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Abbreviations

CASS	Chinese Academy of Social Science
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CDF	cumulative distribution function
CFPS	China Family Panel Survey
CGSS	Chinese General Social Survey
CHFS	China Household Finance Survey
CHIP	Chinese Household Income Project
CHNS	Chinese Health and Nutrition Survey
CNMWD	Chinese National Minimum Wage Databases
CPI	consumer price index
CRHCPI	Chinese Rural Poverty Household's Consumption Price Index
DID	difference-in-differences
EU	European Union
FDI	foreign direct investment
FGT indices	Foster–Greer–Thorbecke poverty indices
GE	general entropy
ICP	International Comparison Program
LIS	Luxembourg Income Study
MLD	mean logarithmic deviation
NBS	National Bureau of Statistics
NCMS	New Rural Cooperative Medical Insurance System
NHFPC	National Health and Family Planning Commission
NRSPS	New Rural Social Pension System
OLS	ordinary least squares
PBC	People's Bank of China
PPI	public pension insurance
PPP	purchasing power parity
PRC	People's Republic of China

PSU	public sector units
QR	quantile regression
RCRE	Research Center of Rural Economy
SLC program	sloping land conversion program
SOE	state-owned enterprise
TVE	township and village enterprise
UEBMI	Urban Employee Basic Medical Insurance
URBMI	Urban Resident Basic Medical Insurance
URRBMI	Urban and Rural Resident Basic Medical Insurance
URPS	Urban Residents Pension Scheme

Glossary

<i>dazhuan</i> 大专	vocational post-secondary school
<i>dibao</i> 低保	rural minimum living standard guarantee
<i>dinggou renwu</i> 订购任务	compulsory grain purchase quota
<i>duoyu shaoqu fanghuo</i> 多予、少取、放活	giving more, taking less, and allowing peasants more opportunities
<i>fazhan jiaoyu tuopin yipi</i> 发展教育脱贫一批	education development for poverty alleviation
<i>fazhan shengchan tuopin yipi</i> 发展生产脱贫一批	production development for poverty alleviation
<i>feigaishui</i> 费改税	tax-for-fee
<i>fupinkuan</i> 扶贫款	poverty alleviation fund
<i>Guojia baqi fupin gongjian jihua</i> 国家八七扶贫攻坚计划(1994-2000)	National Eight-Seven Poverty Alleviation Program (1994-2000)
<i>hexie shehui</i> 和谐社会	harmonious society
<i>Hu-Wen xinzheng</i> 胡温新政	Hu-Wen New Policies
<i>huinong</i> 惠农	pro-rural
<i>hukou</i> 户口	household registration

<i>jiadian xiaxiang</i> 家电下乡	rural subsidy for electrical appliances
<i>kexue fazhan guan</i> 科学发展观	Scientific Outlook on Development
<i>liang bu chou, san baozhang</i> 两不愁、三保障	goals of not worrying about food and clothing, and guaranteeing compulsory education, basic medical care, and housing
<i>liangmian yibu</i> 两免一补	two exemptions and one subsidy
<i>nongye chanyehua</i> 农业产业化	agro-industrialization
<i>qiche xiaxiang</i> 汽车下乡	rural subsidy for automobiles
<i>sanwu</i> 三无	without income, working ability, or a legal guardian in the urban areas
<i>shehui baozhang doudi yipi</i> 社会保障兜底一批	social security as last resort for helping the poor
<i>shengtai buchang tuopin yipi</i> 生态补偿脱贫一批	ecological compensation for poverty alleviation
<i>shiqu</i> 市区	city district
<i>shiye danwei</i> 事业单位	public organization
<i>suiji qidian, deng ju chouyang</i> 随机起点，等距抽样	systematic random sampling
<i>wei jiaona renhe shehui baoxian xingzheng shiye danwei renyuanyuan huode de li tuixiu fei he baoxiao yiliao fei</i> 未缴纳任何社会保险费的行政事业单位人员获得的离退休费和报销医疗费	Retirement payments and reimbursed medical expenses received by employees of administrative organizations who made no social insurance contributions
<i>wubao</i>	five-guarantee assistance

五保	to provide food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and burial services for rural residents who have no working ability or source of income
<i>wuge yipi</i> 五个一批	five measurements
<i>xiaokang (shehui)</i> 小康(社会)	economically comfortable (society)
<i>xianyu</i> 县域	county
<i>yi di banqian tuopin yipi</i> 易地搬迁脱贫一批	poverty alleviation relocation
<i>yiliao jiuzhu</i> 医疗救助	medical relief fund
<i>yishi yiyi chouzi choulao</i> 一事一议筹资筹劳	one issue, one discussion collection of money and labor services
<i>yiwugong</i> 义务工	labor contribution (uncompensated)
<i>Zhongguo nongcun fupin kaifa gangao</i> (2001–2010) 国农村扶贫开发纲要 (2001-2010)	China Rural Poverty Alleviation and Development Outline (2001–2010)
<i>zhongzhuan, jixiao</i> 中专技校	vocational secondary school