

WORKSHOP ON TRADE AND FIRM DYNAMICS

2015 RIDGE DECEMBER FORUM

Montevideo, Uruguay / December 15-16, 2015

Preliminary Program

Conference venue: Centro de Formación de la Cooperación Española

Address: 25 de Mayo 520, Montevideo

Policy Debate venue: Banco Central del Uruguay

Address: Diagonal Fabini 777, Montevideo

Scientific Committee

Ariel Burstein (UCLA)

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Marcel Vaillant (dECON, UDELAR, Uruguay)

Christian Volpe (IADB)

Keynote Speakers

Ariel Burstein (UCLA)

Arnaud Costinot (MIT)

Jonathan Eaton (Penn State University)

Giovanni Maggi (Yale University)

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

DECEMBER, TUESDAY 15

8:45 Registration

Plenary Talk

9:00 – 10:00 Chair: TBA

Obstfeld and Rogoff's International Macro Puzzles: A Quantitative Assessment

Jonathan Eaton, Pennsylvania State University

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

Session 1

10:30 – 12:30 Chair: TBA

[Who quits next? Firm Growth in Growing Economies](#)

Julieta Caunedo, Cornell University (co-author: Emircan Yurdagul)

[Exporters product mix across markets: the fickle fringe and the stable core](#)

Chiara Tomasi, University of Trento, LEM and Banque de France (co-authors: Lionel Fontagné and Angelo Secchi)

[Export Survival with Uncertainty and Experimentation](#)

Juan Carlos Hallak, Universidad de San Andrés (co-author: Sebastián Fanelli)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

Session 2

14:00 – 15:30 Chair: TBA

[Evolving Comparative Advantage, Sectoral Linkages, and Structural Change](#)

Michael Sposi, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

[Trade Patterns as a Source of Militarized Conflict](#)

Manuel Flores, Geneva School of Economics and Management, Université de Geneve Switzerland and UDELAR

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

Plenary Talk

16:00 – 17:00

Chair: TBA

Aggregate Implications of Innovation Policy

Ariel Burstein, UCLA

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 16

Plenary Talk

9:00 – 10:00

Chair: TBA

Learning by Ruling: a Dynamic Model of Trade Disputes

Giovanni Maggi, Yale University

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee Break

Session 3

10:30 – 12:30

Chair: TBA

Who Really benefits from Export Processing Zones? Evidence from Nicaraguan Municipalities

Nathalie Picarelli, London School of Economics

Exporting and Plant-Level Efficiency Gains: It's in the Measure

Alvaro García-Marin, Universidad de Chile (co-author: Nico Voigtlander)

Trade Induced Structural Change and the Skill Premium

Javier Cravino, University of Michigan and NBER (co-author: Sebastián Sotelo)

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

Session 4

14:00 – 15:30

Chair: TBA

Offshoring, Low-skilled Immigration, and Labor Market Polarization

Federico Mandelman, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (co-author: Andrei Zlate)

International Competition and Labor Market Adjustment

Joao Paulo Pessoa, FGV-Sao Paulo School of Economics / CEP

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

Plenary Talk

16:00 – 17:00

Chair: TBA

Nonparametric Counterfactual Predictions in Neoclassical Models of International Trade

Arnaud Costinot, MIT (co-authors: Rodrigo Adao and Dave Donaldson)

Policy Debate

17:30 – 19:00

Free trade in the Americas, Mercosur, and the prospects for a possible agreement with the European Union

Chair: **Enrique Iglesias**, Former IDB President

Participants:

José Antonio Ocampo (Columbia University)

Felix Peña (FICBC)

Oswaldo Rosales (CEPAL)

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