Ninth Annual GEP Postgraduate Conference
hosted by the Leverhulme Centre for Research on Globalisation and Economic Policy (GEP), University of Nottingham

29th and 30th April, 2010
in Lecture Theatre A39 and A42, Sir Clive Granger Building,
University of Nottingham, University Park

P R O G R A M M E

Thursday 29th April

08.45 – 09.00  Arrival and coffee in A42, Sir Clive Granger Building

Session 1:  Introduction and Keynote Speaker

09.00 – 09.10  Introduction and Welcome
Professor Daniel Bernhofen
Acting Director, GEP, and Leverhulme Professor of International Economics

09.10 – 09.50  Keynote lecture:
Input Characteristics and the Mode of Offshoring: Evidence for French Firms
Dr Richard Kneller, GEP, University of Nottingham

Session 2:

09.50 – 10.30  Public Sector Growth: The Role of Globalization
Presenter: Sandra Hanslin, Universität Zürich
Discussant: Dr Marta Aloi

10.30 – 11:10  The Impact of Trade on Employment, Welfare and Income Distribution in Unionized General Oligopolistic Equilibrium
Presenter: Daniel Etzel, University of Bayreuth
Discussant: Dr Andreas Hoefele
11.10 – 11.30 Coffee, in A42

**Session 3:**

11.30 – 12.10 Global Sourcing and Contractual Frictions: Evidence from Spanish Firm-Level Data  
*Presenter:* Marcel Smolka, Tuebingen University  
*Discussant:* Dr Fabrice Defever

12.10 – 12.50 Which International Technology Transfer Channels Are Effective in Raising Firm Productivity?  
*Presenter:* Smaranda Pantea, GEP, University of Nottingham  
*Discussant:* Dr Alejandro Riano

12.50 – 14.00 Lunch in Staff Club restaurant

**Session 4: Poster Session, in A42**

14.00 – 15.00 The following posters will be presented:

**Brahim Boualam, University of Geneva**  
Geographical distance and the organization of firms: an empirical analysis on firm-level data  
*Discussant:* Dr Richard Kneller

**Léo Le Mener, INRA, Angers-Nantes**  
Trade Liberalization, firms productivity and export performance: evidence from the French agri-food sector  
*Discussant:* Natasha Agarwal

**Liu Yao, Nankai University and GEP, University of Nottingham**  
A Specific-factor Model of Offshoring  
*Discussant:* Robert Riegler

**Eva Pluskalová, University of Economics, Prague**  
South Korea and the European Union opening markets using a bilateral Free Trade Agreement  
*Discussant:* Danny McGowan

**Abelardo Salazar Neaves, University of Nottingham**  
Openness to International Trade across Space and Time  
*Discussant:* Fangya Xu
Yuliya Kiriyenko, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine
Ukraine’s membership in WTO: challenges for competitiveness on the world scale
Discussant: Zouheir El-Sahli

Session 5:

15.00 – 15.40 What Determines the FDI Mode of Entry?
Presenter: Shafik Hebous, Goethe University Frankfurt
Discussant: Professor Sourafel Girma

15.40 – 16.20 Spatial Exporter Dynamics
Presenter: Benedikt Heid, ifo, Munich
Discussant: Zheng Wang

Presenter: Zheng Wang, GEP, University of Nottingham
Discussant: Dr Zhihong Yu

17.00 Award of the ‘Best Paper’ Prize

(Optional:
17.30 onwards Meet in Staff Club bar for pre-dinner drinks)

19.10 Minibus from Staff Club front entrance to conference dinner

19.30 Conference Dinner at Antalya Turkish restaurant, Forman Street, Nottingham
Friday, 30th April

08.45 – 09.00  Coffee available in A42

Session 6:

09.00 – 09.40  Race-to-the-Bottom Unilateralism
*Presenter:* Pierre-Louis Vezina, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
*Discussant:* Veysel Avsar

09.40 – 10.20  Industrial Evidence on Partisan Trade Policy: Tariff vs. Antidumping
*Presenter:* Veysel Avsar, Florida International University
*Discussant:* Christian Soegaard

10.20 – 11.00  Trend Breaks in Bilateral Trade Openness and the Milestones of European Integration
*Presenter:* Sanne Hiller, Aarhus School of Business, Aarhus University
*Discussant:* Dr Gabriela Grotkowska

11.00 – 11.15  Coffee in 42

Session 7:

*Presenter:* Minjia Chen, University of Nottingham
*Discussant:* Dr John Gathergood

*Presenter:* Pham Thi Hong Hanh, University of Rouen, France
*Discussant:* Dr Spiros Bougheas

12.35 – 13.35  Buffet Lunch in A42

Session 8:

13.35 – 14.15  Beyond the Unobservable: Inferred Openness to Foreign Direct Investments and Migration
*Presenter:* Christian Gormsen, Aarhus School of Business, Aarhus University
*Discussant:* Dr Peter Wright

*Presenter:* Mohamad Ahmad, Chemnitz University of Technology

*Discussant:* Dr Olli Kauppi


*Presenter:* Danny McGowan, GEP, University of Nottingham

*Discussant:* Professor Daniel Bernhofen

15.35-15.45 Concluding Comments