Conference on Offshoring

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

19th to 21st June, 2008
to be held at University Park, University of Nottingham

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 19th June

In Lecture Room A48, Sir Clive Granger Building, University Park

17.00 – 18.15  The World Economy Annual Lecture 2008 on ‘Trade and Labour Market Outcomes’
Professor Elhanan Helpman, Harvard University

18.30  Informal drinks reception, sponsored by Wiley-Blackwell Publishers

Friday, 20th June

In the Arts Centre Lecture Theatre, University Park

Coffee available from 8.45 am

9.15 – 9.30  Welcome and Conference Opening

9.30 – 12.15  Session 1: Policy Forum, sponsored by the Royal Bank of Scotland

Session Chair: Andrew McLaughlin, Group Chief Economist and Group Director, Communications, Royal Bank of Scotland

Keynote Speaker:
Alan Blinder, Princeton University
‘Offshoring: Big Deal, or Business as Usual?’

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10.30 – 11.00  *Coffee*

**Outward Business Strategy**
Heather Booth di Giovanni, UK Trade and Investment (Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform [BERR])

**Globalisation and the Changing UK Economy**
James Watson, Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR)

**Offshoring and Migration: Implications for UK Labour Market and Skills Policy**
Jonathan Portes, Department for Work and Pensions

**OECD Workers in the Global Economy**
Alex Hijzen, OECD

12.15 – 13.30  *Lunch*

13.30 – 15.00  **Session 2:**

**Chair:** David Greenaway

**Firm Integration Strategies and Imperfect Labour Markets**
Peter Egger, University of Munich (with Hartmut Egger and Tobias Seidel)

*Discussant:* Udo Kreickemeier, GEP, University of Nottingham

**Real versus Financial Barriers to Multinational Activity**
Claudia Buch, Tübingen University (with Monika Schnitzer, University of Munich)

*Discussant:* Zhihong Yu, GEP, University of Nottingham

15.00 – 15.30  *Coffee*

15.30 – 17.00  **Session 3:**

**Chair:** Doug Nelson

**Globalisation and Job Loss Fears: An Empirical Analysis with Micro Data**
Ingo Geishecker, Göttingen University

*Discussant:* Agelos Delis, GEP, University of Nottingham

**Offshoot or Offshored? The Location of UK Multinationals**
Holger Görg, Christian-Albrechts-University Kiel
David Greenaway and Richard Kneller, GEP, University of Nottingham

*Discussant:* Rob Elliott, University of Birmingham

19.30  Dinner in Hemsley restaurant, University Staff Club, University Park
Saturday, 21st June

Coffee available from 8.30am

9.00 – 10.30  **Session 4:**
Chair: Sourafel Girma

Employment, Job Turnover and the Trade in Producer Services: Firm-level Evidence
Richard Upward, GEP, University of Nottingham (with Alex Hijzen, OECD and Peter Wright, GEP, University of Nottingham)

*Discussant:* Catia Montagna, University of Dundee

Offshoring and the Onshore Composition of Skills and Tasks
Karolina Ekholm (with Sascha O. Becker, Munich University and Marc-Andreas Muendler, University of California, San Diego)

*Discussant:* Richard Kneller, GEP, University of Nottingham

10.30 – 11.00  Coffee

10.30 – 11.00  **Session 5:**
Chair: Udo Kreickemeier

11.00 – 12.30  **Trade, Firms and Wages: Theory and Evidence**
Mary Amiti, New York Federal Reserve Bank (with Don Davis)

*Discussant:* Dennis Novy, University of Warwick

Outsourcing and Migration: Policy Issues
Giorgio Barba Navaretti, University of Milan

*Discussant:* Doug Nelson, Tulane University and GEP, University of Nottingham

12.30 – 13.45  Lunch

13.45 – 15.15  **Session 6:**
Chair: Richard Kneller

Producer Services, Manufacturing Linkages and Trade
Joseph Francois and Julia Woerz, Vienna Institute for International Economics Studies (wiwi)

*Discussant:* Daniel Bernhofen, GEP, University of Nottingham
Slicing the Value Chain Internationally: Empirical Evidence of the Offshoring Strategy by French Firms
Liza Jabbour, GEP, University of Nottingham

Discussant: Fabrice Defever, London School of Economics

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee

15.30 - 16.15 Session 7:
Chair: Daniel Bernhofen

Cross-regional variations in offshore outsourcing choices: evidence from firm-level data
Eiichi Tomiura, Yokohama National University

Discussant: Sourafel Girma, GEP and Nottingham University Business School

19.00 Dinner, Mr Man’s Chinese restaurant, Wollaton Park, Nottingham