



## Trade Costs and International Trade Integration - Past, Present and Future

### Conference Programme

Venue: Palazzo Pesaro-Papafava, Venice, Italy  
Organisers: Dennis Novy, David Jacks, Christopher Meissner

*Friday, June 25, 2010*

9.00am Coffee  
9.25am Welcoming remarks

#### **Session 1: Trade Costs in Emerging Economies**

Chair: Dennis Novy

9.30am Caroline Freund (World Bank)  
*What Constrains Africa's Exports?* (with Nadia Rocha)

10.30am Keith Head (University of British Columbia)  
*The Erosion of Colonial Trade Linkages after Independence*  
(with Thierry Mayer and John Ries)

11.30am Coffee

11.50am John Brown (Clark University)  
*A Ricardian Factor Content Characterization of the Welfare Effects from Trade: Evidence from Japan's Opening Up*  
(with Daniel Bernhofen and Tanimoto Masayuki)

1.00pm Lunch: Trattoria Storica (Cannaregio 4858)

#### **Session 2: New Empirical Methods**

Chair: Christopher Meissner

2.30pm Michael Waugh (NYU Stern School of Business)  
*The Elasticity of Trade: Estimates and Evidence*  
(with Ina Simonovska)

3.30pm Volodymyr Lugovskyy (Georgia Institute of Technology)  
*Transportation Cost and Endogenous Quality Choice*  
(with Alexandre Skiba)

4.30pm Coffee

4.50pm Ivan Cherkashin (Pennsylvania State University)  
*Firm Heterogeneity and Costly Trade: A New Estimation Strategy  
and Policy Experiments*  
(with Svetlana Demidova, Hiao Looi Kee, Kala Krishna)

5.50pm Adjourn  
7.00pm Dinner: Alla Madonna (Calle della Madonna San Polo 594)

*Saturday, June 26, 2010*

9.00am Coffee

**Session 3: The Dynamics of International Trade and Trade Costs**

Chair: David Jacks

9.30am Menzie Chinn (University of Wisconsin)  
*Supply Capacity, Vertical Specialization and Trade Costs: The  
Implications for Aggregate U.S. Trade Flow Equations*

10.30am Beata Javorcik (University of Oxford)  
*Roll out the Red Carpet and They Will Come: Investment  
Promotion, Information Asymmetries and FDI Inflows*  
(with Torfinn Harding)

11.30am Coffee

11.50am Paul Bergin (University of California, Davis)  
*The Dynamic Effects of Currency Union on Trade*  
(with Ching-Yi Lin)

1.00pm Lunch: Trattoria Storica (Cannaregio 4858)

**Session 4: Trade Policy**

Chair: Dennis Novy

2.30pm James Anderson (Boston College)  
*Specialization: Pro- and Anti-Globalizing, 1990-2002*  
(with Yoto Yotov)

3.30pm Marcelo Olarreaga (University of Geneva)  
*Weak Governments and Trade Agreements*  
(with Jean-Louis Arcand and Laura Zoratto)

4.30pm Coffee

4.50pm Jeffrey Bergstrand (University of Notre Dame)  
*The Growth of Bilateralism*  
(with Scott Baier and Ronald Mariutto)

5.50pm Adjourn  
8.00pm Dinner: Vecia Cavana (Cannaregio 4627)

**List of participants:**

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| James Anderson       | Boston College and NBER                       |
| Jeffrey Bergstrand   | University of Notre Dame                      |
| Paul Bergin          | University of California, Davis and NBER      |
| John Brown           | Clark University                              |
| Ivan Cherkashin      | Pennsylvania State University                 |
| Menzie Chinn         | University of Wisconsin and NBER              |
| Caroline Freund      | World Bank                                    |
| Keith Head           | University of British Columbia and CEPR       |
| David Jacks          | Simon Fraser University and NBER              |
| Beata Javorcik       | University of Oxford and CEPR                 |
| Volodymyr Lugovskyy  | Georgia Institute of Technology               |
| Christopher Meissner | University of California, Davis and NBER      |
| Sébastien Miroudot   | OECD, Trade and Agriculture Directorate       |
| Dennis Novy          | University of Warwick                         |
| Marcelo Olarreaga    | University of Geneva and CEPR                 |
| Michael Waugh        | New York University, Stern School of Business |