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Program
Session 1: Friday, November 8, 12:30 – 3:45 pm
Political Economy

• Presenter: Caglar Ozden, Emory University
  Discussant: Ravi Yatawara, University of Delaware

1:30 – 2:30  “Trade Policy under the GATT/WTO: Empirical Evidence of the Equal Treatment Rule”
2:30 – 2:45  Break

  •  Presenter:  Hylke Vandenbussche, Catholic University of Leuven
  Discussant:  J. David Richardson, Institute for International Economics

3:45 – 4:00  Break

Session 2: Friday, November 8, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Trade Costs I

4:00 – 5:00  “Testing Trade Creation and Trade Diversion: A Natural Experiment”
  •  Presenter:  Ravi Yatawara, University of Delaware
  Discussant:  Steve Redding, London School of Economics

5:00 – 6:00  “Falling Trade Costs, Heterogeneous Firms, and Industry Dynamics”
  •  Presenter:  Peter Schott, Yale University
  Discussant:  David Hummels, Purdue University

Adjourn

Session 3: Saturday, November 9, 8:30 – 11:45 am

Productivity

8:30 – 9:30  “Technology Adoption and Absorption: The Case of China”
  •  Presenter:  Susan Zhu, Michigan State University
  Discussant:  Rich Jensen, University of Notre Dame
9:30 – 10:30  “Learning from Exporting: Evidence from Indonesia”
  • Presenter: Garrick Blalock, Cornell University
  Discussant: Joy Mazumdar, Emory University

10:30 – 10:45  Break

10:45 – 11:45  “Exports and Productivity: A Theoretical Analysis of Trade Policies for Developing Countries”
  • Presenter: Ricardo Lopez, University of California-Los Angeles
  Discussant: Loretta Fung, University of Alberta

Lunch

Session 4: Saturday, November 9, 1:00 – 3:15 pm

Trade Costs II

1:00 – 2:00  “Shipping the Good Apples Out? A Confirmation of the Alchian-Allen Conjecture”
  • Presenter: Alexandre Skiba – Purdue University
  Discussant: Peter Schott, Yale University

2:00 – 2:15  Break

  • Presenter: Stephen Redding, London School of Economics
  Discussant: Henry Thompson, Auburn University

3:15 – 3:30  Break

Session 5: Saturday, November 9, 3:30 – 5:45 pm

Random Coolness
  • Presenter: Beata Smarzynska, The World Bank

  Discussant: Andreas Waldkirch, Oregon State University

4:30 – 4:45  Break

  • Presenter: Keith Maskus, The World Bank

  Discussant: Jon Haveman, Public Policy Institute of California

Adjourn

Session 5: Sunday, November 10, 8:30 – 11:45 am
Intermediate Goods and Trade

8:30 – 9:30  “Industrial Agglomeration and Vertical Linkages in a Developing Country”
  • Presenter: Mary Amiti, University of Melbourne
  The World Bank

  Discussant: Russ Hillberry, US International Trade Commission

9:30 – 10:30  “Overseas Assemblies and Country Sourcing Options”
  • Presenter: Deborah Swenson, University of California, Davis

  Discussant: Michael Nicholson, Federal Trade Commission

10:30 – 10:45  Break

10:45 – 11:45  “The Impact of European Integration on Adjustment Pattern of Regional Wages in Transition Countries”
  • Presenter: Joze Damijan, University of Ljubljana
  Institute for Economic Research, Ljubljana

  Discussant: Chong Xiang, Purdue University
Adjourn
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