# Empirical Investigations in International Trade

## 24th Annual Conference

### November 3-5, 2017

**Federal Reserve Board and George Washington University**

**Washington, DC**

Conference Website:

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Venue:

FRB: 1801 K St NW, B1 – 200 AB

GWU: Elliot School of International Affairs, Lindner Commons, 6th Floor

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<td><strong>Global Supply Chains without Principals</strong></td>
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- Tim Schmidt-Eisenlohr, Federal Reserve Board
- Olga Timoshenko, George Washington University
- Tibor Besedes, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Jon Haveman, FREIT

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## Session 2

Chair: Mariano Somale, Federal Reserve Board

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  **The Distributional Effects of Trade: Theory and Evidence from the United States**  
- Kirill Borusyak, Harvard University  
  *Discussant: Colin Hottman, Federal Reserve Board*

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.  Break – Beverages provided

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.  **Quantifying the impacts of a Skill-based US Immigration Reform**  
- Chen Liu, University of California San Diego  
  *Discussant: Cristina Tello Trillo, U.S. Census*

4:15 – 4:30 p.m.  Break – Beverages provided

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  **Drivers of Fragmented Production Chains: Evidence from the 19th Century**  
- Claudia Steinwender, MIT Sloan  
  *Discussant: Heiwai Tang, Johns Hopkins University*

5:30 p.m.  Reception at 1801 K St  
**Adjourn**

## Saturday, November 4, 2017

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast:

### Session 3

Chair: Logan Lewis, Federal Reserve Board

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  **Firm-Level Distortions and Aggregate Productivity: the Trade Channel**  
- Lucas Costa-Scottini, Brown University  
  *Discussant: Eva Van Leemput, Federal Reserve Board*

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  **Exchange Rate Exposure and Firm Dynamics**  
- Liliana Varela, Warwick University and University of Houston  
  *Discussant: Friederike Niepmann, Federal Reserve Board*

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.  Break – Beverages provided

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  **Trade and Inequality: Evidence from Worker-Level Adjustment in France**  
- Marti Mestieri, Northwestern University  
  *Discussant: Maria Tito, Federal Reserve Board*

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.  Lunch: A light lunch will be provided to conference participants.  
  **Keynote Speech:** Stephen Redding, Princeton University  
  “Quantitative Spatial Economics”
Session 4

Chair: Olga Timoshenko, George Washington University

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. The Impact of Chinese Competition along the Quality Ladder
➢ Paul Piveteau, Johns Hopkins University
   Discussant: Ryan Monarch, Federal Reserve Board

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break – Beverages provided

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. The Modern Wholesaler: Global Sourcing, Domestic Distribution, Scale Economies
➢ Sharat Ganapati, Dartmouth College
   Discussant: Aaron Flaaen, Federal Reserve Board

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Break – Beverages provided

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Why Special Economic Zones? Using Trade Policy to Discriminate Across Importers
➢ Matthew Grant, Princeton University
   Discussant: Rodney Ludema, Georgetown University

Adjourn

6:00pm Dinner at George Washington University
By invitation

Sunday, November 5, 2017
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

Session 5

Chair: Tim Schmidt-Eisenlohr, Federal Reserve Board

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. The Round Trip Effect: Endogenous Transport Costs and International Trade
➢ Woan Foong Wong, University of Oregon
   Discussant: Tibor Besedeš, Georgia Institute of Technology

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Product-Level Efficiency and Core Competence in Multi-Product Plants
➢ Alvaro Garcia-Marin, Universidad de Chile
   Discussant: Eunhee Lee, University of Maryland

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Break – Beverages provided

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Trade, Agglomeration Effects, and Labor Markets: Theory and Evidence
➢ Federico Esposito, Tufts University
   Discussant: Farid Farokhi, Purdue University

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