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## DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCE THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

**Departmental Seminar** 

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> will give a talk entitled

## ALTERNATIVE ASYMPTOTICS FOR COINTEGRATION TESTS IN LARGE VARS

## **Abstract**

Johansen's (1998, 1991) trace test for no cointegration of a vector autoregression (VAR) is based on the squared sample canonical correlations between a random walk and its own innovations. We study the asymptotic behaviour of the empirical distribution of those squared canonical correlations when the number of observations and the dimensionality of the VAR diverge to infinity simultaneously and proportionally. We find that the distribution weakly converges to the so-called Wachter distribution. This finding provides a theoretical explanation for the observed tendency of Johansen's test to find spurious cointegration.

on

Thursday, March 8, 2018

(Refreshments will be served from 5:15 p.m. outside Room 301 Run Run Shaw Building)

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

at

Room 301, Run Run Shaw Building

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