Trade, Growth and Economic Inequality in the Asia-Pacific Region
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Friday, May 20, 2016

9:30-9:45 Registration

9:45-10:00 Welcoming Remarks: Theresa Greaney (University of Hawai‘i) and Kozo Kiyota (Keio University)

Session I. Economic Growth and Inequality

Session Chair: Siwook Lee (KDI)

10:00-11:00 Economic Growth and Economic Inequality in the Asia-Pacific Region: A Comparative Study of China, Japan, South Korea, and the United States, by Yi-wen Yang (University of Hawai‘i) and Theresa Greaney (University of Hawai‘i)
Discussant: Charles Horioka (Asian Growth Research Institute and Osaka University)

11:00-12:00 Industrialization and Poverty Reduction in East Asia: The Importance of Labor Movements from Informal to Formal Sectors, by Fukunari Kimura (Keio University and Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia) and Mateus Chang (Keio University)
Discussant: Masahiro Kawai (University of Tokyo and Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia)

12:00-1:00 Lunch

Session II. International Trade and Inequality

Session Chair: Toshihiro Okubo (Keio University)

1:00-2:00 International Trade and Wage Inequality: The Case of South Korea, by Siwook Lee (KDI School of Public Policy and Management)
Discussant: Doan Thi Thanh Ha (ADBI)
2:00-3:00
Wage Inequality Dynamics and Trade Exposure in South Korea, by Baybars Karacaoglu (University of Hawai‘i) and Chrysostomos Tabakis (KDI School of Public Policy and Management)
Discussant: Chul Chung (KIEP)

3:00-3:20 Coffee break

3:20-4:20
Upstreamness, Exports, and Wage Inequality: Evidence from Chinese Manufacturing Data, by Bo Chen (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics)
Discussant: Kiichiro Fukasaku (Keio University)

Session III. Foreign Direct Investment and Inequality: Effects on Home Countries
Session Chair: Baybars Karacaoglu (University of Hawai‘i)

4:20-5:20
ICT, Offshoring, and the Demand for Part-time Workers: The Case of Japanese Manufacturing, by Kozo Kiyota (Keio Economic Observatory, Keio University and RIETI) and Sawako Maruyama (Kobe University)
Discussant: Naoto Jinji (Kyoto University)

6:00-8:00pm Conference Dinner

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Session III. Foreign Direct Investment and Inequality: Effects on Home Countries (cont.)

9:30-10:30am
Foreign Direct Investment and Growth of Temporary Workers in Japan, by Ayumu Tanaka (Chuo University and RIETI)
Discussant: Masahiro Endoh (Keio University)

10:30-11:30am
Import Competition from and Offshoring to Low-Wage Countries: Patterns and Implications for U.S. Manufacturing Employment and Wages, by Mary E. Lovely (Syracuse University) and Fariha Kamal (U.S. Bureau of the Census)
Discussant: Hong Ma (Tsinghua University)

11:30-12:30am Lunch
Session IV. Foreign Direct Investment and Inequality: Effects on Host Countries

Session Chair: Bo Chen (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics)

12:30am-1:30pm
Pollution Control and Foreign Firms’ Exit Behavior in China, by Theresa Greaney (University of Hawai‘i), Yao Li (University of Electronic Science and Technology of China), and Dongmei Tu (University of Electronic Science and Technology of China)
Discussant: Eiichi Tomiura (Hitotsubashi University)

1:30-2:30pm
Multinational Enterprises and Regional Inequality in China, by Theresa Greaney (University of Hawai‘i) and Yao Li (University of Electronic Science and Technology of China)
Discussant: Kazunobu Hayakawa (IDE-JETRO)

2:30-2:50 Coffee break

2:50-3:50pm
FDI and Inequality in Vietnam: An Approach with Census Data, by John McLaren (University of Virginia and NBER) and Myunghwan Yoo (University of Virginia)
Discussant: Ayako Kondo (University of Tokyo)

3:50–4:50pm Panel Discussion: What can trade economists contribute to inequality research? Are we asking the right questions? Using the right tools, the right data? What lessons can be learned from the Asia-Pacific region?
Moderator: Theresa Greaney (University of Hawai‘i)
Panelists: Kiichiro Fukasaku (Keio University)  
Masahiro Kawai (University of Tokyo)  
Fukunari Kimura (Keio University and Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia)  
John McLaren (University of Virginia)

4:50pm Closing Remarks: Baybars Karacaoglu (University of Hawai‘i)

5:00pm Conference Adjourns

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