

Melbourne Empirical Trade Conference

July 21-23, 2025
Monash University

Venue:

Level 8, Monash College City Campus,
750 Collins Street,
Melbourne

Sponsors:

University of Melbourne, Monash University
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Local Organizers:

Reshad Ahsan, University of Melbourne
Laura Puzzello, Monash University

Program Committee:

*Reshad Ahsan, Maria Ptashkina, Laura
Puzzello*

Monday, July 21, 2025

8:45 – 9: 00 a.m. Registration

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and opening remarks
➤ **[Professor Simon Wilkie, Dean Faculty of Business and Economics at Monash University](#)**

Session 1

Chair: Reshad Ahsan, University of Melbourne

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. **Negotiating Efficient Bilateral Trade Agreements**
➤ **[Maria Ptashkina, University of Melbourne](#)**
Discussant: James Lake, University of Tennessee

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **[Can Unilateral Policy Decarbonize Maritime Trade?](#)**
➤ **[Philipp Ludwig, National University of Singapore](#)**
Discussant: Eunhee Lee, Seoul National University

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. **Break – Morning tea**

Session 2: Keynote

Chair: Phil McCalman, University of Melbourne

11:45 – 12:45 p.m. **[Trade Within Multinational Boundaries](#)**
➤ **[Paola Conconi, University of Oxford](#)**

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. **Lunch**

Session 3

Chair: Maria Ptashkina, University of Melbourne

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Trade and US Inequality in the Tokyo Round

➤ **James Lake, University of Tennessee**

Discussant: Scott French, University of New South Wales

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Dynamic Migration: From Local Effects to Aggregate Implications

➤ **Alejandro Parraguez-Tala, University of Texas at Austin**

Discussant: Chen Liu, National University of Singapore

3:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Break – Afternoon tea

Session 4

Chair: Laura Puzzello, Monash University

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Exporting Education or Importing Labor? The Labor Market Impacts of International Students

➤ **Chen Liu, National University of Singapore**

Discussant: Alejandro Parraguez-Tala, University of Texas at Austin

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Session 5

Chair: Laura Puzzello, Monash University

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Trade on the Rocks - The Distance Effect of the North Atlantic Iceberg Drift on Trade

➤ **Christian Düben, Monash University**

Discussant: Younghoon Kim, National University of Singapore

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Consumer Demand with Price Aggregators and Low-Rank Cross-Price Effects

➤ **Thibault Fally, University of California, Berkeley**

Discussant: Filip Premik, Monash University

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Break – Morning tea
<u>Session 6</u>	
Chair: James Lake, University of Tennessee	
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Early-life Trade Exposure, Education, and Labour Market Outcomes: Microeconomic Evidence from China’s Treaty-Port Era</p> <p>➤ Vladimir Tyazhelnikov, University of Sydney</p> <p><i>Discussant: Christian Düben, Monash University</i></p>
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
<u>Session 7</u>	
Chair: Chirstian Düben, Monash University	
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<p><u>An Anatomy of U.S. Establishments' Trade Linkages in Global Value Chains</u></p> <p>➤ Eunhee Lee, Seoul National University</p> <p><i>Discussant: Thibault Fally, University of California, Berkeley</i></p>
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	<p>Trade and Firm-Level Adjustments to Geopolitical Shifts: Evidence from Armenia</p> <p>➤ Mushegh Tovmasyan, University Paris-Saclay</p> <p><i>Discussant: Vladimir Tyazhelnikov, University of Sydney</i></p>
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Break – Afternoon tea
<u>Session 8</u>	
Chair: Reshad Ahsan, University of Melbourne	
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	<p><u>When Export Controls Backfire: Evidence from 2019 Korea-Japan Trade Dispute</u></p> <p>➤ Younghoon Kim, National University of Singapore</p> <p><i>Discussant: Yuan Mei, Singapore Management University</i></p>
6:00 p.m.	Conference Dinner (Invitation Only)

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Session 9

Chair: Laura Puzzello, Monash University

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Spatial Spillover of Standard Harmonization and Estimation of Multi-Dimensional Dynamic Spatial Models

➤ **Yuan Mei, Singapore Management University**

Discussant: Philipp Ludwig, National University of Singapore

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Morning Tea

Session 10

Chair: Reshad Ahsan, University of Melbourne

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Competition, Productivity and Product Mix: The Effect of China on Mexican Plants

➤ **Scott French, University of New South Wales**

Discussant: Mushegh Tovmasyan, University Paris-Saclay

11:30 a.m.

Lunch (Invitation Only)

Adjourn Conference