

12th Annual Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference

May 23-25, 2025

Hosted by:

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Venue: [Banff Centre](#), Banff Canada

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Session 1: Friday May 23, 2025, 8:15am-11:30am

Chair: [Eugene Beaulieu](#), University of Calgary

1. [“Reversing Protectionism: A First Look at Product-level Trade Data from Smoot-Hawley to the GATT”](#)

[Kristy Buzard](#), Syracuse University

Discussant: [Deborah Swenson](#), University of California, Davis

2. [“Firm Entry and Market Interdependence: Evidence from anti-dumping tariffs”](#)

[Cheng Chen](#), Clemson University

Discussant: [Ariel Weinberger](#), George Washington University

Coffee break: 10:15-10:30

3. [“Policy Relevant Information Spillovers in Export Markets”](#)

[Joel Rodrigue](#), Vanderbilt University

Discussant: [Weiting Miao](#), Duke University

Lunch sponsored by Bank of Canada from 11:30am-1:00p

Key-note address by [Emily Blanchard](#), Tuck@Dartmouth

“Economic Security and Statecraft: New Directions for Economic Research”

Session 2: Friday May 23, 2025, 1:00-4:15pm

Chair: [Tibor Besedeš](#), *Georgia Institute of Technology*

1. "[Prices and Immigration: A Firm-Level Analysis](#)"
[Ariel Weinberger](#), George Washington University
Discussant: [Jay Hyun](#), University of Alberta
2. "[How \(in\)efficient are governments? Evidence from customs transaction data](#)"
[Bob Rijkers](#), World Bank & Utrecht University
Discussant: [Joel Rodrigue](#), Vanderbilt University

Coffee break: 3:00-3:15

3. "Justice for Sale: Explaining the Rise in Investor-State Dispute Settlement"
[Monika Sztajerowska](#), IMF
Discussant: [Serena Chellini](#), KU Leuven (Belgium)

Adjourn for the day

Dinner at Sky Bistro on the top of Sulfur Mountain. Depart Banff Centre for the gondola at Sulfur Mountain at 4:25.

Session 3: Saturday May 24, 2025, 8:15am-11:30am

Chair: [Jevan Cherniwchan](#), *McMaster University*

1. "[Production Network Formation, Trade, and Welfare](#)"
[Federico Huneus](#), Duke University
Discussant: [Ruiqi Sun](#), University of Toronto
2. "[Green Industrial Policies and Energy Transition in the Globalized Economy](#)"
[Sungwan Hong](#), Pennsylvania State University
Discussant: [Jevan Cherniwchan](#), McMaster University

Coffee break: 10:15-10:30

3. "Trade War Tariff Exemptions and the reshaping of U.S. trade with China and Asia"
[Deborah Swenson](#), University of California, Davis
Discussant: [John Ries](#), University of British Columbia, Sauder

Lunch sponsored by Bank of Canada from 11:30am-2:00pm

Bagged lunch and walk up Tunnel Mountain

Session 4: Saturday May 24, 2025, 2:00–5:15pm

Chair: *Runjuan Liu, University of Alberta*

1. [“Trade Shocks: The Next Generation”](#)
[Mine Senses](#), Johns Hopkins University
Discussant: [Brian McCaig](#), Wilfrid Laurier University
2. [“From Dirty to Green: How Input Liberalization Shapes Firms’ Emissions in Trade”](#)
[Serena Chellini](#), KU Leuven (Belgium)
Discussant: [Monika Sztajerowska](#), IMF

Coffee break: 4:00-4:15

3. [“Technology Rivalry and Resilience Under Trade Disruptions: The Case of Semiconductor Foundries”](#)
[Weiting Miao](#), Duke University
Discussant: [Cheng Chen](#), Clemson University

Adjourn for the day

Walk to Park Distillery for dinner reservation at 6pm. Depart Banff Centre at 5:30.

Session 5: Sunday May 25, 2025, 8:30am-11:45pm

Chair: *John Ries, UBC Sauder*

1. [“Foreign and Domestic Firms: Long Run Employment Effects of Export Opportunities”](#)
[Brian McCaig](#), Wilfrid Laurier University
Discussant: [Federico Huneus](#), Duke University
2. [“Blocking the Giants: Theory and Evidence from the Great Firewall”](#)
[Ruiqi Sun](#), University of Toronto
Discussant: [Sungwan Hong](#), Pennsylvania State University

Coffee break: 10:30-10:45

3. [“Immigrants, Imports, and Welfare: Evidence from Household Purchase Data”](#)
[Christoph Albert](#), Collegio Carlo Alberto
Discussant: [Alaz Munzur](#), University of Saskatchewan

Conference Adjourns