

Empirical Investigations in International Trade

15th Annual Conference

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Organizers:

Keith Maskus, University of Colorado
David Hummels, Purdue University
Jon Haveman, Beacon Economics

Friday, October 10, 2008

All sessions in the Pinon/Billiards rooms

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

Session 1

Chair: Keith Maskus, University of Colorado

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “Testing the Melitz Model of Trade: An Application to U.S. Motion Picture Exports” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Chong Xiang, Purdue University

Discussant: Phillip McCalman, Univ. of California - Santa Cruz

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. “Decomposing Firm Level Sales Variation” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Daniel Nguyen, University of Copenhagen

Discussant: Joze Damijan, University of Ljubljana

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break – Beverages provided

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. “Exports and Credit Constraints: Firm Level Evidence” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Mirabelle Muuls, Grantham Inst. For Climate Change,
Imperial College

Discussant: Hale Utar, University of Colorado

12:15 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

Session 2

Chair: Raymond Robertson, Macalester College

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. “Heterogeneous Firms and Import Quality: Evidence from Transaction-Level Prices” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Benjamin Mandel, University of California-Davis

Winner: Best graduate student submission.

Discussant: David Hummels, Purdue University

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. “Import Competition, Multi-product Firms and Basic Innovation” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Carlos Rosell, University of Toronto

Discussant: Mary Amiti, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. “Local Export Spillovers in France” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Pamina Koenig, University of Paris West and Paris School of Economics

Discussant: James Markusen, University of Colorado

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7:00 p.m. **Conference Dinner: Wild Rose Restaurant**

Saturday, October 11, 2008

All sessions in the Pinon/Billiards rooms

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

Session 3

Chair: Chong Xiang, Purdue University

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “The Growth of FDI Relative to Trade: Measurement, Determinants, and Consequences” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Peter Egger, University of Munich

Discussant: Wolfgang Keller, University of Colorado

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. “Horizontal and Vertical Interdependence in the Multinational Subsidiary Networks” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Maggie Chen, George Washington University

Discussant: Andreas Waldkirch, Colby College

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break – Beverages provided

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. “The Extensive Margin of Exporting Goods: A Firm-Level Analysis” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Marc Muendler, University of California-San Diego and Princeton University

Discussant: Eric Fisher, California Polytechnic University

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch

Keynote Speaker: Matthew Slaughter, Dartmouth University

“The Protectionist Drift in U.S. Policy:
What Is Causing It and What Can Be Done About It?”

Session 4

Chair: David Hummels, Purdue University

2:00– 3:00 p.m. “Are Mexican, Canadian, and U.S. Workers Complements or Substitutes?” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Raymond Robertson, Macalester College

Discussant: Mine Senses, Johns Hopkins University

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. “Trade, Firms, and Wages: Theory and Evidence” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Mary Amiti, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Winner: Best paper on Frontier and Newly Emerging Economies

Discussant: Jennifer Poole, Univ. of California – Santa Cruz

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. “International Trade and Labor Income Risk in the United States” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Mine Senses, Johns Hopkins University

Discussant: Eugene Beaulieu, University of Calgary

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Sunday, October 12, 2008

All sessions in the Pinon/Billiards rooms

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

Session 5

Chair: Jon Haveman, Beacon Economics

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “Antidumping Protection and Exports: Firm-Level Analysis” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Hylke VandenBussche, Universite Catholic de Louvain

Discussant: Benjamin Mandel, University of California-Davis

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. “Manufacturing Restructuring and the Role of Real Exchange Rate Shocks: A Firm-Level Analysis” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Karolina Ekholm, Stockholm University

Discussant: Xufei Zhang, Leverhulme Centre for Research on Globalization and Economic Policy

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break – Beverages provided

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. “Multi-Product Exporters: Diversification and Micro Level Dynamics” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Leonardo Iacovone, World Bank

Discussant: Christopher J. Kurz, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Conference Adjourn