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The Economics of Robots: Lessons from Germany and Japan on Why Companies Use Robots

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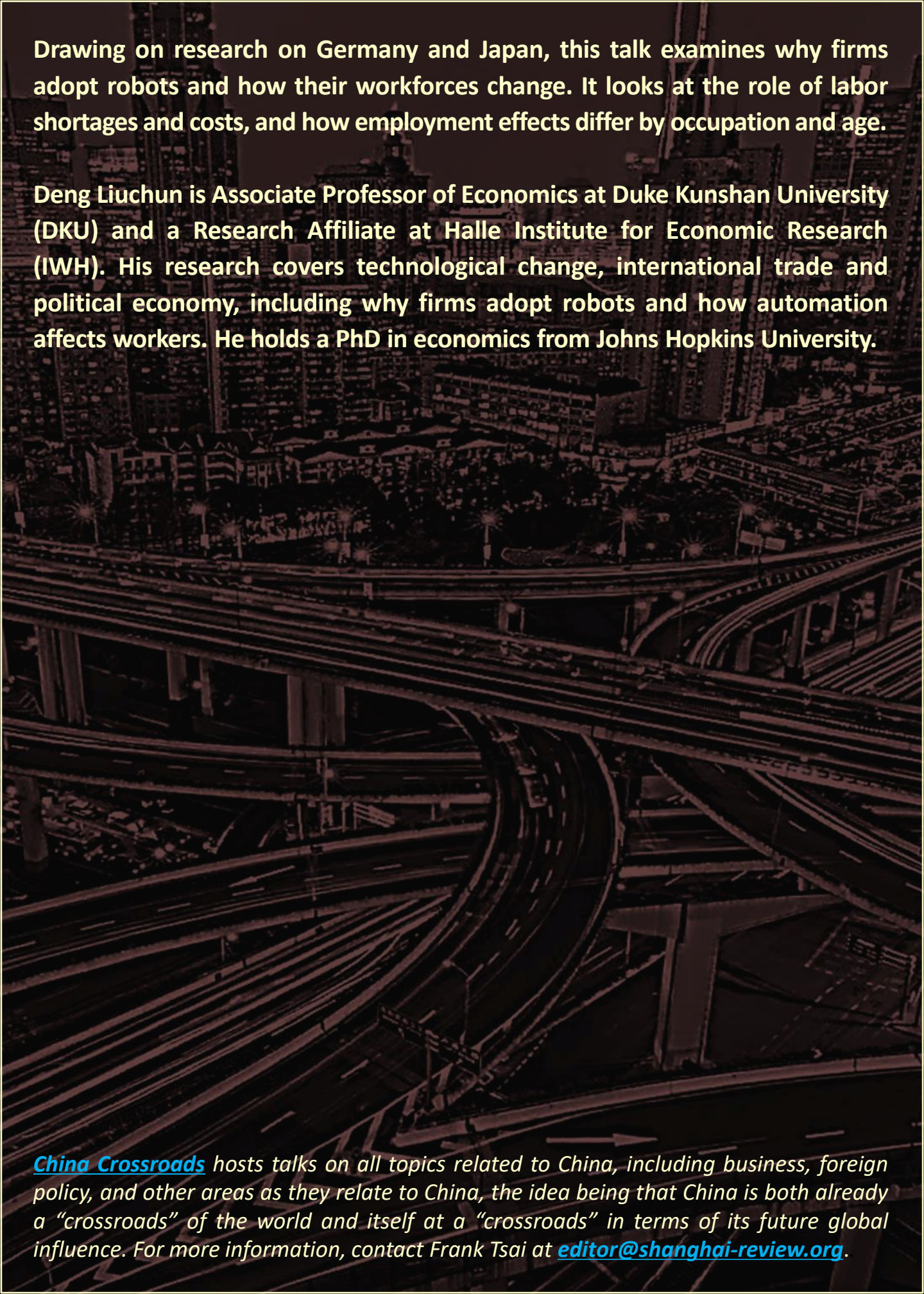
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Drawing on research on Germany and Japan, this talk examines why firms adopt robots and how their workforces change. It looks at the role of labor shortages and costs, and how employment effects differ by occupation and age.

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