

International Conference on
Trade Costs, Infrastructure and Trade Development in Asia

**Leverhulme Centre for Research on Globalisation and Economic
Policy (GEP), University of Nottingham**

13th and 14th January, 2010

at the Kuala Lumpur Teaching Centre, the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus,
2nd Floor, Chulan Tower, Jalan Chulan, Kuala Lumpur

Wednesday, 13th January

09.15 – 09.30 Opening addresses

Session 1 (Chair: Chris Milner)

09.30 – 10.50 *Asia's Melting Trade Costs*
Douglas Brooks, Asian Development Bank (with Benno Ferrarini)
Discussant: Fabrice Defever

Trade Costs in Asia
Prabir De, Research and Information System for Developing Countries
(RIS), New Delhi
Discussant: Jay Menon

10.50 – 11.10 Coffee

Session 2 (Chair: Subra Pillay)

11.10 – 12.30 *Trade Costs in Malaysia: Issues and Challenges*
Wai Heng Loke, University of Malaya (with Siew Yean Tham)
Discussant: Prabir De

Spatial Export Dynamics
Fabrice Defever, GEP, University of Nottingham (with
Benedikt Heid and Mario Larch)
Discussant: Cassey Lee

12.30 – 13.50 Lunch

Session 3 (Chair: Fabrice Defever)

13.50 – 15.10 *Country Trade Costs and the Composition of Trade: Multi-country and Product Evidence on the Sources of Comparative Advantage*

Chris Milner, GEP, University of Nottingham

(with David Greenaway and Danny McGowan)

Discussant: Douglas Brooks

Trade Openness and Vertical Integration: Evidence from Korean Firm-level Data

Hea-Jung Hyun, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy

Discussant: Shandre Thangavelu

15.10 – 15.40 Coffee

Session 4 (Chair: Chew Ging Lee)

15.40 – 17.00 *Financial Crisis and FDI's Interest in China's Hinterland:
A Quest for Soft Environmental Factors*

Chang Liu, GEP, University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China

Discussant: Subra Pillay

*Special and Differential Treatment of Developing Countries
Regarding Export Promotion Policies under the WTO*

Jai Mah, Ewah Womens University

Discussant: Yoke Fong Kong, GEP, University of Nottingham

17.00 – 18.30 Break

Session 5 (Chair: Ian Pashby)

18.30 – 19.30 ***Boustead Annual Globalisation Lecture:***

The Globalisation of Higher Education: The Emergence of Asia

David Greenaway, Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Economics,
University of Nottingham

19.30 – 20.30 Reception, sponsored by Boustead Holdings Berhad

Lecture and reception also in Chulan Tower, 2nd floor.

Thursday, 14th January

Session 6 (Chair: Shandre Thangavelu)

09.00 – 10.20 *Air Transport and International Trade: The case of Japanese Exports*

Nao Ijiri, Nihon University

Discussant: Chew Ging Lee

Road to Prosperity: The Effect of Transportation Infrastructure on Inter-village Trade

Rasyad Parinduri, GEP, University of Nottingham, Malaysia

Discussant: Chris Milner

10.20 – 10.40 Coffee

Session 7 (Chair: Cassey Lee)

10.40 – 12.40 *Technical Barriers to Trade, Integration and Export Growth in ASEAN*

Shandre Thangavelu, National University of Singapore

Discussant: Jai Mah

Effects of Hub-and-Spoke Trade Agreements on Trade:

A Panel Data Analysis

Joseph Alba, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Discussant: Rasyad Parinduri

Regional Economic Impacts of Cross-Border Infrastructure: A General Equilibrium Application to Thailand and Lao PDR

(with Peter Warr and Arief Yusuf)

Jay Menon, Asian Development Bank

Discussant: Nao Ijiri

12.40 – 13.50 Lunch

13.50 – 14.50 Transfer to the University of Nottingham campus at Semenyih

14.50 – 15.30 Tour of campus

15.30 – 16.00 Refreshments

Session 8 (Chair: David Greenaway) in Lecture room F3A12

16.00 – 17.00 ***The World Economy Asia Lecture*** sponsored by Wiley-Blackwell:

Rebalancing Asia's Growth

Professor Masahiro Kawai, Asian Development Bank Institute

17.30 Return to Kuala Lumpur;

19.30 Conference dinner at Top Hat,

No. 3 Jalan Stonor, close to the Royale Chulan Hotel.