

# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference

May 28-30, 2019

**LOCATION: Banff Centre, Banff Canada**

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In May 2019, the University of Calgary and partner institutions will host the 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference at the Banff Centre. At this conference, economists specializing in empirical international trade will present their current research. The goal of this conference is to promote the awareness of ongoing research in the area. It is also our hope that by bringing together people of similar interests, increased communication of ideas and future directions for the general research area will be promoted. This conference is part of the FREIT network of empirical trade conferences. FREIT offers four conferences dedicated to furthering research in the field of empirical international economics. Previous editions of the conference have included researchers at many different stages in their careers. The atmosphere is informal and lively, characterized by significant audience participation. We do not intend to publish the papers.

**Format:** The conference will begin at 9am Tuesday, and will continue through noon on Thursday. We anticipate having a total of 15 presentations, 6 on Tuesday, 6 on Wednesday, and 3 more on Thursday morning. Each session will be an hour long, with 45 minutes going to the presentation, 5-10 minutes to the discussant, and the remaining time to be used for open discussion.

Monday May 27, 2019

Informal meet & greet at 7pm at MacLab Bistro at the Banff Centre

Session 1: Tuesday May 28, 2019 9am-12:15pm (Kinear Centre 305)

**Chair: John Ries, University of British Columbia, Sauder School of Business**

1. **Vanessa Alvarez** University of British Columbia [Global giants and local stars: Multinational brand amalgamation](#)

Discussant: **Daniel Goetz**, University of Toronto

2. **Dominik Boddin** Deutsche Bundesbank [Imports, Exports, and Domestic Innovation](#)

Discussant: **Jaerim Choi**, University of Hawaii at Manoa

**Coffee break: 11:00-11:15**

3. **Sebastian Sotelo** University of Michigan [Migration, Specialization and Trade: Evidence from Brazil's March to the West](#)

Discussant: **Walter Steingress**, Bank of Canada

Session concludes: Lunch from 12:15-2:30

Lunch is a delicious bagged lunch and we will go on a hike up Tunnel Mountain.

Session 2: Tuesday May 28, 2019 2:30-5:45pm (Kinear Centre 305)

Chair: **Runjuan Liu**, University of Alberta

1. **Paul Piveteau** Johns Hopkins Univ [Foreign Competition along the Quality Ladder](#)

Discussant: **Jiatong Zhong**, Purdue University

2. **Jaerim Choi** University of Hawaii at Manoa [The Labor Market Effects of the China Syndrome: Evidence from South Korea](#)

Discussant: **Miguel Cardoso**, Brock University

Coffee break: 4:30-4:45

3. **Luciana Juvenal** IMF [Markups, Quality, and Trade Costs](#)

Discussant: **Scott Orr**, UBC Sauder School of Business

Adjourn for the day: Dinner at Park Distillery at 7 pm

Session 3: Wednesday May 29, 2019 9am-12:15pm (Kinear Centre 305)

Chair: **Patrick Alexander**, Bank of Canada

1. **Jingting Fan** Pennsylvania State U [Financing MNCs](#)

Discussant: **Ananth Ramanarayanan**, Western University

2. **Dominic Smith** University of Minnesota [Concentration and Foreign Sourcing in the U.S. Retail Sector](#)

Discussant: **Chenyang Yang**, UBC Sauder School of Business

Coffee break: 11:00-11:15

3. **Yuan Tian** Carnegie Mellon University [International Trade Liberalization and Domestic Institutional Reform](#)

Discussant: **Sebastian Sotelo**, University of Michigan

Session concludes: Lunch from 12:15-1:30 (Kinear Centre 301)

Lunch address by **Stephen Tapp**, Deputy Chief Economist, Export Development Canada

Session 4: Wednesday May 29, 2019 1:30-4:45pm (Kinear Centre 305)

Chair: **Jevan Cherniwchan**, University of Alberta

1. **Dominick Bartelme** University of Michigan [Specialization, Market Access and Medium-Term Growth](#)

Discussant: **John Ries**, UBC Sauder School of Business

2. **Ananth Ramanarayanan** Western University [Immigrants and Exports: Firm-level Evidence from Canada](#)

Discussant: **Jakob Roland Munch**, University of Copenhagen

Coffee break: 3:30-3:45

3. **Yang Jiao** Dartmouth College & Fudan University [Intrinsic Openness and Endogenous Institutional Quality](#)

Discussant: **Yuan Tian**, Carnegie Mellon University

Adjourn for the day: Dinner at Three Ravens (Banff Centre): 7:30 pm

Session 5: Thursday May 30, 2019 9am-12:15pm

Chair: **Jen Baggs**, University of Victoria

1. **Daniel Goetz** University of Toronto [Exchange Rate Shocks and Quality Adjustments](#)  
Mississauga

Discussant: **Luciana Juvenal**, IMF

2. **Scott Orr** UBC Sauder School of [Import Competition and Specialization in Multi-product Plants](#)  
Business

Discussant: **Dominick Bartelme**, University of Michigan

**Coffee break: 11:00-11:15**

3. **Jakob Roland Munch** University of [Globalization and CEO Pay: Good Managers or Good Luck?](#)  
Copenhagen

Discussant: **Dominik Boddin**, Deutsche Bundesbank

Conference Adjourns