











The 3rd GEP Conference in China

'Enterprise and Labour Market Adjustment in China's Transition'

9th and 10th November, 2010 at the University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 9 November (in the Conference Centre, University of Nottingham, Ningbo)

08.30 Transport from Sofitel Hotel to Conference Centre, University of Nottingham, Ningbo

08.45 – 09.15 Tea/coffee available

09.15 - 09.30 Welcome and introduction

- Professor Yang Fujia, Chancellor, University of Nottingham;
- Professor David Greenaway, Vice-Chancellor, University of Nottingham;
- Professor Nick Miles, Provost and Chief Executive Officer, University of Nottingham, China

09.30 – 10.40 **Session 1** [Chair: David Greenaway]

Labour Regulation and Enterprise Employment in China Albert Park, University of Oxford
Discussant: Fredrik Sjöholm

Exports and Labour Demand Elasticity in Chinese Manufacturing Industries **Eden Yu**, City University, Hong Kong

Discussant: Albert Park

10.40 – 11.15 Break for conference group photo and tea/coffee

11.15 – 12.25 **Session 2** [Chair: Shujie Yao]

The Differences of Wage Determination Mechanism between State-owned and non State-owned Enterprises

Xianguo Yao, Zhejiang University Discussant: Qing-Ping Ma

Identity, Inequality and Happiness: Evidence from Urban China

Lu Ming, Fudan University

Discussant: Zhou Minghai

12.25 – 13.25 Lunch in Robin Hood restaurant, Staff Hotel, Ningbo campus

13.25 – 15.10 **Session 3** [Chair: Chris Milner]

Foreign Firms, Competition and R&D in China

Fredrik Sjöholm, Research Institute of Industrial Economics, Stockholm

Discussant: Alex Newman

Processing Trade, Firm's Productivity and Tariff Reductions: Evidence from

Chinese Products

Miaojie Yu, Beijing University

Discussant: Zhihong Yu

Does FDI Spur Innovation, Productivity and Knowledge Sourcing by Incumbent Firms? Evidence from Manufacturing Industry in Estonia

Priit Vahter, University of Tartu

Discussant: Hans-Jörg Schmerer

15.10 - 15.25 Tea/coffee

15.25 – 17.10 **Session 4** [Chair: Chang Liu]

Market Size, Local Sourcing and Policy Competition for Foreign Direct Investment

Jie Ma, Beijing University

Discussant: Shiyuan Pan

Directed Technological Change: A Knowledge-based Model

Shiyuan Pan, Zhejiang University

Discussant: Jie Ma

Firm Heterogeneity, Ownership Structure and Labor's Share (with Zhou Minghai)

Wen Xiao, Zhejiang University Discussant: Brian Hilton

In the Auditorium (Teaching Building):

18.15 The World Economy Annual China Lecture 2010

Martin Wolf, Associate Editor and Chief Economics Commentator, *The Financial Times* to present:

'Challenges to Sustaining China's Growth'

Chair: David Greenaway

19.30 Buffet reception in the Robin Hood restaurant, Staff Hotel, University campus For conference speakers and discussants, visitors and UNNC staff

21.00 Transport from Staff Hotel to Sofitel Hotel

Wednesday 10 November (in the Student Services Building):

08.15 Transport from Sofitel Hotel to Student Services Building, University campus

In Student Services Building Room 120:

08.45 – 09.55 **Session 5** [Chair: Subramaniam Pillay]

Modes of Foreign Direct Investment and Patterns of Trade: Why Do MNEs Come To China? (with Soonchan Park, Kongju National University)

Innwon Park, Korea University

Discussant: Agyenim Boateng

The Role of Trade Costs in Global Production Networks. Evidence from China's Processing Trade Regime (with Ari Van Assche)

Alyson Ma, University of San Diego

Discussant: Chris Milner

09.55 – 10.10 Coffee/tea (in Student Services Building room 120)

10.10 - 12.50 Session 6: Parallel Sessions:

