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Organizers:

Joze P. Damijan, University of Ljubljana

Jon Haveman, Beacon Economics

Thursday, June 12, 2008

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Get together

(Hotel Marina, Izola)

Session 1: Trade and Productivity

Chair: Jon Haveman, Beacon Economics

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

“From innovation to exporting or vice versa? Causal link between innovation activity and exporting in Slovenian microdata”

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➤ Joze P. Damijan, University of Ljubljana

Discussant: Joep Konings, University of Leuven

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Break – Snacks and beverages provided

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

“Productivity and the international firm: Is it all about the use of inputs?”

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➤ Davide Castellani, University of Perugia

Discussant: Caroline Paunov, Queen Mary, University of London

11:45 – 12:45 a.m.

“Liquidity constraints and firm’s export activity”

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➤ Emanuele Forlani, Universite Catholique de Louvain

Discussant: Saso Polanec, University of Ljubljana

12:45 – 2:15 p.m.

Lunch

Session 2: Export Performance and Growth

Chair: Crt Kostevc, *University of Ljubljana*

- 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. “The role of extensive and intensive margins and export growth” ([pdf](#))
➤ Tibor Besedes, Georgia Institute of Technology
Discussant: Balazs Murakozy, Institute of Economics, HAS
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. “Foreign market conditions and export performance” ([pdf](#))
➤ Holger Breinlich, University of Essex
Discussant: Crt Kostevc, University of Ljubljana
- 4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. “What makes a successful export?” ([pdf](#))
➤ Balazs Murakozy, Institute of Economics, HAS
Discussant: Chiara Tomasi, University of Urbino and Scuola Superiore S. Anna

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Friday, June 13, 2008

Session 3: China Trade

Chair: Saso Polanec, *University of Ljubljana*

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “Are U.S. exports different from China’s exports? Evidence from Japan’s imports” ([pdf](#))
➤ Kozo Kiyota, Yokohama Nat’l University and University of Michigan
Discussant: Emanuele Forlani, Universite Catholique de Louvain
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. “International trade and labor income risk in the United States” ([pdf](#))
➤ Mine Zeynep Senses, Johns Hopkins University
Discussant: Jennifer Pamela Poole, UC – Santa Cruz
- 11:15 – 12:15 a.m. “Inequality and prices: Does China benefit the poor in America?” ([pdf](#))
➤ John Romalis, University of Chicago
Discussant: Kozo Kiyota, Yokohama National University and University of Michigan

12:15– 2:00 p.m. **Lunch**

Session 4: Trade Patterns

Chair: John Romalis, *University of Chicago*

- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. “Trade liberalization, factor proportions, and the pattern of trade” (pdf)
➤ Ana Fernandes, CEP, LSE
Discussant: Jose de Sousa, CREM U. of Rennes 1 and CES U. of Paris 1
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. “Heterogeneous responses of firms to trade protection” (pdf)
➤ Joep Konings, Catholic University of Leuven
Discussant: Davide Castellani, University of Perugia
- 4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Break – Beverages provided
- 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. “Exporters, importers, and two-way traders: The links between internationalization, skills, and wages” (pdf)
➤ Francesco Serti, University of Alicante-S. Anna
Discussant: Holger Breinlich, University of Essex

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Saturday, June 14, 2008

Session 5: Trade Topics

Chair: Joze Damijan, *University of Ljubljana*

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “Services FDI and manufacturing productivity growth: Evidence for Chile” (pdf)
➤ Caroline Paunov, Queen Mary, University of London
Discussant: Ana Fernandes, CEP, LSE
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. “Multinational spillovers through worker turnover” (pdf)
➤ Jennifer Pamela Poole, University of California – Santa Cruz
Discussant: Mine Zeynep Senses, Johns Hopkins University
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 11:30 – 12:30 a.m. “Trade and colonial status” (pdf)
➤ Jose de Sousa, CREM U. of Rennes 1 and CES U. of Paris 1
Discussant: Tibor Besedes, Georgia Institute of Technology

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