

Exploratory analysis of China's interregional trade during 1997-2007

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This is the first of a series of proposed papers that will explore different aspects of the structural and structural changes in Chinese interregional trade over the decade 1997-2007. In this paper, some exploratory analysis is undertaken to identify the nature of trade, each region's major trading partners and differences in the spatial structure of trade by sectors. The results across regions show that coastal regions play a dominant position in the interregional trade in terms of demand and supply, but especially in demand. The role of inland regions as suppliers is becoming increasingly important. As a result, the geographical pattern of the interregional trade has become more dispersed between 2002 and 2007.

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