Session A (in room 109, Student Services Building)	Session B (in room 113, Student Services Building)
Chair: Jing Zhang	Chair: Subramaniam Pillay
10.10 – 10.35 Paper A1	10.10 – 10.35 Paper B1
10.35 – 11.00 Paper A2	10.35 – 11.00 Paper B2
11.00 – 11.25 Paper A3	11.00 – 11.25 Paper B3
11.25 – 11.35 Tea/coffee in room 120 , Student Services Building	
Chair: Priit Vahter	Chair: Puyang Sun
11.35 – 12.00 Paper A4	11.35 – 12.00 Paper B4
12.00 – 12.25 Paper A5	12.00 – 12.25 Paper B5
•	12.25 – 12.50 Paper B6

Session A Papers		
Al	Foreign Direct Investment, Urbanization and Urban-Rural Income	
	Inequality: Evidence from China	
	Chew Ging Lee, GEP, University of Nottingham, Malaysia	
	Discussant: Priit Vahter	
A2	How Important are Inner-city Spillovers for FDI? Evidence from	
	Chinese Cities	
	Chang Liu, GEP, University of Nottingham, China	
	Discussant: Chew Ging Lee	
A3	FDI, Skill-Specific Unemployment and Institutional Spillover Effects	
	Hans-Jörg Schmerer, Institute for Employment Research, Nürnberg	
	Discussant: Chang Liu	
A4	Regional Heterogeneity and China's International Trade: Sufficient	
	Lumpiness or Not?	
	Zhihong Yu , GEP, University of Nottingham	
	Discussant: Zheng Wei	
A5	The Impact of China's Exports on Global Manufacturing Prices	
	Jing Zhang, University of Nottingham (with Xiaolan Fu and	
	Raphael Kaplinsky)	
	Discussant: Saileshsingh Gunessee	
Session B Pap	·	
B1	Financial Constraints and Firm Productivity in China: Do Liquidity	
	and Export Behavior Make a Difference? (with Alessandra Guariglia)	
	Minjia Chen, GEP, University of Nottingham	
	\Discussant: Xiaogang Bi	
B2	Quantity Restriction and Multi-Product Firms: Evidence from China?	
	Zheng Wang, GEP, University of Nottingham	
	Discussant: Minjia Chen	
В3	Outsourcing and Wage Gaps: New Evidence from Specific Factor	
	Model (with Yao Liu)	
	Puyang Sun, Nankai University	
	Discussant: Zhihong Yu	
B4	How to Surivive in Developed Economies: An Environment	
	Partitioning Perspective for Chinese MNEs	
	Lei Li, University of Nottingham, China	
	Discussant: Zheng Wang	
B5	Effect of Change in Foreign Exchange Regime on the Use of Hedging:	
	Evidence from Chinese Firms (with Wu Mingming)	
	Subramaniam Pillay, University of Nottingham, Malaysia	
	Discussant: Wei Huang	
B6	The Role of Human Capital in China's Total Factor Productivity	
	Growth: A Cross-country Analysis	
	Zheng Wei, GEP, University of Nottingham, China	
	Discussant: Puyang Sun	

In the Conference Centre:

13.50 – 15.35 **Session 7** [Chair: Fabrice Defever]

Housing Market Development in China Shujie Yao, GEP, University of Nottingham

Discussant: Laijun Luo

Does the Political Participation of Entrepreneurs and the Political Resources of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Lead to Preferential Treatment from Government? Evidence from China (with Alex Newman, Yongzhi Sun and Wei Xu)

Zhao Chen, Fudan University Discussant: Junxin Feng

Does Williamson's Inverted U Shape Curve Really Exist? A New Test on Regional Inequality and Economic Growth (with Laijun Luo)

Junxin Feng, Renmin University Discussant: Zhao Chen

15.35 – 15.50 Tea/coffee

15.50 – 17.00 **Session 8** [Chair: Zhihong Yu]

Spatial Exporter Dynamics (with Benedikt Heid and Mario Larch)

Fabrice Defever, GEP, University of Nottingham

Discussant: Alessandra Guariglia

Investment and Financing Constraints in China: Does Working Capital Management Make a Difference? (with S. Ding and J. Knight)

Alessandra Guariglia, Durham University

Discussant: Fabrice Defever