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(GEP),
University of Nottingham
14th and 15th April, 2016

**Rooms A01 and A09, Highfield House
University of Nottingham, University Park**

P R O G R A M M E

Thursday 14th April

In A01:

09.00 – 09.10 **Introduction and Welcome**

Professor Richard Upward, Professor of Labour Economics, Director of GEP,
University of Nottingham

Session 1 (chair: Alejandro Riaño)

09.10 – 09.50 **“New trade models and the absence of pro-competitive effects from import competition”**

Presenter: Martin Alfaro (Aarhus University)

Discussant: Omar Licandro (University of Nottingham)

09.50 – 10.30 **“A tale of two tails: productivity distribution and the gains from trade”**

Presenter: Sergey Nigai, ETH Zurich

Discussant: Alejandro Riaño (University of Nottingham)

10.30 – 10.50 *Coffee/Tea break in the Cloisters (Highfield House)*

Session 2 (chair: Richard Upward)

10.50 – 11.30 **“Regional trade agreements, unemployment and the informal sector”**

Presenter: Benedikt Heid (Bayreuth University)

Discussant: Chris Milner (University of Nottingham)

11.30 – 12:10 **“The causal impact of migration on US trade: evidence from political refugees”**

Presenter: Walter Steingress (Banque de France)

Discussant: Richard Upward (University of Nottingham)

12.10 – 12.50 **Keynote Speech: “Trade, firm selection and innovation: the competition channel”**

Presenter: Dr Giammario Impullitti (University of Nottingham)

*12.50 – 14:20 Lunch in the Cloisters (Highfield House) + **Poster sessions in A09***

Fiscal competition for FDI with knowledge spillovers and trade costs

Presenter: Daniel Gravino (Loughborough University)

Discussant: Evangelia Pateli (University of Stockholm)

Export versus FDI: reverse sorting with quadratic utility

Presenter: Niklas Herzig (Bielefeld University)

Discussant: Martin Alfaro (Aahrus University)

Local labour market effects of immigration

Presenter: Maria Brunborg Hoen (University of Oslo)

Discussant: Walter Steingress (Banque de France)

Tariffs, intermediaries and consumer prices

Presenter: Kyung-In Hwang (University of Nottingham)

Discussant: Tommaso Sonno (Université Catholique de Louvain and LSE)

Trade with vertically and horizontally differentiated products

Presenter: Alessandro Tampieri (University of Luxembourg)

Discussant: Benedikt Heid (Bayreuth University)

Sequential exporting across products: evidence from Peru

Presenter: Manuel Tong Koecklin (University of Sussex)

Discussant: Hannes Malmberg (IIES, Stockholm)

Liberalising trade in the shadow of superstar firms

Presenter: Chara Vavoura (University of Nottingham)

Discussant: Glenn Magerman (KU Leuven)

In A01:

Session 4 (chair: Sourafel Girma)

14.20 – 15.00 **“Trade and the size distribution of firms: historical evidence from the German empire”**

Presenter: Marcus Biermann (LSE)

Discussant: Facundo Albornoz (University of Nottingham)

15.00 – 15.40 **“Local and sectoral import spill overs in Sweden”**

Presenter: Evangelia Pateli (University of Stockholm)

Discussant: Sourafel Girma (University of Nottingham)

15.40 – 16.00 *Coffee/Tea break in the Cloisters (Highfield House)*

Session 5 (chair: Holger Breinlich)

16.00 – 16.40 **“Banks capital structure and US dollars diversification of assets: does reduction in systemic risk affects agency costs?”**

Presenter: Justine Pedrono (Aix-Marseille University)

Discussant: Spiros Bougheas (University of Nottingham)

16.40 – 17.20 **“Heterogeneous firms and the micro origins of aggregate fluctuations”**

Presenter: Glenn Magerman (KU Leuven)

Discussant: Holger Breinlich (University of Nottingham).

17.20 Break. Opportunity for drinks at “The Hemsley” bar

18.45 Transport to Kayal restaurant will leave from The Hemsley

19.15 Conference Dinner at Kayal Restaurant, Nottingham City Centre
For Conference Speakers and Discussants Only

Friday 15th April

In A01

Session 6 (chair: Roberto Bonfatti)

09.00 – 09.40 **“Disentangling the effects of off shoring and biased technical change: new evidence from factor cost shares in global value chains”**

Presenter: Xianjia Ye (University of Groningen)

Discussant: Maria Garcia Vega (University of Nottingham)

09.40 – 10.20 **“Trade patterns and barriers to development”**

Presenter: Hannes Malmberg (IIES, Stockholm)

Discussant: Roberto Bonfatti (University of Nottingham)

10.20 – 10.40 *Coffee/Tea in the Cloisters (Highfield House)*

Session 7 (chair: Wanyu Chung)

10.40 – 11:20 **“Markups, productivity and the financial capability of firms”**

Presenter: Tommaso Sonno (Université Catholique de Louvain and LSE)

Discussant: Florian Unger (University of Munich)

11.20 – 12.00 **“The role of financial intermediation in international trade”**

Presenter: Florian Unger (University of Munich)

Discussant: Wanyu Chung (University of Nottingham)

12:00 – 12:15 **Award of the ‘Best Paper’ Prize and Concluding Comments**

12.15 – 13.30 *Lunch in the Cloisters (Highfield House)*
