

# Korean Empirical Trade Conference

January 9-10, 2026  
*Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea*

**Venue:**  
Wooseok Economic Building, Room 307  
(Building #223)

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## Organizers:

[Jaerim Choi](#), Yonsei University  
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[Tibor Besedeš](#), Georgia Tech and FREIT

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## Agenda

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## Friday, January 9, 2026

- 8:30 – 8:50 a.m. Registration
- 8:50 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- [Jee-Hyeong Park](#), Seoul National University
  - [Tibor Besedeš](#), Georgia Institute of Technology

### Session 1

Chair: [Jaerim Choi](#), Yonsei University

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. [Import Competition, Knowledge Diffusion, and Innovation](#)
- [Reshad Ahsan](#), University of Melbourne
- Discussant: [ByeongHwa Choi](#), Dongguk University*
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. [Equity Financing and Exports: Evidence from IPO Approvals in China](#)
- [Robin Gong](#), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Discussant: [Zi Wang](#), Hong Kong Baptist University*
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Break
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. [Trade War and Technology Rivalry](#)
- [Zi Wang](#), Hong Kong Baptist University
- Discussant: [Alireza Naghavi](#), Kyoto University*
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

## Friday, January 9, 2026

### Session 2

Chair: [Ryan Kim](#), Seoul National University

- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Keynote:** [Heiwai Tang](#), University of Hong Kong
- [Communication Costs, Direct Flights and International Trade](#)
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. [R&D Employment and Transmission in Trade and MNE Networks: Evidence from a R&D Tax Reform](#)
- [Jakob Roland Munch](#), University of Copenhagen
- Discussant: [Sunghoon Chung](#), Korea Development Institute*
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Break
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. [Promoting Firm Exports: Identifying Causal Effects](#)
- [Sunghoon Chung](#), Korea Development Institute
- Discussant: [Lukasz Grzybowski](#), University of Warsaw and University of Cape Town*
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner** (By invitation only)

## Saturday, January 10, 2026

### Session 3

Chair: [Eunhee Lee](#), Seoul National University

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

[Trade, Oligopsony Power, and Wage Inequality](#)

➤ [Joonkyo Hong](#), National Taiwan University

*Discussant: [Robin Gong](#), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

[Trade Liberalization and Working Conditions](#)

➤ [Farid Toubal](#), University of Paris Dauphine

*Discussant: [Jooyun Park](#), Kent State University*

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Break

11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

[Cracks in the Glass Ceiling and Gender Equality: Do Exports Shatter the Glass Ceiling?](#)

➤ [Lourenco Paz](#), Baylor University

*Discussant: [Reshad Ahsan](#), University of Melbourne*

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch**

## Saturday, January 10, 2026

### Session 4

Chair: [Seung Hoon Lee](#), Yonsei University

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

[Consumer Demand with Price Aggregators and Low-Rank Cross-Price Effects](#)

➤ [Thibault Fally](#), University of California Berkeley

*Discussant: [Joonkyo Hong](#), National Taiwan University*

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

[Slice To Protect](#)

➤ [Alireza Naghavi](#), Kyoto University

*Discussant: [Farid Toubal](#), University of Paris Dauphine*

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

[Trade Integration and Trade Dynamics](#)

➤ [Tibor Besedeš](#), Georgia Institute of Technology

*Discussant: [Hea-Jung Hyun](#), Kyung Hee University*

6:00 p.m.

**Informal Dinner (Dutch treat)**

## Participants:

- Reshad Ahsan (University of Melbourne)
- Tibor Besedeš (Georgia Tech and FREIT / Georgia Institute of Technology)
- ByeongHwa Choi (Dongguk University)
- Jaerim Choi (Yonsei University)
- Sunghoon Chung (Korea Development Institute)
- Thanh-Hao Thi Dau (Seoul National University)
- Thibault Fally (University of California Berkeley)
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