

Agenda

Empirical Investigations in International Trade

24th Annual Conference

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**Federal Reserve Board and George Washington
University**
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Friday, November 3, 2017

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast:

Session 1

Chair: Justin Pierce, Federal Reserve Board

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

[Global Supply Chains without Principals](#)

- Mengxiao Liu, Syracuse University
Discussant: Anca Cristea, University of Oregon

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

[Venting Out: Exports During a Domestic Slump](#)

- Eduardo Morales, Princeton University
Discussant: Tim Schmidt-Eisenlohr, Federal Reserve Board

11:30 – 12:00 p.m.

Break – Beverages provided

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

[Structural Change and Global Trade](#)

- Jing Zhang, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Discussant: Kerem Cosar, University of Virginia

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch

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

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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 – 11:30a.m.

Break – Beverages provided

11:30 – 12:30p.m.

Trade, Agglomeration Effects, and Labor Markets: Theory and Evidence

- Federico Esposito, Tufts University
Discussant: Farid Farokhi, Purdue University

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