

Call for Papers
International Workshop on
Firm and Product Heterogeneity in International Trade
20-22 August 2009, Brussels

Organized by

Research Network on Globalization
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INFER – International Network for Economic Research

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Workshop Objectives

This workshop provides an opportunity for all those interested in **International Trade** to exchange ideas. Researchers are invited to submit both empirical and theoretical papers broadly consistent with this workshop's special topic: **Firm and Product Heterogeneity in International Trade**.

The workshop is open to anybody involved in international trade issues, including both young and experienced researchers, Ph.D. students, post-doctoral researchers, and professionals from business, government and non-governmental institutions.

Although all papers in the field of international trade may be submitted, in particular empirical and theoretical research regarding the following topics is welcome:

- Characteristics and determinants of heterogeneous firms and their trade activities;
- Measurement of detailed product-level characteristics of international trade;
- Variety and quality of international trade;
- Methodological papers regarding heterogeneity in international trade;
- Relationship between business cycles, the financial crisis and firm-level or product-level characteristics in international trade;
- The impact of trade policy (instruments) on international trade patterns, in particular the role of trade remedies (antidumping/ countervailing measures) and trade policies of industrialized and developing countries;
- The financial crisis and WTO disciplines;
- Heterogeneity of services and the functioning of GATS;
- Interdisciplinary approaches (e.g., law-economics) to the topic;

Keynote Speakers

We are happy to welcome to following internationally distinguished keynote speakers:

Prof.dr. Hylke Vandenbussche (U.C.Louvain, K.U.Leuven and CEPR)

Prof.dr. Wilhelm Kohler (Universität Tübingen)

Prof.dr. Richard Kneller (University of Nottingham)

Location and Travelling

The workshop takes place at the city campus of the HUB (European University College Brussels or H.U.Brussels), situated in the historical centre of Brussels and close to the European Union institutions.

At its city campus the HUB offers academic programmes in economics and business. The HUB hosts several research centres active in all main domains of economics and business research. The HUB is also an association partner of the Catholic University of Leuven.

The HUB is located within walking distance (7 minutes) from Brussels Central Railway Station that has direct train connections to Brussels Airport (Zaventem), London (by Eurostar), Paris and other major French cities (by Thalys and TGV) and to major other European cities.

Many airlines, in particular Brussels Airlines, offer direct flight connections to Brussels Airport. For more info see:

<http://www.brusselsairport.be/en/>

http://www.brusselsairlines.com/en_be/

Alternatively one can travel to Belgium by low-fare airlines, which often fly to Brussels South Airport (Charleroi). You then have to take a bus to Brussels afterwards (minimum 1 hour, depending on traffic). For more information: <http://www.charleroi-airport.com/>

For your travel arrangements, please take into account that all presentations take place on August 20 (starting at 9 am) and August 21 (till the evening). On August 22 a social and touristic event is organized.

Brussels offers many interesting options for touristic visits, including historical buildings, museums, shopping areas, wonderful gastronomy etc. Moreover Brussels is well connected to all other major Belgian cities (Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, Leuven, Mechelen, Liège etc.) as well as foreign cities (Paris, London, Amsterdam, Cologne, Luxemburg etc.). For more info see:

<http://www.brusselsinternational.be>

As a major international city, Brussels offers a wide variety of accommodation. All hotels in the centre of Brussels as well as hotels close to metro or train stations are conveniently located. In case you need any help, please contact the workshop organizers. Interesting offers are often provided on: <http://www.booking.com>

The following hotels are within 2 minutes walking distance from the workshop venue:

SAS Radisson Hotel (5-star – <http://www.radissonblu.com/royalhotel-brussels>)

NH Hoteles Grand Place Arenberg
(4-star – <http://www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/belgium/bruselas/nh-grand-place-arenberg.html>)

Best Western Premier Carrefour de l'Europe (4-star – <http://www.carrefourhotel.be/>)

Hotel Centrale (4-star – <http://www.centrale-hotel.com/>)

Organization

The workshop is jointly organized by

- Research Network on Globalization of H.U.Brussels and the Association of the University of Leuven
- International Network for Economic Research (*INFER*): the working groups 'International Economics' and 'growth and business cycles' jointly organize this workshop.
- Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies

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The **Research Network on Globalization** aims to stimulate research on international economics and global policy issues among researchers within the Association of the University of Leuven. More info: www.globalization.be

INFER is a non-profit international scientific organization that stimulates research and research networking in all fields of economics through international workshops and conferences. Website: www.infer-research.net

The **Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies** is an interdisciplinary research centre of the Humanities and Social Sciences at the Catholic University of Leuven. The Centre, which currently counts 40 members, carries out and supports interdisciplinary research on topics related to globalization, governance processes and multilateralism, including trade and sustainable development. Website: <http://ghumweb2.ghum.kuleuven.ac.be/ggs/>

Submission of Papers

Only full papers may be submitted, preferably in pdf-format. Papers should be submitted to the workshop organizer Jan Van Hove (H.U.Brussels and K.U.Leuven) at the following e-mail address:

workshop@globalization.be

Deadline for paper submission is June 20, 2009.

Authors are allowed to submit more than one paper. All submitted papers will be peer reviewed according to a **high-quality and fast referee process**. Within one week after submission, you will receive an e-mail indicating whether your paper is accepted for presentation during the workshop or not.

Paper presenters are expected to discuss one other paper during the workshop. The discussant assignments will be made by the workshop organizers at a later date. As the workshop intends to build a network in this research area, participation is welcome even without paper contributions.

Publication of Papers

A selection of papers presented at the workshop will be published in one or more international publications. INFER offers **several publication possibilities** to workshop participants, including book volumes and journal publications.

Moreover papers of excellent quality may be published in a special issue of the **Journal of Economic Policy Reform** (in Social Science Citation Index).

The workshop organizers will contact you about these publication possibilities later.

Registration and Registration Fee

The registration fee for presenting and non-presenting participants will be:

- **INFER** members: 60 EUR
- other participants: 100 EUR.

Please note: the annual membership fee for private **INFER** members is 25 EUR only (institutional **INFER** members 200 EUR). You are invited to become a member!

The registration fee includes all lunches, drinks and dinners. It doesn't include participation during the social event, travel and accommodation expenses. All workshop participants have to register for the workshop. Please note that paper submission is not regarded as a registration. Registration can be done in two ways. You will receive a confirmation e-mail.

OPTION 1: for **INFER**-members

Please register on the **INFER** website (www.infer-research.net). Payment can be done via PayPal on the website.

OPTION 2: for other participants

Please e-mail to workshop@globalization.be

Payment can be done by bank transfer by mentioning *your name* and '*Brussels workshop*'. Please transfer the fee to the **INFER** account in Germany:

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Account No.: 3 020 219 997
Bank Code: 545 201 94

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Account Number (IBAN) and the SWIFT-Code:
IBAN: DE33 5452 0194 3020 2199 97
SWIFT (BIC): HYVEDEMM483

Deadline for registration and payment: August 1, 2009.

In case of late registration, the fees will be increased by 50 %.

Local Organizers

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