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Janet Hao is a Senior Economist with the economics program of The Conference Board. She specializes in research on innovation, intangible assets and economic growth. In particular, she measures investment in innovations by commercial banks, investment banks, and insurance companies.

She assesses how intangible assets promote economic growth in Europe and emerging markets, and increase stock prices for U.S. and German firms. In addition, she examines the effect of real estate investment on the rapid economic growth of China. Her projects are sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the European Union, and the European Investment Bank.

Prior to joining The Conference Board, Hao earned her PhD in economics in 2007 from the University of Maryland, College Park. Her dissertation examined how highways promote trade and development in U.S. metropolitan areas.

As an undergraduate at the Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing, she wrote several papers about the impact of Chinese economic reforms on small- and medium-sized enterprises during the 1990s.

External Publications

- Bart van Ark, Janet X. Hao, Carol Corrado & Charles Hulten (2009), ["Measuring intangible capital and its contribution to economic growth in Europe"](#), EIB Papers, European Investment Bank, Vol. 14, No.1, pp. 62-99.