

Eighth Annual GEP Postgraduate Conference

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Economic Policy (GEP), University of Nottingham

26th and 27th March, 2009

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

P R O G R A M M E

Thursday 26th March

08.45 – 09.00 Arrival and coffee in A42, Sir Clive Granger Building

Session 1: Introduction and Keynote Speaker

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

09.10 – 09.50 **Keynote speaker:**

Dr Udo Kreickemeier, GEP, University of Nottingham
on ‘Redistributing Gains from Globalisation’

Session 2: International Outsourcing

09.50 – 10.25 [Information, Incentives and Multinational Firms](#)
Presenter: Cheng Chen, Hitotsubashi University
Discussant: Fabrice Defever, GEP, University of Nottingham

10.25– 11:00 [Growth and Offshoring](#)
Presenter: Andreas Hoefele, University of Strathclyde
Discussant: Cheng Chen, Hitotsubashi University

11.00 – 11.25 Coffee in Room A42

Session 3: Foreign Direct Investment, Trade and Public Policies

11.25 – 11.55 [The Relationship between Trade Openness and Public Expenditures. The Spanish Case, 1960-2000.](#)

Presenter: Estela Sáenz Rodríguez, University of Zaragoza

Discussant: Xufei Zhang, GEP, University of Nottingham

11.55 – 12.30 [Lobbying for Tariffs: The Impact on Trade Policy of Voting on Domestic Policy.](#)

Presenter: Thomas Allen, University of Leicester

Discussant: Jennifer Abel-Koch, University of Mannheim

12.30 – 13.05 [How Low Business Tax Rates Attract Multinational Headquarters: Municipality Level Evidence from Germany.](#)

Presenter: Valeria Merlo, LMU Munich

Discussant: Liza Jabbour, GEP, University of Nottingham

13.05 – 14.10 Lunch in A42

Session 4: Globalisation and Labour Markets

14.10 – 14.45 [International Outsourcing and Wage Rigidity: A Formal Approach and First Empirical Evidence.](#)

Presenter: Daniel Horgos, Helmut Schmidt University

Discussant: Arijit Mukherjee, GEP, University of Nottingham

14.45 – 15.20 [The Source of Interindustry Wage Differentials.](#)

Presenter: Priscila Ferreira, University of Essex

Discussant: Peter Wright, GEP, University of Nottingham

Session 5: International Trade (I) (Room A41)

15.20 – 15.55 [Networks and Trade: Evidence from the Jewish Diaspora](#)

Presenter: Lisandra Flach, University of Mannheim

Discussant: Richard Upward, GEP, University of Nottingham

15.55 – 16.30 [An Empirical Study of the World Economic Geography of Manufacturing Industries \(1980-2003\)](#)

Presenter: Rodrigo Paillacar, University of Paris I

Discussant: Chris Milner, GEP, University of Nottingham

16.30 – 16.45 Coffee in Room A42

Session 6: Globalization and Firm Performance

16.45 – 17.20 [Do Financial Factors Affect Firms' Employment? Evidence from Chinese Manufacturing Firms](#)

Presenter: Minjia Chen, GEP, University of Nottingham

Discussant: Serafeim Tsoukas, University of Nottingham

17.20 – 17.55 [Productivity Performance and Plant Exit: Evidence from Japan](#)

Presenter: Danny McGowan, GEP, University of Nottingham

Discussant: Agelos Delis, GEP, University of Nottingham

17.55 **Award of the 'Best Paper' Prize**

19.15 Mini-buses pick-up from University Staff Club to take speakers to dinner in Nottingham

19.30 Dinner: Antalya Turkish Restaurant, 33 Forman Street, Nottingham

Friday, 27th March

08.45 – 09.00 Coffee available in A42

Session 7: International Trade Theory and Methods (Room A41)

09.00 – 09.35 [Intransparent Prices: A Model of Intra-Industry Trade Due to Incomplete Information](#)

Presenter: Christian Gormsen, Aarhus University

Discussant: Daniel Bernhofen, GEP, University of Nottingham

09.35 – 10.10 [Uncertainty and Coordination Cost in Vertically Linked Industries: A Model of New Economic Geography](#)

Presenter: Sandrine Noblet, University of Corsica

Discussant: Toshihiro Atsumi, GEP, University of Nottingham

10.10 – 10.45 [Trade Liberalization and Self-Control Problems](#)

Presenter: Jennifer Abel-Koch, University of Mannheim

Discussant: Spiros Bougheas, GEP, University of Nottingham

10.45 – 11.05 Coffee in Room A42

Session 8: Migration (Room A41)

- 11.05 – 11.40 [Determinants of East-West Migration in Germany: A Macroeconometric Analysis](#)
Presenter: Sascha Wolff, University of Göttingen
Discussant: Ralf Wilke, University of Nottingham
- 11.40 – 12.15 [Determinants of Return and Circular Migration](#)
Presenter: Florin Vadean, University of Kent
Discussant: Tom Ilevs, GEP, University of Nottingham
- 12.15 – 12.50 [Why don't Labor and Capital Flow between Young and Old Countries](#)
Presenter: Philipp an de Meulen, Aachen University
Discussant: Marta Aloi, GEP, University of Nottingham
- 12.50 – 14.00 Lunch

Session 9: International Trade(II) (Room A41)

- 14.00 – 14.35 [The Effects of Liberalisation on Airline Passenger Traffic: An Event Study of the Enlargement of the Single European Aviation Market](#)
Presenter: Priit Vahter, GEP, University of Nottingham
Discussant: Danny McGowan, GEP, University of Nottingham
- 14.35 – 15.10 [Rethinking the Effect of Cutting Red Tape in Egypt: A Dynamic CGE Model](#)
Presenter: Chahir Zaki, University of Paris I
Discussant: Christine Valente, University of Nottingham
- 15.10 – 15.45 [Regional Heterogeneity and China's International Trade: Sufficient Lumpiness](#)
Presenter: Meng Lu, GEP, University of Nottingham
Discussant: Fangya Xu, GEP, University of Nottingham
- 15.45 – 16.05 Coffee in Room A42

Session 10: International Trade (III) (Room A41)

- 16.05 – 16.40 [The Pollution Content in China's Trade](#)
Presenter: Fangya Xu, GEP, University of Nottingham
Discussant: Bouwe Dijkstra, GEP, University of Nottingham
- 16.40 – 17.15 [Threshold and Interaction Effects in the Trade-Poverty Relationship.](#)
Presenter: Vincent Leyaro, University of Nottingham
Discussant: Meng Lu, GEP, University of Nottingham
- 17.15– 17.20 Concluding Comments