Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference

May 20-22, 2011
Hosted by
University of Calgary,
Calgary, Alberta Canada

Venue: Banff Centre, Banff Canada
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Friday May 20, 2010

8:30 – 8:50 a.m.  Registration

Session 1

Chair: Eugene Beaulieu, University of Calgary

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  Quality Differentiation and Trade Intermediation
➢ Heiwai Tang, Tufts University
            Discussant: Hiau Looi Kee, World Bank

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  Breaking Up Is Hard To Do: How Firms Fragment Production Across Locations
➢ Teresa Fort, University of Maryland
            Discussant: Georg Schaur, University of Tennessee

11:00 – 11:15 a.m.  Break – Snacks and beverages provided

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.  Local Intermediate Inputs, Foreign Direct Investment and the Performance of Domestic Firms
➢ Hiau Looi Kee, World Bank
            Discussant: Susan Zhu, Michigan State University

12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Lunch
**Friday afternoon: Session 2**

Chair: Keith Head, University of British Columbia

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Policymakers’ Horizon and Trade Reforms**
- Giovanni Facchini, Erasmus University Rotterdam
  
  *Discussant*: Jevan Cherniwchan, University of Calgary

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

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **Innovation Response to Import competition**
- Ferdinand Rauch, London School of Economics
  
  *Discussant*: Heiwai Tang, Tufts University

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. **Defying Gravity: The 1932 Imperial Economic Conference and the Reorientation of Canadian Trade**
- David Jacks, Simon Fraser University
  
  *Discussant*: Jen Baggs, University of Victoria

Adjourn for the day

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**Saturday May 21, 2010**

**Session 3**

Chair: Matilde Bombardini, University of British Columbia

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Does exporting increase productivity? Evidence from India**
- Megha Mukin, London School of Economics
  
  *Discussant*: Patrick Conway, University of North Carolina

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Economics of Cross-border Travel**
- Keith Head, University of British Columbia
  
  *Discussant*: David Jacks, Simon Fraser University

11:00 – 11:15 p.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Exchange Rate Movements and Firm Dynamics in Canadian Retail Industries**
- Loretta Fung, National Tsing Hua University
  
  *Discussant*: Germán Pupato, Getulio Vargas Foundation - Rio de Janeiro

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Lunch: Special Guest Speaker**

"What do we really know about FDI?"

Bruce Blonigen, Knight Professor of Social Science, University of Oregon
**Saturday afternoon:  Session 4**

Chair: Jen Baggs, University of Victoria

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Skill biased heterogeneous firms: trade liberalization and the skill premium redux**
  - James Harrigan, University of Virginia
  *Discussant:* Julien Martin, ENSAE

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

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **Low wage countries’ competition, reallocation across firms and the quality content of exports**
  - Julien Martin, CREST
  *Discussant:* Ferdinand Rauch, London School of Economics

4:15– 5:15 p.m. **Non-Market Interactions and Entry into Export Markets**
  - Germán Pupato Getulio Vargas Foundation - Rio de Janeiro
  *Discussant:* Anca Cristea, University of Oregon

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**Sunday, May 22, 2010**

**Session 5**

Chair: Olena Ivus, Queen’s University

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Taking in One Another's Clothes? The Impact of the Removal of ATC Quotas on Trade**
  - Patrick Conway, University of North Carolina
  *Discussant:* James Harrigan, University of Virginia

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Buyer-Seller Relationships in International Trade: Evidence from US States**
  - Anca Cristea, University of Oregon
  *Discussant:* Teresa Fort, University of Maryland

11:00 – 11:15 p.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Globalization and Imperfect Labor Market Sorting**
  - Susan Zhu, Michigan State University
  *Discussant:* Runjuan Liu, University of Alberta

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