10th Annual Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference

May 28-30, 2019

LOCATION: Banff Centre, Banff Canada
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In May 2019, the University of Calgary and partner institutions will host the 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference at the Banff Centre. At this conference, economists specializing in empirical international trade will present their current research. The goal of this conference is to promote the awareness of ongoing research in the area. It is also our hope that by bringing together people of similar interests, increased communication of ideas and future directions for the general research area will be promoted. This conference is part of the FREIT network of empirical trade conferences. FREIT offers four conferences dedicated to furthering research in the field of empirical international economics. Previous editions of the conference have included researchers at many different stages in their careers. The atmosphere is informal and lively, characterized by significant audience participation. We do not intend to publish the papers.

Format: The conference will begin at 9am Tuesday, and will continue through noon on Thursday. We anticipate having a total of 15 presentations, 6 on Tuesday, 6 on Wednesday, and 3 more on Thursday morning. Each session will be an hour long, with 45 minutes going to the presentation, 5-10 minutes to the discussant, and the remaining time to be used for open discussion.

Monday May 27, 2019
Informal meet & greet at 7pm at MacLab Bistro at the Banff Centre
Session 1: Tuesday May 28, 2019 9am-12:15pm (Kinear Centre 305)

Chair: John Ries, University of British Columbia, Sauder School of Business

1. Vanessa Alviarez University of British Columbia
   Discussant: Daniel Goetz, University of Toronto
   Global giants and local stars: Multinational brand amalgamation

2. Dominik Boddin Deutsche Bundesbank
   Discussant: Jaerim Choi, University of Hawaii at Manoa
   Imports, Exports, and Domestic Innovation

Coffee break: 11:00-11:15

3. Sebastian Sotelo University of Michigan
   Discussant: Walter Steingress, Bank of Canada
   Migration, Specialization and Trade: Evidence from Brazil’s March to the West
Session concludes: Lunch from 12:15-2:30
   Lunch is a delicious bagged lunch and we will go on a hike up Tunnel Mountain.

Session 2: Tuesday May 28, 2019 2:30-5:45pm (Kinear Centre 305)
Chair: Runjuan Liu, University of Alberta
1. Paul Piveteau  Johns Hopkins Univ  Foreign Competition along the Quality Ladder
   Discussant: Jiatong Zhong, Purdue University
2. Jaerim Choi  University of Hawaii at Manoa  The Labor Market Effects of the China Syndrome: Evidence from South Korea
   Discussant: Miguel Cardoso, Brock University
Coffee break: 4:30-4:45
3. Luciana Juvenal  IMF  Markups, Quality, and Trade Costs
   Discussant: Scott Orr, UBC Sauder School of Business
Adjourn for the day: Dinner at Park Distillery at 7 pm

Session 3: Wednesday May 29, 2019 9am-12:15pm (Kinear Centre 305)
Chair: Patrick Alexander, Bank of Canada
1. Jingting Fan  Pennsylvania State U  Financing MNCs
   Discussant: Ananth Ramanarayanan, Western University
2. Dominic Smith  University of Minnesota  Concentration and Foreign Sourcing in the U.S. Retail Sector
   Discussant: Chenying Yang, UBC Sauder School of Business
Coffee break: 11:00-11:15
3. Yuan Tian  Carnegie Mellon University  International Trade Liberalization and Domestic Institutional Reform
   Discussant: Sebastian Sotelo, University of Michigan
Session concludes: Lunch from 12:15-1:30 (Kinear Centre 301)
   Lunch address by Stephen Tapp, Deputy Chief Economist, Export Development Canada

Session 4: Wednesday May 29, 2019 1:30-4:45pm (Kinear Centre 305)
Chair: Jevan Cherniwchan, University of Alberta
1. Dominick Bartelme  University of Michigan  Specialization, Market Access and Medium-Term Growth
   Discussant: John Ries, UBC Sauder School of Business
2. Ananth Ramanarayanan  Western University  Immigrants and Exports: Firm-level Evidence from Canada
   Discussant: Jakob Roland Munch, University of Copenhagen
Coffee break: 3:30-3:45
3. Yang Jiao  Dartmouth College & Fudan University  Intrinsic Openness and Endogenous Institutional Quality
   Discussant: Yuan Tian, Carnegie Mellon University
Adjourn for the day: Dinner at Three Ravens (Banff Centre): 7:30 pm
Session 5: Thursday May 30, 2019 9am-12:15pm

Chair: Jen Baggs, University of Victoria

1. Daniel Goetz  University of Toronto  Mississauga  
   Exchange Rate Shocks and Quality Adjustments

   Discussant: Luciana Juvenal, IMF

2. Scott Orr  UBC Sauder School of Business  
   Import Competition and Specialization in Multi-product Plants

   Discussant: Dominick Bartelme, University of Michigan

   Coffee break: 11:00-11:15

3. Jakob Roland  University of Munch  
   Globalization and CEO Pay: Good Managers or Good Luck?

   Discussant: Dominik Boddin, Deutsche Bundesbank

Conference Adjourns