FRIDAY, MARCH 30

1:30–2:15  Keynote Presentation
    SPEAKER: Barry Naughton (UCSD School of Global Policy & Strategy)
    TITLE: The Great Gamble: How China’s Economic System is Being Reshaped to Carry Out Xi Jinping’s China Dream

2:15–2:30  Short Coffee Break

2:30–3:15  Session 1
    SPEAKER: Alex Wang (UCLA School of Law)
    TITLE: Symbolic Legitimation in Chinese Reform

3:15–4:00  Session 2
    SPEAKER: Yang Xie (UC Riverside Economics)
    TITLE: Crony Capitalism, Party-State, and Political Boundaries of Corruption

4:00–4:30  Coffee Break

4:30–5:15  Session 3
    SPEAKER: Franziska Keller (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Political Science)
    TITLE: The Politics of Paying A Visit: A Network Analysis of Provincial Leadership Visits

5:15–6:00  Session 4
    TITLE: Social Ties and the Selection of China’s Political Elite

6:30  Dinner for all participants (registration required) at the USC University Club

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

8:00–9:00  Breakfast for all participants

9:00–9:45  Session 1
    SPEAKER: Yiqing Xu (UCSD Political Science)
    TITLE: Rotating to the Top: How Elites and Commoners Rise in the Chinese Communist Party

9:45–10:30  Session 2
    SPEAKER: TJ Wong (USC Marshall Leventhal School of Accounting)
    TITLE: Political Networks and Stock Price Comovement: Evidence from network-connected firms in China

10:30–11:00  Coffee Break

11:00–11:45  Session 3
    SPEAKER: Nan Jia (USC Marshall Management and Organizations)
    TITLE: The Strategic Use of Political Connections: The Role of Political Connections in Firms’ Location Choices

11:45–12:30  Session 4
    SPEAKER: Yanhui Wu (USC Marshall Finance and Business Economics)
    TITLE: Competition, Contracts, and Creativity: Evidence from Novel Writing in a Platform Market

12:30  Lunch & Conference Concludes