



Call for Papers
Imports and Global Value Chains
Nottingham, United Kingdom
20-21 June 2017

A large fraction of world trade is accounted for by trade in inputs and global value chains. There is an increasing consensus about the relevance of importing and outsourcing to increase productivity and improve product quality. A burgeoning, yet relatively new and small literature is shedding light on the effects of importing and global sourcing on firm characteristics, the interaction between import and export activities, and the implications of trade in inputs within and outside global value chains to assess the effects of trade on welfare and specialization.

To discuss new insights on these issues, the GEP (University of Nottingham) will convene a research workshop on "Imports and Global Value Chains." The workshop will be held in June 20-21, 2017 in Nottingham, UK. The program will be organized by Joaquin Blaum (Brown University) and Facundo Albornoz (Nottingham).

Economists working in related topics are invited to submit a paper or an abstract for presentation at the workshop. Both theoretical and empirical papers will be considered. Submissions in the following areas are especially welcomed:

- Input trade and firm productivity
- International fragmentation of production
- Production networks and supply chains
- Firm location decisions
- Input trade and exporting
- Global value chains and economic development

The keynote speakers will be Richard Baldwin (Graduate Institute Geneva and CEPR), who will be giving the World Economy Annual Lecture, and Peter Schott* (Yale and NBER). Confirmed participants include Gregory Corcos (Ecole Polytechnique), Davin Chor (National University of Singapore) and Kalina Manova (Oxford).

Prospective participants should submit a draft version of the paper or an extended abstract of at least 200 words by e-mail to Facundo.albornoz@nottingham.ac.uk no later than March 6, 2017. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by March 20, 2017. Please address any inquiries about the event to the above email address. Please include with your email submission your name, title and affiliation. GEP will cover accommodation. Funds may also be available for travel.

Time Schedule:

March 6, 2017	Deadline for submissions
March 20, 2017	Notification of acceptance to the author

*To be confirmed.