



Third Annual GEP Postgraduate Conference
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To be held in Lecture Theatre A41, Economics and Geography Building,
University of Nottingham, University Park

Programme

09.00-09.20: Arrival and Coffee

Session 1: FDI, Exports and Productivity

9.20-10.00: *Export Behaviour and Firm Productivity in German Manufacturing: A Firm-Level Analysis*

Speaker: **Jens Matthias Arnold (University Bocconi, Milan)**

Discussant: **Holger Görg (GEP, University of Nottingham)**

10.00-10.40: *Unilateral Trade Liberalisation and the Spatial Distribution of Economic Activity within a Country*

Speaker: **Pedro Moncarz (University of Nottingham)**

Discussant: **Ben Ferrett (GEP, University of Nottingham)**

10.40-10.50: Coffee

Session 2: Trade and MNEs activity

10.50-11.50: Poster Sessions

- *Functional Fragmentation of the Production Process: A Study of Multinational Firms Location in the Enlarged European Union*
Presenter: **Fabrice Defever (Team-CNRS University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne)**

- *Technology, MNEs Activity and Italian Skill Upgrading*
Presenter: **Mara Grasseni (University of Milan)**
- *The Geography of German Multinational Activities*
Presenter: **Farid Toubal (University of Kiel)**
- *Researching the Trade-Productivity Link: Evidence from Uruguay*
Presenter: **Adriana Peluffo (University of Antwerp)**

Session 3: International Economic Openness and Market Integration

11.50-12.30: *On Testing the Causal Relationship between Trade-Openness and Government Size: Evidence from 23 OECD Countries*

Speaker: **Mara Violato (University of Dundee)**

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

12.30-13.10: *Distance and Foreign Direct Investment Evidence from OECD Countries*

Speaker : **Delphine Irac (Columbia University, New York)**

Discussant: **Alessandra Guariglia (University of Nottingham)**

13.10-14.10: Lunch

Session 4: Globalisation and Labour Market

14.10-14.50: *Has International Trade Affected Workers' Bargaining Power?*

Speaker: **Sabien Dobbelaere (LICOS Centre for Transition Economics, K. U. Leuven and SHERPPA, Ghent University, Belgium)**

Discussant: **Daniel Mirza (GEP, University of Nottingham)**

14.50-15.30: *Referendum-led Immigration Policy in the Welfare State – A Theoretical Investigation*

Speaker: **Yuji Tamura (University of Warwick)**

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

15.30-15.40: Coffee Break

Session 5: Topics in Trade Liberalisation and Economic Growth

15.40-16.40: **Poster Sessions**

- *Trade Liberalisation and the Industry Wage Structure in India*
Presenter: **Puja Vasudeva-Dutta (University of Sussex)**
- *Complementarity between Heterogeneous Human Capital and R&D: can Job-Training Avoid Low Development Traps?*
Presenter: **Sergio Scicchitano (University La Sapienza, Rome)**
- *Impact of Productivity-Efficiency Gain under Competitive Pressure on Indian Households: An Applied General Equilibrium Approach*
Presenter: **Amarendra Sahoo (CenTER, University of Tilburg)**
- *A Static CGE Model for the UK with Health Care Provision*
Presenter: **Martine Rutten (University of Nottingham)**

Session 6: Trade Flows, Poverty and the Environment

16.40-17.20: *Environmental Regulations and Trade in Europe: The Role of Differentiation*

Speaker: **Jerneja Jug (University of Nottingham)**

Discussant: **Geoff Reed (GEP, University of Nottingham)**

17.20-18.00: *An Analysis of Household Behaviour to Price Shocks in Vietnam: Can Unit Values Substitute Prices?*

Speaker: **Yoko Niimi (University of Sussex)**

Discussant: **Simon Appleton (University of Nottingham)**

18.00: Drinks in Staff Club Bar