

Melbourne Empirical Trade Conference

December 12-14, 2024
University of Melbourne

Venue:

[The Spot](#), Room 4012
Faculty of Business and Economics
University of Melbourne

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Tibor Besedeš, Georgia Institute of Technology

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Thursday, December 12, 2024

9:15 – 9:30 a.m. Welcome and opening remarks
➤ **[Paul Kofman, Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Melbourne](#)**

Session 1

Chair: Laura Puzzello, Monash University

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Trade and Intergenerational Income Mobility: Theory and Evidence from the U.S.**
➤ **[Kohei Takeda, National University of Singapore](#)**
Discussant: James Lake, University of Tennessee

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Break – Morning tea**

Session 2: David Finch Keynote

Chair: Phil McCalman, University of Melbourne

11:00 – 12:15 p.m. **Great Firewall and Knowledge Diffusion**
➤ **[Andrew Bernard \(Dartmouth – Tuck\)](#)**

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

Session 3

Chair: Maria Ptashkina, University of Melbourne

- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **International Transport Infrastructure and Regional Economic Development**
➤ [Yawen Zheng, Peking University](#)
Discussant: Kohei Takeda, National University of Singapore
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. **High-Speed Railways and Domestic Value Added in Exports**
➤ [Hiau Looi Kee, World Bank](#)
Discussant: Zihong Park, National Taiwan University
- 3:45 – 4:15 p.m. **Break – Afternoon tea**

Session 4

Chair: Vladimir Tyazhelnikov, University of Sydney

- 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. **Tariff Cuts, Uncertainty Reduction, and the Force of Many: The Impact of Plurilateral Agreements**
➤ [Irene Iodice, Bielefeld University](#)
Discussant: Maria Ptashkina, University of Melbourne
- 6:00 p.m. **Conference Dinner (Invitation Only)**

Friday, December 13, 2024

Session 5

Chair: Phil McCalman, University of Melbourne

- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **PPML, Gravity, and Heterogeneous Trade Elasticities**
➤ [Vladimir Tyazhelnikov, University of Sydney](#)
Discussant: Chen Liu, National University of Singapore
- 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Break – Morning tea**

Session 6

Chair: Maria Ptashkina, University of Melbourne

- 11:00 – 12:15 p.m. **Sanctions and the Death of Trade**
➤ [Tibor Besedeš, Georgia Institute of Technology](#)
- 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

Session 7

Chair: Laura Puzzello, Monash University

- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Human Capital and Labor Market Shocks in the Modern Economy**
➤ [Valerie Smeets, Aarhus University](#)
Discussant: Mauro Caselli, University of Trento
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. **To Comply or not to Comply: Understanding Developing Country Supply Chain Responses to Russian Sanctions**
➤ [Ziho Park, National Taiwan University](#)
Discussant: Vladimir Tyazhelnikov, University of Sydney
- 3:45 – 4:15 p.m. **Break – Afternoon tea**

Session 8

Chair: Cong Pham, Deakin University

- 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. **Anti-dumping and Product Quality**
➤ [Mauro Caselli, University of Trento](#)
Discussant: Hiau Looi Kee, World Bank

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Session 9

Chair: Vladimir Tyazhelnikov, University of Sydney

- 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. **Shift-Share Design Under Imperfect Substitution**
➤ [Chen Liu, National University of Singapore](#)
Discussant: Valerie Smeets, Aarhus University
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Break – Morning tea**
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. **The GATT vs Inflation: Tokyo Drift**
➤ [James Lake, University of Tennessee](#)
Discussant: Irene Iodice, Bielefeld University
- 12:00 pm - **Winery Lunch (Invitation Only)**

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