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.