

VIEW COMMENTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWER

Project Number : 16600517

Project Title : Spatial Price Differences in China

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Section A : Detailed Comments

1. Please comment on the objective(s) of the proposal, and whether the research agenda adequately addresses the objective(s)?

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Comments:

The proposed research aims to construct the absolute prices of GDP of Chinese provinces from the year 1984 onward. The absolute prices of consumption, gross capital formation, and exports and imports that comprise GDP form the basis of the construction.

The effort to construct the absolute prices of GDP of Chinese provinces is commendable. The value of such absolute prices for general referencing is understood, although individual research contexts usually warrant specific calculations. The expertise of the PI and co-PI in this area recognized, the proposed research should elaborate in greater detail the specific yearbook sources and relevant estimation procedures. The effects of changing classification schemes and enumeration bases over time should be discussed. The means to calibrate data should be indicated.

2. Please comment on the Research Design and Methodology.

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Comments:

The compilation of data from the extensive range of Chinese statistical yearbooks is typical of this type of research for individual scholars. The method to construct the absolute prices is straightforward. The proposed research should elaborate in greater detail on robust checks as mentioned previously.

3. Please comment on the feasibility of the proposed research.

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Comments:

The proposed research should be feasible given the extension knowledge of the PI and co-PI in the area. The value of the research outcome will nevertheless depend on the actual availability of data. The construction of absolute values of gross capital formation and of imports can be more complicated than anticipated.

4. What do you consider to be the most original or innovative aspect of the proposed research? What advances would the research result bring about to the related field if the proposed research is successful?

Comments:

If successful the proposed research can provide absolute GDP price references for inter-provincial economic research in China.

5. Please comment on the reasonableness of the proposed budget and manpower planning and project duration.

Comments:

The proposed budget, personnel planning, and project duration appear reasonable.

6. Overall Comments

Please see above.

Section B : Summary of Assessment

The project :

Scientific/scholarly merit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Duration Proposed	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		

Impact of Research	High	Moderate	Low	None	
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The principal investigator :

Ability to undertake the proposal	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Track record in field	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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