

# Empirical Investigations in Trade and Investment

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The 6<sup>th</sup> floor, East Research Building  
Mita Campus, Keio University**

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## Thursday, March 19, 2009

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Registration

### Session 1: Multinational Activity

Chair:

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. “Quality Choice: Effects of Trade, Transportation Cost, and Relative Country Size”

➤ Alexandre Skiba, University of Wyoming

*Discussant:*

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. “How Strong is the Love of Variety?”

➤ Adina Ardelean, Santa Clara University

*Discussant:*

11:45 – 12:45 a.m. “International Trade in Services: A Portrait of Importers and Exporters”

➤ Chiara Criscuolo, CEP LSE

*Discussant:*

12:45 – 2:15 p.m. **Lunch**

## **Session 2: Firm Level Analysis**

Chair:

- 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. “Exporting out of poverty: Provincial poverty in Vietnam and U.S. market access”  
➤ Brian McCaig, Australian National University  
*Discussant:*
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. “Wage Inequality in Indian Manufacturing: Is it Trade, Technology or Labour Regulations”  
➤ Krishnarajapet V. Ramaswamy, IGIDR Mumbai  
*Discussant:*
- 4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. “The Impact of Trade Liberalization on Productivity in Chinese Industry”  
➤ Yifan Zhang, Lingnan University  
*Discussant:*

***Adjourn***

## **Friday, March 20, 2009**

### **Session 3: Gains From Trade**

Chair:

- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. “Why are women more protectionist than men?”  
➤ Eugene Beaulieu, University of Calgary  
*Discussant:*
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. “Product Standards, International Harmonization, and Export Diversification”  
➤ Ben Shepherd, Princeton University  
*Discussant:*
- 11:45 – 12:00 p.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. “Protection and Skills: Does Trade Policy Favor Low-skill Workers?”  
➤ Scott Bradford, University of Göttingen  
*Discussant:*

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Lunch**

## **Session 4: Transnational Interactions**

Chair:

- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. “The Effects of Foreign Direct Investment in Mexico since NAFTA”  
➤ Andreas Waldkirch, Colby College  
*Discussant:*
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. “Gravity and Matching”  
➤ Johannes Moenius, University of Redlands  
*Discussant:*
- 4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. “Bilateral Investment Treaties and International Integration”  
➤ Deborah Swenson, UC Davis  
*Discussant:*

**Adjourn**

## **Saturday, March 21, 2009**

### **Session 5: Preferential Trade Agreements**

Chair:

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “Stability of Production Networks in East Asia: Duration and Survival of Trade”  
➤ Ayako Obashi, Keio University  
*Discussant:*
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. “The Margins of Multinational Production and the Role of Intra-Firm Trade”  
➤ Andreas Moxnes, University of Oslo  
*Discussant:*
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. “Firms’ export-supply response: learning from the Indonesian experience during the 1997/98 economic crisis”  
➤ Dionisius A. Narjoko, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia  
*Discussant:*

***Adjourn Conference***