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Organizers:

Joze P. Damijan, University of Ljubljana

Jon Haveman, Marin Economic Consulting

Thursday, June 12

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration

Session 1

Chair: Joze Damijan, University of Ljubljana

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “Firm Efficiency and Input Market Integration: Trade *versus* FDI” ([pdf](#))

- Michele Imbruno, GEP University of Nottingham & IMT Lucca

Discussant: Michael Pfaffermayr, University of Innsbruck

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. “Downstream Offshoring and Firm-level Employment” ([pdf](#))

- Bruno Merlevede, Ghent University

Discussant: Alessia Lo Turco, Universita Politencnica della Marche

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. “Free Trade Agreements and Firm-Product Markups in Chilean Manufacturing” ([pdf](#))

- Andrea Linarello, UPF & Bank of Italy

Discussant: Sang-Wook Cho, University of New South Wales

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

Session 2

Chair: Crt Kostevc, University of Ljubljana

- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. “Transit Trade” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Christian Volpe Martincus, IADB
Discussant: Catherine Fuss, National Bank of Belgium
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. “Decomposing Service Exports Adjustments along the Intensive and Extensive Margin at the Firm-Level” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Michael Pfaffermayr, University of Innsbruck
Discussant: Tibor Besedes, Georgia Institute of Technology
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. “Spillovers From Services FDI to Manufacturing in New EU Member States” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Philipp Marek, Halle Institute for Economic Research
Discussant: Ferdinand Rauch, Oxford University

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Friday, June 13

Session 3

Chair: Jon Haveman, Marin Economic Consulting

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “A Dissection of Trading Capital: Cultural Persistence of Trade in the Aftermath of the Iron Curtain” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Ferdinand Rauch, Oxford University
Discussant: Steven Poehleke, VU University Amsterdam/Oxford University
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. “Trade Integration and the Fragility of Trade Relationships” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Tibor Besedes, Georgia Institute of Technology
Discussant: Deborah Swenson, University of California - Davis
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. “Assessing Export Competitiveness at the Very Micro Level: Lessons from Matched Belgian and French Data” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Catherine Fuss, National Bank of Belgium
Discussant: Christian Volpe Martincus, IADB

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

Session 4

Chair: Tibor Besedes, Georgia Institute of Technology

- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. “Trade Policy Uncertainty and Exports: Evidence from China’s WTO Accession” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Deborah Swenson, University of California - Davis
Discussant: Michele Imbruno, GEP – University of Nottingham & IMT Lucca
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. “Trade Liberalization and the Extensive Margin of Differentiated Goods: Evidence from China” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Jo Van Biesebroeck, KU Leuven
Discussant: Andrea Linares, UPF & Bank of Italy
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. “Production Staging: Measurement and Facts” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Thibault Fally, University of California - Berkeley
Discussant: Jo Van Biesebroeck, KU Leuven

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Saturday, June 14

Session 5

Chair: Christian Volpe Martincus, IADB

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “Accounting for Skill premium Patterns during the EU Accession: Productivity or Trade?” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Sang-Wook Cho, University of New South Wales
Discussant: Thibault Fally, University of California - Berkeley
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. “How Persistent are the Benefits of Foreign Ownership” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Steven Poelhekke, VU University of Amsterdam
Discussant: Bruno Merlevede, Ghent University
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. “Does Export Complexity Matter for Firms’ Output Volatility” [\(pdf\)](#)
➤ Alessia Lo Turco, Università Politecnica delle Marche
Discussant: Philipp Marek, Halle Institute for Economic Research

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