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Friday, June 7, 2019

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration

Session 1

Chair: Joze Damijan, University of Ljubljana

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “Endogenous Transportation Costs” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Jose Asturias, Georgetown University - Qatar

➤ *Discussant: Tibor Besedes, Georgia Institute of Technology*

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. “Do friends follow each other? FDI network effects in Central Europe” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Marta Bisztray, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Discussant: Jeronimo Carballo, University of Colorado - Boulder

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. “Border Regimes and Indirect Productivity Effects from Foreign Direct Investment” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Bruno Merlevede, Ghent University

Discussant: Marta Bisztray, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

Session 2

Chair: Tibor Besedes, Georgia Institute of Technology

- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. “How Effective is Investment Promotion? Firm-Level Evidence” (pdf)
➤ Jeronimo Carballo, University of Colorado-Boulder
Discussant: Magnus Lodefalk, Orebro University
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. “Guaranteed Success? The Effects of Export Credit Guarantees on Firm Performance” (pdf)
➤ Magnus Lodefalk, Orebro University
➤ Alli Tang, Orebro University
Discussant: Maurizio Zanardi, Lancaster University
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. “A risk-taking perspective on firms’ international footprint” (pdf)
➤ Balazs Murakozy, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Discussant: Miaojie Yu, CCER, Peking University

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Boat Trip: Dinner and Swimming

Saturday, June 8, 2019

Session 3

Chair: Jeronimo Carballo, University of Colorado-Boulder

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “Revisiting the drivers of US labor market polarization” (pdf)
➤ Cosimo Beverelli, European University Institute
Discussant: Ariell Reshef, Paris School of Economics
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. “The Effectiveness of Cash Subsidies to Export in Nepal” (pdf)
➤ Fabrice Defever, University of London and LSE/CEP
Discussant: Emek Basker, U.S. Census Bureau
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. “Are Your Labor Shares Set in Beijing? The View Through the Lens of GVCs” (pdf)
➤ Ariell Reshef, Paris School of Economics
Discussant: Cosimo Beverelli, European University Institute
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

Session 4

Chair: Ariell Reshef Paris School of Economics

- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. “Trade Liberalization and Female Welfare: Dimensions of Adjustment in the United States” (pdf)
➤ Tibor Besedes, Georgia Institute of Economics
Discussant: Jose Asturias, Georgetown University, Qatar
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. “What gains and distributional implications result from trade liberalization? ” (pdf)
➤ Caroline Paunov, OECD
Discussant: Fabrice Defever, University of London and LSE/CEP
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. “Global Value Chains and the Removal of Trade Protection” (pdf)
➤ Maurizio Zanardi, Lancaster University
Discussant: Alessandro Borin, Bank of Italy

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Sunday, June 9, 2019

Session 5

Chair: Crt Kostevc, University of Ljubljana

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “Trade and Innovation: The Role of Scale and Competition Effects” (pdf)
➤ Miaojie Yu, CCER, Peking University
Discussant: Caroline Paunov, OECD
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. “Measuring What Matters in Global Value Chains and Value-Added Trade” (pdf)
➤ Alessandro Borin, Bank of Italy
Discussant: Balasz Murakozy, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. “Recall and Response: Relationship Adjustments to Supply-Chain Shocks” (pdf)
➤ Emek Basker, U.S. Census Bureau
Discussant: Bruno Merlevede, Ghent University

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