

# Development Economics: Referee Report

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The following referee report pertains to the 2011 publication 'Growing Like China,' published in the American Economic Review by Z. Song, K Storesletten, and F. Zilibotti. This referee report proceeds as a series of sections. First, I will summarize the contents of the paper. Second, I will provide comments which highlight the unique contributions of the paper, as well as criticisms pertaining to its shortcomings. Lastly, I will outline an empirical and theoretical extension to the paper which will aim to improve upon the shortcomings of the publication and address some relevant questions which were left unanswered by it. Overall, the purpose of this referee report is to account for the academic contributions made by the publication, whilst also identifying remaining knowledge gaps for future research projects.

I will begin with a summary of the publication.