Comments on Dr. Dai’s Paper

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Why the same thing has been done within members?

• Dr. Dai’s report used a dataset which is the same with one used in professor Tomas’s paper this morning or Dr. Sonoda’s speech yesterday.

• At the same time, they have used almost the same methods to calculate Gini coefficient, theil index and the decomposition of overall income inequality by hukou, and furthermore, estimated the determinants of income.

• Almost all of the results from their empirical studies are very similar each other.

• Some people have done good comments for theirs. What I can do now may be very little. So, here, I just ask Dr. Dai three questions about his paper in shot.
First question

- how did you definite the income in your survey, and how to get these data. I think This is a very important thing in the project, but nobody explained it in detail yet.

Second question

- in your paper, shenzhen’s Gini coefficient based on the original dataset is 0.55, 53% higher than the official value.
- But you didn’t show us the Gini coefficient of persons with Shenzhen hukou in your survey.
- To compare which is more correct between yours and the official one, you should gave us the Gini coefficients about three groups, namely person with Shenzhen hukou, migrants from other urban and rural migrants.
Third question

• The next question is relevant with the second one mentioned now.
• You estimated the function of income about total samples, but we don’t know the stories about the three groups respectively from your paper.
• In Dr. Sonoda’s income function reported in this conference yesterday, the coefficient of schooling’s years appeared as a negative value. It is not consistent with yours. How do you think about that. If possible, please comment it.