Wednesday, 14th January, 2009

08.30 – 09.00  Coffee/tea available
09.00 – 09.15  Opening addresses

Session 1  (Chair: Daniel Bernhofen)

09.15 – 10.45  Consolidation and Harmonization of Regional Trade Agreements
Innwon Park, Korea University
Discussant: David Greenaway, GEP, University of Nottingham

The political economy of trade reform in Indonesia
Muhammed Chatib Basri, University of Indonesia
Discussant: Chris Milner, GEP, University of Nottingham

10.45 – 11.00  Coffee/tea

Session 2  (Chair: Cassey Lee)

11.00 – 12.30  Regional Heterogeneity and China's International Trade: Sufficient Lumpiness or Not? (with Meng Lu and Zhihong Yu)
Chris Milner, GEP, University of Nottingham
Discussant: Rod Tyers, Australian National University

English Language and Economic Growth: Cross-Country Empirical Evidence
Chew Ging Lee, University of Nottingham, Malaysia
Discussant: Innwon Park, Korea University
12.30 – 13.45 Lunch

Session 3 (Chair: Chris Milner)

13.45 - 15.15 Stock Market Effects of Emerging Markets Financial Liberalisation
Wei Huang, University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China
Discussant: Subramaniam Pillay, University of Nottingham, Malaysia

Trade Liberalization and the Economy: Stock Market Evidence from Singapore (with Shandre M. Thangavelu, National University of Singapore)
Rasyad Parinduri, University of Nottingham, Malaysia
Discussant: Daniel Bernhofen, GEP, University of Nottingham

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee/tea

Session 4 (Chair: Subramaniam Pillay)

15.30 – 17.00 Adoption of In-Work Benefit Programs: An Exploration on International Experiences (with Yothin Jinjarak)
Kampon Adireksombat, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Discussant: Evelyn Shymala Devadason, University of Malaya

Economic Liberalization in India: Productivity and Learning-by-Export
Sanja Pattnayak and Shandre Thangavelu,
National University of Singapore
Discussant: Cheng Ming Yu, Multimedia University

17.00 – 18.30 Break

18.30 – 19.30 The World Economy Asia Lecture sponsored by Wiley-Blackwell Publishers:
Will Asia Save the World?
Danny Quah, London School of Economics
(Chair: David Greenaway)

19.30 - 20.30 Buffet Reception at Fidel's, Mezzanine Floor, Prince Hotel, Jalan Conlay, Kuala Lumpur
Thursday, 15\textsuperscript{th} January, 2009

\textbf{Session 5} \textit{(Chair: Chew Ging Lee)}

08.30 – 09.00 Coffee/tea available

09.00 – 10.30 \textit{Testing the Price Version of the Heckscher-Ohlin Theorem: the Natural Experiment of Japan}
Daniel Bernhofen, GEP, University of Nottingham
Discussant: Ayako Obashi, Keio University

\textit{Slicing the Value Chain Internationally: Empirical Evidence on Offshoring by Manufacturing Firms in France}
Liza Jabbour, GEP, University of Nottingham
Discussant: Jayant Menon, Asian Development Bank

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee/tea

\textbf{Session 6} \textit{(Chair: Liza Jabbour)}

10.45 – 12.15 \textit{Competition Policy Corporate Saving and the Current Account}
Rod Tyers, Australian National University
Discussant: Cassey Lee, University of Nottingham, Malaysia

\textit{‘Round Tripping’ or ‘Capital Augmenting’ OFDI: Chinese Outward Investment and the Caribbean Tax Havens}
Dylan Sutherland, University of Nottingham
Discussant: Loke Wai Heng, University of Malaya

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch

\textbf{Session 7} \textit{(Chair: Shandre Thangavelu)}

13.15 – 14.45 \textit{Stability of Production Networks in East Asia: Duration and Survival of Trade}
Ayako Obashi, Keio University
Discussant: Jarita Duasa, International Islamic University

\textit{The Speed Intensity of Hong Kong's Manufactured Cotton Exports Relative to Japan During the Post-War Take-Off Period}
Kelly Olds, National Taiwan University
Discussant: Cassey Lee, University of Nottingham, Malaysia

14.45 – 15.00 Coffee/tea
Session 8  *(Chair: Rod Tyers)*

15.00 – 16.30  *What to do about Asia’s Spaghetti Bowl?*

**Jay Menon, Asian Development Bank**

Discussant: Shandre Thangavelu, National University of Singapore

*On Volume Based Measures of RCA: An Empirical Test for ASEAN*

**AKM Azhar, Universiti Putra Malaysia**

Discussant: Liza Jabbour, GEP, University of Nottingham

19.00  Conference dinner at Bon Ton restaurant, Jalan Conlay, Kuala Lumpur