

Empirical Investigations in Trade and Investment

March 10-12, 2011

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Organizers:

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Thursday, March 10, 2011

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Registration

Session 1

Chair: Fuku Kimura, Keio University

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. “A Theory on the Role of Wholesalers in International Trade” (pdf)

➤ Anders Akerman, Stockholm University

Discussant: Anson Soderbery, UC-Davis

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. “Markups and Firm-level Export Status” (pdf)

➤ Frederic Warzynski, Aarhus University

Discussant: Miaojie Yu, Peking University, CCER

11:45 – 12:00 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. “Carry-Along Trade” (pdf)

➤ Andrew Bernard, Dartmouth College

Discussant: Anders Akerman, Stockholm University

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Lunch**

Session 2

Chair: Carolyn Evans, Santa Clara University

- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. “Bridges and Trade: Firm-level Evidence Based on a Natural Experiment” (pdf)
➤ Christian Volpe Martincus, Inter-American Development Bank
Discussant: Kazu Takechi, Hosei University
- 3:00 – 3:15 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. “The Composition of Exports and Gravity” (pdf)
➤ Scott French, University of New South Wales
Discussant: Yao Amber Li, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- 4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. “Exaggerated Death of Distance: Revisiting Distance Effects on Regional Price Dispersions” (pdf)
➤ Kazutaka Takechi, Hosei University
Discussant: Alexandre Skiba, University of Wyoming

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Friday, March 11, 2011

Session 3

Chair: Alexandre Skiba, University of Wyoming

- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. “Hightech-Flyers: Contractual Type, Organizational Form, and the Timing to Offshore in the Global HDD Industry” (pdf)
➤ Mitsuru Igami, UCLA
Discussant: Valerie Smeets, Aarhus University
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. “Firm Experimentation in New Markets / Structural Estimation of the Model of Firm Experimentation” (Theory) (Empirics)
➤ Zhanar Akhmetova, Princeton University
Discussant: Mitsuru Igami, UCLA
- 11:45 – 12:00 p.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. “Electoral Systems and the Protection of Critical Goods” (pdf)
➤ Carolyn Evans, Santa Clara University
Discussant: John McLaren, University of Virginia
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Lunch**

Session 4

Chair: Tibor Besedes, Georgia Institute of Technology

- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. “Looking for Local Labor-Market Effects of the NAFTA” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ John McLaren, University of Virginia
Discussant: Carolyn Evans, Santa Clara University
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. “How Geography Affects Quality” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Volodymyr Lugovskyy, Georgia Institute of Technology
Discussant: Tadashi Ito, Okinawa University
- 4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 4:30– 5:30 p.m. “International Trade, Technology Diffusion, and the Role of Diffusion Barriers” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Yao Amber Li, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Discussant: Scott French, University of New South Wales

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Saturday, March 12, 2011

Session 5:

Chair: Jon Haveman, Compass Economics

- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. “Vertical Specialization, Intermediate Tariffs, and the Pattern of Trade: Assessing the Role of Tariff Liberalization to U.S. Bilateral Trade 1989-2001” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Shalah Mostashari, University of Texas at Austin
Discussant: Daniel Johnson, Colorado College
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. “Does Importing More Inputs Raise Exports? Firm Level Evidence From France” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Vanessa Strauss-Kahn, ESCP Europe and CEPII
Discussant: Tibor Besedes, Georgia Institute of Technology
- 11:45 – 12:00 p.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. “Can Import Competition Explain the Skill Content in the United States?” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Yi Lu, National University of Singapore
Discussant: Maria Bas, CEPII and Paris School of Economics

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