



Ninth Annual GEP Postgraduate Conference

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

29th and 30th April, 2010

**in Lecture Theatre A39 and A42, Sir Clive Granger Building,
University of Nottingham, University Park**

P R O G R A M M E

Thursday 29th April

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
Acting Director, GEP, and Leverhulme Professor of International Economics

09.10 – 09.50 Keynote lecture:
Input Characteristics and the Mode of Offshoring: Evidence for French
Firms
Dr Richard Kneller, GEP, University of Nottingham

Session 2:

09.50 – 10.30 Public Sector Growth: The Role of Globalization
Presenter: **Sandra Hanslin, Universität Zürich**
Discussant: Dr Marta Aloi

10.30 – 11:10 The Impact of Trade on Employment, Welfare and Income
Distribution in Unionized General Oligopolistic Equilibrium
Presenter: **Daniel Etzel, University of Bayreuth**
Discussant: Dr Andreas Hoefele

11.10 – 11.30 Coffee, in A42

Session 3:

11.30 – 12.10 Global Sourcing and Contractual Frictions: Evidence from Spanish Firm-Level Data

Presenter : **Marcel Smolka, Tuebingen University**

Discussant : Dr Fabrice Defever

12.10 – 12.50 Which International Technology Transfer Channels Are Effective in Raising Firm Productivity?

Presenter: **Smaranda Pantea, GEP, University of Nottingham**

Discussant: Dr Alejandro Riano

12.50 – 14.00 Lunch in Staff Club restaurant

Session 4: Poster Session, in A42

14.00 – 15.00 The following posters will be presented:

Brahim Boualam, University of Geneva

Geographical distance and the organization of firms: an empirical analysis on firm-level data

Discussant: Dr Richard Kneller

Léo Le Mener, INRA, Angers-Nantes

Trade Liberalization, firms productivity and export performance: evidence from the French agri-food sector

Discussant: Natasha Agarwal

Liu Yao, Nankai University and GEP, University of Nottingham

A Specific-factor Model of Offshoring

Discussant: Robert Riegler

Eva Pluskalová, University of Economics, Prague

South Korea and the European Union opening markets using a bilateral Free Trade Agreement

Discussant: Danny McGowan

Abelardo Salazar Neaves, University of Nottingham

Openness to International Trade across Space and Time

Discussant: Fangya Xu

Yuliya Kiriyyenko, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine

Ukraine's membership in WTO: challenges for competitiveness on the world scale

Discussant: Zouheir El-Sahli

Session 5:

15.00 – 15.40

What Determines the FDI Mode of Entry?

Presenter: **Shafik Hebous, Goethe University Frankfurt**

Discussant: Professor Sourafel Girma

15.40 – 16.20

Spatial Exporter Dynamics

Presenter: **Benedikt Heid, ifo, Munich**

Discussant: Zheng Wang

16.20 – 17.00

An Account of the Chinese Export Boom, 2000-2007

Presenter: **Zheng Wang, GEP, University of Nottingham**

Discussant: Dr Zhihong Yu

17.00

Award of the 'Best Paper' Prize

(Optional:

17.30 onwards

Meet in Staff Club bar for pre-dinner drinks)

19.10

Minibus from Staff Club front entrance to conference dinner

19.30

Conference Dinner at Antalya Turkish restaurant, Forman Street, Nottingham

Friday, 30th April

08.45 – 09.00 Coffee available in A42

Session 6:

09.00 – 09.40 Race-to-the-Bottom Unilateralism
Presenter: **Pierre-Louis Vezina, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva**
Discussant: Veysel Avsar

09.40 – 10.20 Industrial Evidence on Partisan Trade Policy: Tariff vs. Antidumping
Presenter: **Veysel Avsar, Florida International University**
Discussant: Christian Soegaard

10.20 – 11.00 Trend Breaks in Bilateral Trade Openness and the Milestones of European Integration
Presenter: **Sanne Hiller, Aarhus School of Business, Aarhus University**
Discussant: Dr Gabriela Grotkowska

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee in 42

Session 7:

11.15 – 11.55 Financial Effects and Firm Productivity: Evidence from Chinese Manufacturing Data
Presenter: **Minjia Chen, University of Nottingham**
Discussant: Dr John Gathergood

11.55 – 12.35 Financial Development, Financial Openness and Trade Openness: New Evidence
Presenter: **Pham Thi Hong Hanh, University of Rouen, France**
Discussant: Dr Spiros Bougheas

12.35 – 13.35 Buffet Lunch in A42

Session 8:

13.35 – 14.15 Beyond the Unobservable: Inferred Openness to Foreign Direct Investments and Migration
Presenter: **Christian Gormsen, Aarhus School of Business, Aarhus University**
Discussant: Dr Peter Wright

- 14.15 – 14.55 Assessing the Impact of Environmental Policies on International Trade Flows and Export Competitiveness: A Case Study of Syrian Olive Oil Industry
Presenter: **Mohamad Ahmad, Chemnitz University of Technology**
Discussant: Dr Olli Kauppi
- 14.55 - 15.35 Trade Costs and Trade Composition: Multi-Country and Product Evidence on Sources of Comparative Advantage
Presenter: **Danny McGowan, GEP, University of Nottingham**
Discussant: Professor Daniel Bernhofen
- 15.35-15.45 Concluding Comments