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## Youth Unemployment in China

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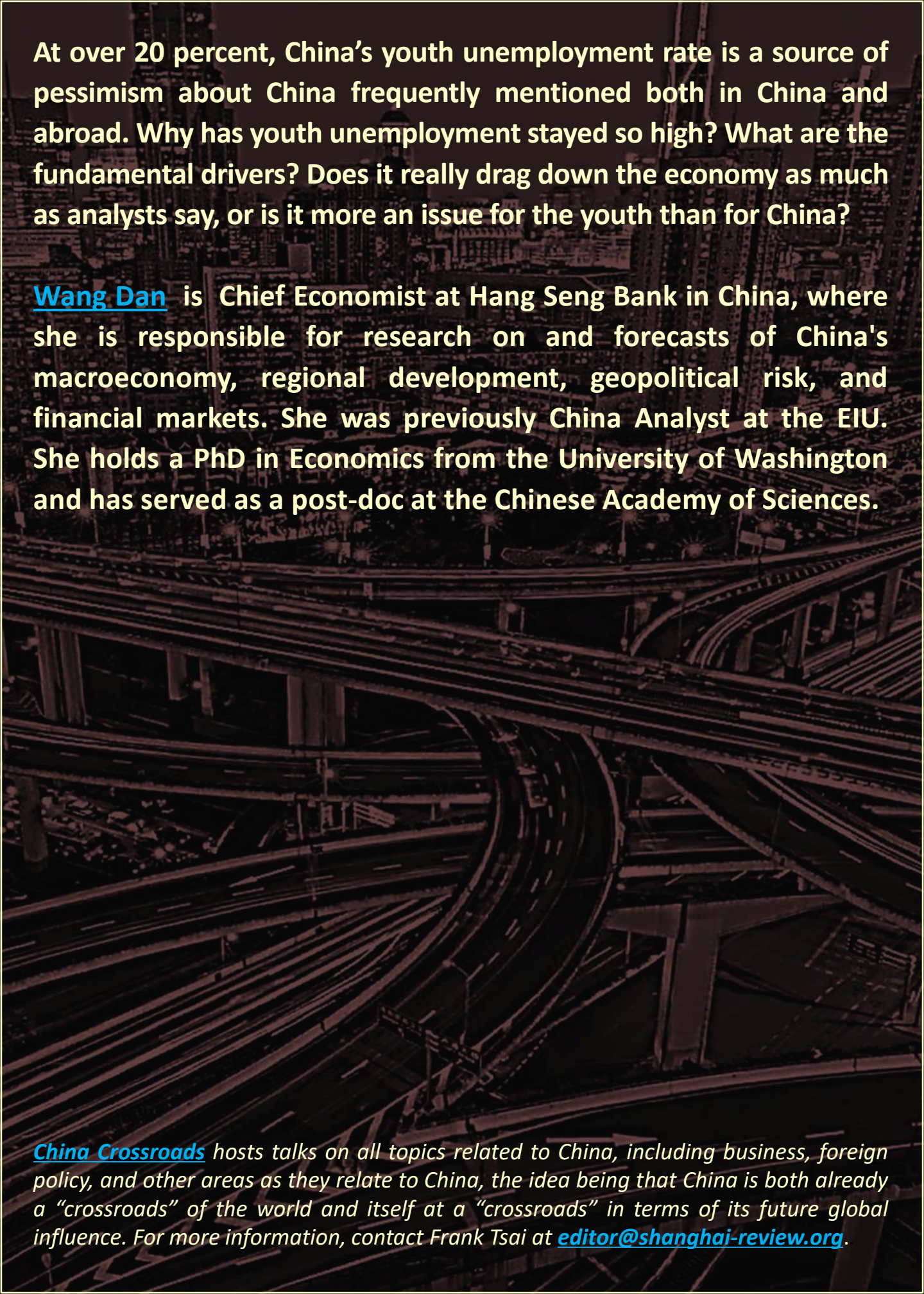
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At over 20 percent, China's youth unemployment rate is a source of pessimism about China frequently mentioned both in China and abroad. Why has youth unemployment stayed so high? What are the fundamental drivers? Does it really drag down the economy as much as analysts say, or is it more an issue for the youth than for China?

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