

Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference

May 20-22, 2011

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Agenda

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Organizers:

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Jen Baggs, University of Victoria

Matilde Bombardini, University of British Columbia

Keith Head, University of British Columbia

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Friday May 20, 2010

8:30 – 8:50 a.m.

Registration

Session 1

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Chair: Eugene Beaulieu, University of Calgary

[Quality Differentiation and Trade Intermediation](#)

➤ Heiwai Tang, Tufts University

Discussant: Hiau Looi Kee, World Bank

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

[Breaking Up Is Hard To Do: How Firms Fragment Production Across Locations](#)

➤ Teresa Fort, University of Maryland

Discussant: Georg Schaur, University of Tennessee

11:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Break – Snacks and beverages provided

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.

[Local Intermediate Inputs, Foreign Direct Investment and the Performance of Domestic Firms](#)

➤ Hiau Looi Kee, World Bank

Discussant: Susan Zhu, Michigan State University

12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch

Friday afternoon: Session 2

Chair: Keith Head, University of British Columbia

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

[Policymakers' Horizon and Trade Reforms](#)

- Giovanni Facchini, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Discussant: Jevan Cherniwchan, University of Calgary

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Break – Beverages provided

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

[Innovation Response to Import competition](#)

- Ferdinand Rauch, London School of Economics

Discussant: Heiwai Tang, Tufts University

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

[Defying Gravity: The 1932 Imperial Economic Conference and the Reorientation of Canadian Trade](#)

- David Jacks, Simon Fraser University

Discussant: Jen Baggs, University of Victoria

Adjourn for the day

Saturday May 21, 2010

Session 3

Chair: Matilde Bombardini, University of British Columbia

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

[Does exporting increase productivity? Evidence from India](#)

- Megha Mukin, London School of Economics

Discussant: Patrick Conway, University of North Carolina

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

[Economics of Cross-border Travel](#)

- Keith Head, University of British Columbia

Discussant: David Jacks, Simon Fraser University

11:00 – 11:15 p.m.

Break – Snacks and beverages provided

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.

[Exchange Rate Movements and Firm Dynamics in Canadian Retail Industries](#)

- Loretta Fung, National Tsing Hua University

Discussant: Germán Pupato, Getulio Vargas Foundation - Rio de Janeiro

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch: Special Guest Speaker

"What do we really know about FDI?"

Bruce Blonigen, Knight Professor of Social Science, University of Oregon

Saturday afternoon: Session 4

Chair: Jen Baggs, University of Victoria

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

[Skill biased heterogeneous firms: trade liberalization and the skill premium redux](#)

- James Harrigan, University of Virginia
Discussant: Julien Martin, ENSAE

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Break – Beverages provided

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

[Low wage countries' competition, reallocation across firms and the quality content of exports](#)

- Julien Martin, CREST
Discussant: Ferdinand Rauch, London School of Economics

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

[Non-Market Interactions and Entry into Export Markets](#)

- Germán Pupato Getulio Vargas Foundation - Rio de Janeiro
Discussant: Anca Cristea, University of Oregon

Adjourn for the day

Sunday, May 22, 2010

Session 5

Chair: Olena Ivus, Queen's University

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

[Taking in One Another's Clothes? The Impact of the Removal of ATC Quotas on Trade](#)

- Patrick Conway, University of North Carolina
Discussant: James Harrigan, University of Virginia

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

[Buyer-Seller Relationships in International Trade: Evidence from US States](#)

- Anca Cristea, University of Oregon
Discussant: Teresa Fort, University of Maryland

11:00 – 11:15 p.m.

Break – Snacks and beverages provided

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.

[Globalization and Imperfect Labor Market Sorting](#)

- Susan Zhu, Michigan State University
Discussant: Runjuan Liu, University of Alberta

Adjourn Conference