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## *Conference on Offshoring*

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

**19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2008**

to be held at University Park, University of Nottingham

### **P R O G R A M M E**

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 – 10.30     ***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*
- 11.00 – 12.15 **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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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

### **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 (wiiw)

*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