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Thursday, June 14, 2007

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Get together	CISEF Room
<u>Session 1: Trade Flows</u>		CISEF Room
Chair: Jon Haveman, Beacon Economics		
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	“Endogenous Markups, International Trade, and the Product Mix” ➤ Carlo Altomonte – Bocconi University <i>Discussant: Mauro Pisu, National Bank of Belgium</i>	(pdf)
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break – Snacks and beverages provided	
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.	“Modeling Trade With Quality Choice” ➤ John Romalis – University of Chicago <i>Discussant: Enrico Pennings, Erasmus University</i>	(pdf)
11:45 – 12:45 a.m.	“Cultural Proximity and Trade” ➤ Farid Toubal – University of Paris <i>Discussant: John Romalis, University of Chicago</i>	(pdf)
12:45 – 2:15 p.m.	Lunch	

Session 2: Trade and Wages

CISEF Room

Chair: Joze Damijan, University of Ljubljana

- 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. “How Does Investing in Cheap Labour Countries Affect Performance at Home?” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Davide Castellani – University of Perugia
Discussant: Mary Amiti, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. “How are wages set in Beijing?” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Jose de Sousa – University of Paris 1
Discussant: Holger Breinlich, University of Essex
- 4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. “An Anatomy of China’s Export Growth” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Mary Amiti – Federal Reserve Bank of New York
Discussant: Teresa Cyrus, Dalhousie University

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Friday, June 13, 2007

Session 3: Foreign Direct Investment

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Chair: Saso Polanec, University of Ljubljana

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “Spillovers from Multinationals to Heterogeneous Domestic Firms” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Gabor Bekes – Institute of Economics, H.A.S.
Discussant: Karolina Ekholm – Stockholm University
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. “FDI and the Composition of Tasks: Evidence from Linked Employer-Employee Data” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Karolina Ekholm – Stockholm University
Discussant: Beata Javorcik, World Bank
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 11:30 – 12:30 a.m. “Developing Economies and International Investors: Do Investment Promotion Agencies Bring Them Together?” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Beata Javorcik – World Bank
Discussant: Gabort Bekes, Institute of Economics, H.A.S.
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Lunch**

Session 4: Barriers to Trade

CISEF Room

Chair: Crt Kostevc, University of Ljubljana

- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. “Market Access Costs and the New Consumers Margin in International Trade” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Costas Arkolakis – Univ. of Minnesota and Yale University
Discussant: Farid Toubal, University of Paris
- 3:00– 4:00 p.m. “Do Trade Policy Differences Induce Sorting? Theory and Evidence from Bangladeshi Apparel Exporters” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Kala Krishna – Pennsylvania State University
Discussant: Jose de Sousa, University of Paris I
- 4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. “Export Barriers: What are they and who do they matter to?” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Mauro Pisu – National Bank of Belgium
Discussant: Antoine Berthou, University of Paris I.

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Saturday, June 16, 2007

Session 5: Topics in International Trade

CISEF Room

Chair: Mary Amity, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. “Credit Constraints and Zero Trade Flows: The Role of Financial Development” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Antoine Berthou – University of Paris 1
Discussant: Costas Arkolakis, Univ of Minnesota and Yale Univ
- 9:45 – 10:00 a.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. “Fragmentation in East Asia: Further Evidence” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Fuku Kimura - Keio University
Discussant: Susumi Imai, Queen’s University
- 11:00 – 12:00 a.m. “Productivity Growth and the Speed of Convergence” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Enrico Pennings – Erasmus University
Discussant: Davide Castellani, University of Perugia

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