

# Professor Zhaoyong Zhang

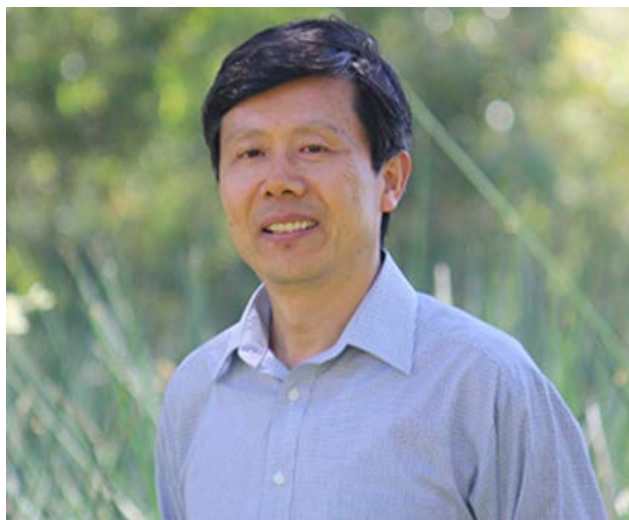
SBL Professorial Research Talk, 12 May

**Professor Zhaoyong Zhang is Professor of Finance and Economics in the Commerce discipline at the School of Business and Law.**

Zhaoyong will discuss the Chinese exchange rate regime and policies central in the growing debate over the source of global current account imbalances. He will address the common claim that China is a “currency manipulator”. He will outline the issues relating the market efficiency of RMB exchange rates from an asset pricing perspective and explore the circumstances in which public news sentiment is related to the volatility of the exchange rate. The aim of the talk is to demonstrate how research will inform the current debate, how expectations affect market volatility, and what policy measures can be taken to reduce it.

## Biography:

Zhaoyong is Professor of Finance and Economics at the School of Business and Law. He is also the Head of the Asian Business and Organisational Research Group (ABORG). His major research interests include international trade and finance, East Asia monetary and economic integration, and foreign exchange policy and reform in China. Zhaoyong has previously taught at National University of Singapore (NUS) and has visited universities in Australia, Belgium, China, Japan and Korea. He has consulted for international institutions including the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the Hanns Sidel Foundation (Germany). Zhaoyong collaborates on research projects with colleagues within ECU and internationally with academics in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region.



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