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Day 1 · Friday, May 15, 2026

Morning and afternoon sessions, with keynote at lunch

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026 · SESSION 1 · 8:45 – 12:15 PM

Session Chair: Jenn Baggs (University of Victoria - Gustavson School of Business)

Time	#	Presenter	Paper Title	Discussant
8:45 – 9:45	1	Davin Chor <i>Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth</i>	Exclusions for Sale? Tariff Exclusions in the US–China Trade War	Danielle Parks <i>University of Colorado</i>
9:45 – 10:00	Break			
10:00 – 11:00	2	Yuanzhe Tang <i>ENSAE Paris</i>	New Exporter Dynamics of Born-Global and Multinational Firms	Brian McCaig <i>Wilfrid Laurier University</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Break			
11:15 – 12:15	3	Victor Hernández Martínez <i>Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland</i>	When Trade Compresses: The Impact of Liberalization on Wage Inequality	John Ries <i>University of British Columbia</i>
12:15 – 1:45	Lunch Keynote talk by Keith Head: “Are quantitative trade models too MAGA?”			



FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026 · SESSION 2 · 2:00 – 5:30 PM

Session Chair: Jay Hyun (University of Alberta - Alberta School of Business)

Time	#	Presenter	Paper Title	Discussant
2:00 – 3:00	4	Björn Thor Arnarson <i>University of Copenhagen</i>	R&D Employment Spillovers in Trade and MNE Networks: Evidence from an R&D Tax Reform	Wenshuang Yu <i>University of Calgary</i>
3:00 – 3:15	Break			
3:15 – 4:15	5	Rachel Sun <i>The University of Hong Kong</i>	E-Commerce Expansion and Regional Disparities	Davin Chor <i>Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth</i>
4:15 – 4:30	Break			
4:30 – 5:30	6	Anna Ignatenko <i>Norwegian School of Economics</i>	Market Power at Sea: Micro Evidence, Macro Implications	Jeanne Astier <i>CREST</i>
6:30	Dinner at High Rollers			

Day 2 · Saturday, May 16, 2026

Morning session, afternoon session, and a hike up Tunnel Mountain at midday

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026 · SESSION 3 · 9:15 – 11:30 AM

Session Chair: John Ries (University of British Columbia - Sauder School of Business)

Time	#	Presenter	Paper Title	Discussant
9:15 – 10:15	7	Brian McCaig <i>Wilfrid Laurier University</i>	Foreign Manufacturing Jobs and Women: Impacts on Work, Marriage, and Childbirth	Victor Hernández Martínez <i>Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Break			
10:30 – 11:30	8	Jeanne Astier <i>CREST</i>	Climate Induced Congestion in Ports: Consequences on Transportation and Trade	Nune Hovhannisyan <i>Loyola University Maryland</i>
11:30 – 2:10	Lunch <i>Bagged lunch & hike up Tunnel Mountain</i>			



SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026 · SESSION 4 · 2:10 – 5:30 PM

Session Chair: Jean Victor (Export Development Canada)

Time	#	Presenter	Paper Title	Discussant
2:10 – 3:10	9	Joseph Lansley <i>University of Rochester</i>	When Brexit Means Brexit: Recovering Trade Policy Expectations from UK Imports	Björn Arnarson <i>University of Copenhagen</i>
3:10 – 3:20	Break			
3:20 – 4:20	10	Torsten Jaccard <i>University of British Columbia</i>	Tariff Pass-through into Retail Prices: Measurement, Replacement, Shrinkflation	Runjuan Liu <i>University of Alberta</i>
4:20 – 4:30	Break			
4:30 – 5:30	11	Danielle Parks <i>University of Colorado</i>	Invisible Imports: The De Minimis Loophole and Tariff Evasion in the U.S.–China Trade War	Torsten Jaccard <i>Vancouver School of Economics</i>
6:30	Dinner at Park Distillery			

Day 3 · Sunday, May 17, 2026

Closing morning session

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 · SESSION 5 · 8:30 – 12:00 PM

Session Chair: Eugene Beaulieu (University of Calgary - Department of Economics)

Time	#	Presenter	Paper Title	Discussant
8:30 – 9:30	12	Chloe Antoine <i>CREST, Institut Polytechnique de Paris</i>	The Biodiversity Impact of Agricultural Trade Liberalization	Yuanzhe Tang <i>ENSAE Paris</i>
9:30 – 9:45	Break			
9:45 – 10:45	13	Nune Hovhannisyan <i>Loyola University Maryland</i>	Do Sanctions Inhibit Innovation? The Case of the U.S.	Hanqi Liu <i>University of Calgary</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Break			
11:00 – 12:00	14	Lingfei Lu <i>Hong Kong University of Science and Technology</i>	Import-Export Linkages as a Channel for Exchange Rate Hedging	Joseph Lansley <i>University of Rochester</i>

Program subject to change. Each paper slot includes presentation, discussion, and Q&A.