



Jonathan E. Leightner

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Background and Education:

Dr. Leightner is on leave from Augusta State University, Augusta, Georgia, where he is Professor of Economics. He also holds a professorship in Economics at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, where he teaches during the summers. He has taught and conducted research in Asia many times, primarily in Japan, Thailand, and China. At the Center, Dr. Leightner teaches the Comparative Economies of the U.S. and China, Development Economics, International Monetary Theory and Policy, and Globalization.

Dr. Leightner earned BA and MA degrees in Philosophy from Baylor University. His studies included Western, Asian, and Latin American Philosophy. It was his 1981-1982 experience teaching in northern Thailand, where he witnessed people living in slums on US\$ 1 per day, lepers begging on street corners, and a dead body floating down the Mekong River, that inspired him to pursue advanced study of economics in order to help developing countries. Leightner received a Ph.D. in economic development and comparative systems at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Publications:

As an Asian specialist, Dr. Leightner has published papers on income distribution in South Korea and Japan, pollution abatement in Thailand, Asia's financial crisis of 1997-1998, the efficiency of Thai financial institutions, and the effectiveness of fiscal, monetary, and exchange rate policies in Asia. The *European Journal of Operational Research* has published two of his papers explaining and using a new econometric technique that he developed which greatly reduces the bias from omitted variables when conducting statistical analyses. He is currently working on papers which use that technique to estimate equilibrium exchange rates for the Chinese yuan and for the Japanese yen.

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工作经验及教育背景:

Leightner 博士是美国乔治亚州奥古斯塔州立大学经济学教授。他同时也任泰国朱拉隆功大学经济学教授，担任暑期教学工作。Leightner 博士曾多次来亚洲教学、做研究，主要在日本、泰国和中国。Leightner 博士在中美中心任教的课程有：中美比较经济学、发展经济学、国际货币理论和政策，以及全球化研究。

Leightner 博士从贝勒大学获哲学学士和硕士学位。他的研究领域包括西方、亚洲和拉丁美洲哲学。1981-1982 年执教于泰国北部期间，他目睹了贫民窟居民每日仅有一美元生活费，麻风病人沿街乞讨，饿殍浮于湄公河。这些都激发了他日后致力于经济学研究从而帮助发展中国家。Leightner 博士从位于美国教堂山的北卡罗莱纳州大学获得经济发展与制度比较博士学位。

发表作品:

作为亚洲学专家，Leightner 博士曾发表多篇文章，涉及专题包括：韩国和日本的收入分配、泰国的污染治理，1997-1998 亚洲金融危机，泰国金融机构的效率，以及亚洲财政、货币和汇率政策的有效性。*European Journal of Operational Research* 发表过他的两篇关于解释和运用一项计量经济学新技术的文章，该项由他发展的技术大大减少了在进行数据分析时由于变量缺省而引起的偏差。现在 Leightner 博士正致力于运用该项技术预测人民币和日元的均衡汇率的文章写作。