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## ***A Study of Urban Competitiveness in the Urban Agglomeration of the Yangtze River Delta Region***

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### **Abstract:**

In the era of globalization and rapid urbanization, intense intercity competition has been witnessed all over the world. In consonance with this phenomenon, urban competitiveness has become an important research topic. However, most studies in this field are conducted on individual city on national scale, and less attention has been paid on sub-national (regional) scale. This research aims to study urban competitiveness on regional scale, based on which to analyze the development of the region from a perspective of urban competitiveness. This presentation first discusses the concept and definitions of urban competitiveness and conducts comparisons of research in this field. Then a theoretical model and an index system are constructed to measure urban competitiveness. Finally, some preliminary findings from the empirical study in the Urban Agglomeration of the Yangtze River Delta Region in 1990, 2000 and 2005 will be presented.

### **About the Speaker:**

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