



Sixth Annual GEP Postgraduate Conference

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

26th and 27th March 2007

To be held in Lecture Theatre A41 and A42, Sir Clive Granger Building, University of Nottingham, University Park

PROGRAMME

Monday 26th March

08.45 – 09.00 **Arrival and Coffee in A42**

Session 1: Introduction and Keynote Speaker (Room A41)

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

09.10 – 09.50 On the Magic Behind David Ricardo's Four Mystical Numbers
Keynote speaker:
Professor Daniel Bernhofen, Leverhulme Professor of International Economics

Session 2: Economics of MNE (Room A41)

09.50 – 10.25 [A Knowledge-Capital Approach of Foreign Direct Investment in Transitional Countries](#)
Presenter: **Brindusa Anghel, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona**
Discussant: **Tom Ivlevs, GEP, University of Nottingham**

10.25– 11:00 [Multinationals and Plant Survival in Swedish Manufacturing](#)
Presenter: **Roger Bandick, Örebro University & Södertörn University College**
Discussant: **Holger Görg, GEP, University of Nottingham**

11.00 – 11.20 **Coffee in Room A42**

Session 3: Heterogeneous Firms and Globalisation (Room A41)

11.20 – 11.55 [Heterogeneous Firms and Comparative Advantage](#)
Presenter: Ines Buono, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Discussant: Zhihong Yu, GEP, University of Nottingham

11.55 – 12.30 [Explaining Export Varieties: The Unexplored Role of Comparative Advantage](#)
Presenter: Isao Kamata, University of Michigan
Discussant: Daniel Bernhofen, GEP, University of Nottingham

12.30 – 13.05 [Two-way Traders](#)
Presenter: Mirabelle Muûls, London School of Economics
Discussant: Richard Kneller, GEP, University of Nottingham

13.05 – 14.15 **Lunch in Rutland Hall Dining Room**

Session 4: Poster Session (Room A42)

14.15 – 15.00

- [*The Impact of Globalisation on Human Rights in Underdeveloped World*](#)
Presenter: Ann Natsvlishvili, Central European University
Discussant: Manop Udomkerdmongkol, GEP, University of Nottingham
- [*High-technology Foreign Firms and Labour Market Implications: An Analysis Using Heterogeneous Matching Models*](#)
Presenter: Bahar Sağlam, Bilkent University
Discussant: Olivier Godart, GEP, University of Nottingham
- [*Gravity Analysis of the Determinants of Ukrainian Exports: The Role of Regional Trade Agreements*](#)
Presenter: Evghenia Sleptsova, University of Birmingham
Discussant: Priydarshini Mahabir, GEP, University of Nottingham
- [*UK Evidence on the Effects of Firm-Specific Characteristics on the Capital-Labour Ratio Under Capital Market Imperfections*](#)
Presenter: Marina-Eliza Spaliara, University of Nottingham
Discussant: to be confirmed
- [*Industrial Characteristics, Environmental Regulations and Air Pollution: An Analysis of the Chinese Manufacturing Sector*](#)
Presenter: Shanshan Wu, University of Birmingham
Discussant: Fangya Xu, GEP, University of Nottingham

- [*Tax Sparing: Revealing the Mysteries*](#)
Presenter: Sirikaman Udampol, University of Exeter
Discussant: to be confirmed
- [*Firm Heterogeneity and Export Participation: A New Asian Tiger Perspective*](#)
Presenter: Supreeya Virakul, University of Birmingham
Discussant: Xufei Zhang, GEP, University of Nottingham

Session 5: Trade Costs and Economic Geography (Room A41)

15.00 – 15.35 [Preferential Trade, Sunk Costs and the Path-Dependent Expansion of Exports](#)

Presenter: Ingo Borchert, University of St Gallen

Discussant: Peter Egger, University of Munich and GEP

15.35 – 16.10 [Why Capital Does Not Migrate to the South: A New Economic Geography Perspective](#)

Presenter: Jang Ping Thia, London School of Economics

Discussant: Spiros Bougheas, GEP, University of Nottingham

16.10 – 16.30 **Coffee in Room A42**

Session 6: Trade and Information (Room A41)

16.30 – 17.05 [Gravity and Information: Heterogeneous Firms, Export Networks and the Distance Puzzle](#)

Presenter: Sebastian Krautheim, European University Institute

Discussant: Benjamin Jung, University of Tübingen

17.05 – 17.40 [Business News, Bayesian Updating and Bilateral Trade](#)

Presenter: Benjamin Jung, University of Tübingen

Discussant: Joana Silva, GEP, University of Nottingham

17.40 **Award of the ‘Best Paper’ Prize - Presented by Professor Daniel Bernhofen**

Dinner **Restaurant in Nottingham City Centre (further details will be given during the Conference)**

Tuesday, 27th March

08.45 – 09.00 **Coffee in Room A42**

Session 7: Globalisation and Labour Markets (Room A41)

09.00 – 09.35 [Structural Unemployment in a Matching Model with Endogenous Skill-Acquisition and Technological Diffusion](#)

Presenter: Fabio Aricó, University of Warwick

Discussant: Richard Upward, GEP, University of Nottingham

09.35 – 10.10 [Market Potential and Worker Heterogeneity as Determinants of Brazilian Wages](#)

Presenter: Rodrigo Paillacar, University of Paris 1

Discussant: Peter Wright, GEP, University of Nottingham

10.10 – 10.45 ['Putting People First'? FDI and employment adjustment of state-owned enterprises in urban China, University of Nottingham](#)

Presenter: Yundan Gong, University of Nottingham

Discussant: Alessandra Guariglia, GEP, University of Nottingham

10.45 – 11.05 **Coffee in Room A42**

Session 8: Topics on Foreign Direct Investment (Room A41)

11.05 – 11.40 [Privatisation, Strategic FDI and Welfare](#)

Presenter: Kullapat Suetrong, University of Nottingham

Discussant: Hartmut Egger, University of Zurich and GEP

11.40 – 12.15 [FDI and International Portfolio Investment – Complements or Substitutes?](#)

Presenter: Barbara Pfeffer, University of Siegen

Discussant: Marta Aloi, GEP, University of Nottingham

12.15 – 12.50 [FDI Location in China: The Role of Corruption, Government Efficiency and Environmental Regulation](#)

Presenter: Jing Zhang, University of Birmingham

Discussant: Oliver Morrissey, University of Nottingham

12.50 – 13.50 **Lunch in Room A42**

Session 9: International Trade Theory and Methods (Room A41)

- 13.50 – 14.25 [Introducing Income distribution to the Linder Hypothesis](#)
Presenter: **Helena Bohman, Jönköping University and Désirée Nilsson, Jönköping University**
Discussant: **Paulo Bastos, GEP, University of Nottingham**
- 14.25 – 15.00 [Trade, Productivity and Factor Endowments: an Estimation of the Neoclassical Model for Greece](#)
Presenter: **Ioannis Bournakis, University of Kent**
Discussant: **Agelos Delis, GEP, University of Nottingham**
- 15.00 – 15.35 [Why Decolonization?](#)
Presenter: **Roberto Bonfatti, London School of Economics**
Discussant: **Udo Kreickemeier, GEP, University of Nottingham**
- 15.35 – 15.45 **Concluding Comments from Professor Daniel Bernhofen**