty, and Misallocation (Ben Charoenwong et al, 2022)**
(Presented by Ben Charoenwong, NUS Business School)
- 12.15 AM **Misallocation under the Shadow of Death, (D. Miyakawa et al)**
(Presented by Daisuke Miyakawa, Hitotsubashi University)
- 13.00 PM **Lunch**
- 2.30 PM **Using Managers' Expectations for Ex-ante Policy Evaluation: Evidence from the COVID-19 Crisis (Miho Takizawa et al)**
(Presented by Mari Tanaka - Hitotsubashi University, Naomi Kodama- Meijigakuin University, and Hong Kong University)
- 3.15 PM **Intangible investments and productivity in Europe: First results from a novel cross-country Micro Data Infrastructure (MDI) (Eric Bartelsman et al, 2022)**
(Presented by Filippo di Mauro, CompNet)
- 4.00 PM **Break**
- 4.30 PM **Business Dynamism in Europe (J. Miranda et al, 2022)**
(Presented by Javi Miranda, IWH and CompNet) (TBC - virtual)
- 5.15 PM **Policy Panel**
- 6.30 PM **End**