



**Workshop on Firm Dynamics, Trade and Development
December 10-11, 2014
Montevideo, Uruguay**

The Banco Central del Uruguay (BCU), in cooperation with the Research Institute for Development, Growth and Economics (RIDGE), is pleased to announce the Workshop on Firm Dynamics, Trade and Development, which will be held on December 10-11, 2014, in Montevideo, Uruguay, organizers Joseph Stiglitz (Columbia), Omar Licandro (Barcelona GSE) and Adolfo Sarmiento (BCU).

This Workshop will develop within the framework of the First RIDGE December Forum, December 8 - 12, 2014, jointly with the following workshops: Financial Stability and Regulatory Responses, December 8-9, Financial Crises, December 9-10, Productivity Growth, Resource Misallocation and Development, December 11-12

The RIDGE December Forum aims to favor the spread of high quality research in economics by associating top researchers working on the frontier of knowledge to local and regional researchers and policymakers.

This Workshop will count with the presence of the following invited speakers

Professor Sam Kortum from Yale University (<http://economics.yale.edu/people/samuel-s-kortum>)

Samuel Kortum is Professor of Economics at Yale University and Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He received his bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University and Ph.D. in Economics from Yale. He was formerly on the faculty of Boston University, the University of Minnesota, the University of Chicago, a Staff Economist at the Federal Reserve Board, and a National Fellow at the NBER. In 2004, he and Jonathan Eaton received the Frisch Medal for their paper "Technology, Geography, and Trade." He was the editor of the Journal of Political Economy. In addition to international economics, Kortum has written on economic growth, innovation, technology diffusion, and firm dynamics. His research has appeared in top academic journals and has been supported by a series of grants from the National Science Foundation.

Professor Peter Schott from Yale University (<http://faculty.som.yale.edu/peterschott/>)

Peter K. Schott is Professor of Economics at the Yale School of Management, Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research and Special-Sworn-Status researcher at the U.S. Census Bureau. His research focuses on how countries, firms and workers react to globalization. Recent papers examine the decline of U.S. manufacturing employment after China joined the WTO, the misallocation of quota licenses by the Chinese government under the global Multi-Fiber Arrangement, and how to measure changes in countries' export quality over time. His research has appeared in various academic and other outlets, including The New Yorker, The Economist, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and the Harvard Business Review. Before joining Yale's faculty, he worked as a commercial banker for Sumitomo Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. in New York and Los Angeles and received a Master's Degree in political science and a Ph.D. in management from UCLA.

The policy round table discussion will be led by Dr. Christian Volpe from IADB

Christian Volpe is currently Lead Economist at the Integration and Trade Sector of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Christian has expertise in international trade, regional integration, and economic geography. He previously worked for the Ministry of the Economy of the Province of Buenos Aires and was advisor at the MERCOSUR Commission of the National Representatives Chamber in Argentina. In addition, he was researcher at the Center for European Integration Studies in Bonn, Germany. At the IDB we has been working on the impact of integration on specialization patterns, the role of export promotion in shaping countries' export diversification profiles, the effect of certifications on firms' export performance, the interplay between innovation and exports, the effect of transport costs on trade flows, and other international trade issues. Christian holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Bonn and a Master in Economics from the National University of La Plata (Argentina). He has presented in numerous international academic and policy workshops and conferences and has published on international trade and economic geography in several international professional journals, including the Journal of International Economics, the Journal of Development Economics, Review of International Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Review of World Economics, and The World Economy.

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