

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

May 24-26, 2024

Hosted by:

**University of Calgary,**

**Venue: [Banff Centre](#), Banff Canada**

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## Organizing committee:

*Eugene Beaulieu and Trevor Tombe: University of Calgary*

*Jen Baggs: University of Victoria*

*Bernardo Blum: University of Toronto*

*Keith Head and John Ries: University of British Columbia*

*Runjuan Liu: University of Alberta*

*Jevan Cherniwchan, McMaster University*

*Jason Garred: University of Ottawa*

*Tibor Besedeš: Georgia Institute of Technology.*



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## Session 1: Friday May 24, 2024 9am-12:15pm

Chair: **Eugene Beaulieu**, University of Calgary

1. **Anca Cristea**, University of Oregon “[Organized Labor When Things Go South: Unions and the Labor Market Consequences of NAFTA](#)”

Discussant: **John Ries**, UBC Sauder

2. **Alvaro Garcia Marin**, Universidad de los Andes “[Trade Credit and Relationships](#)”

Discussant: **Illenin Kondo**, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Coffee break: 11:00-11:15

3. **Wenshuang Yu**, University of Calgary “[Access to High-Income Countries and Product Innovation: Evidence from China](#)”

Discussant: **Swapnika Rachapalli**, UBC Sauder

Lunch sponsored by Bank of Canada from 12:15-1:30

## Session 2: Friday May 24, 2024 1:30-4:45pm

Chair: **Tibor Besedeš**, Georgia Institute of Technology

1. **Lorenzo Rotunno**, International Monetary Fund “[Trade Spillovers of Domestic Subsidies](#)”

Discussant: **Hanqi Liu**, University of Calgary

2. **Jay Hyun**, HEC Montreal “[The Cleanup of US Manufacturing through Pollution Offshoring](#)”

Discussant: **Anil Gogenbakan**, University of Calgary

Coffee break: 3:30-3:45

3. **Victoria Wenxin Xie**, Santa Clara University “[Do Resource Rents Drive Urbanization and Structural Transformation? A Global Analysis](#)”

Discussant: **Jevan Cherniwchan**, McMaster University

Adjourn for the day

## Session 3: Saturday May 25, 2025 9am-12:15pm

Chair: *Jen Baggs, University of Victoria*

1. **Yue Yu**, University of Toronto "[National Road Upgrading and Structural Transformation: Evidence from Uganda](#)"  
Discussant: **Anca Cristea**, University of Oregon
2. **Fernando Leibovici**, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis "[Trade Risk and Food Security](#)"  
Discussant: **Wenshuang Yu**, University of Calgary

Coffee break: 11:00-11:15

3. **Sifan Xue, Princeton University** "[Trade Wars with FDI Diversion](#)"  
Discussant: **Trevor Tombe**, University of Calgary

Lunch sponsored by Bank of Canada from 12:15-1:30

Key-note lunch address by **Beata Javorcik**

**"Intended and Unintended Consequences of Western Sanctions on Russia"**

## Session 4: Saturday May 25, 2025 1:30-4:45pm

Chair: *Runjuan Liu, University of Alberta*

1. **Alejandro Graziano**, University of Nottingham "[International Trade, Market Concentration and Welfare](#)"  
Discussant: **Zhang Chen**, Hong Kong University
2. **Illenin Kondo**, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis "[Trade Liberalization and Labor Monopsony: Evidence from Chinese Firms](#)"  
Discussant: **Sifan Xue**, Princeton University

Coffee break: 3:30-3:45

3. **Shafaat Khan**, Syracuse University "[Trade War and Peace: U.S.-China Trade and Tariff Risk from 2015-2050](#)"  
Discussant: **Fernando Leibovici**, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Adjourn for the day

## Session 5: Sunday May 26, 2024 9am-12:15pm

Chair: *John Ries, UBC Sauder*

1. **Philipp Ludwig**, KU Leuven "[Can Unilateral Policy Decarbonize Maritime Trade?](#)"  
Discussant: **Jay Hyun**, HEC Montreal
2. **Zhang Chen**, Hong Kong University "[Export by Cohort](#)"  
Discussant: **Shafaat Khan**, Syracuse University

Coffee break: 11:00-11:15

3. **Swapnika Rachapalli**, UBC Sauder "[Multi-Product Markups](#)"  
Discussant: **Alejandro Graziano**, University of Nottingham

Conference Adjourns