

*COST Workshop*  
**Firm-Level Data Analysis in Transition and Developing Economies**  
**April 23-24, 2009**

**University of Edinburgh**  
**Edinburgh, Scotland**

Preliminary Programme

**Thursday, April 23**

8:30 Morning coffee and registration (COST sign-in)

9:00 Session

**Caroline Paunov** and Ana M. Fernandes, “Does Tougher Import Competition Foster Product Quality Upgrading?”

**Marc-Andreas Muendler** and Naércio Aquino Menezes-Filho, “Labor Reallocation in Response to Trade Reform”

**Carolina Villegas-Sanchez**, “Foreign Ownership and Dollar Denominated Debt: Evidence from Latin America”

11:00 Break

11:20 Session

**Marcela Eslava**, John Haltiwanger, Adriana Kugler, and Maurice Kugler, “Trade Reforms and Market Selection: Evidence from Manufacturing Plants in Colombia”

**Amil Petrin**, “Explaining Reallocation’s Apparent Negative Contribution to Growth in Developing Countries: Evidence from Chile and Colombia”

12:40 Lunch

1:40 Session

**Randolph Luca Bruno**, Maria Bychkova, and Saul Estrin, “Institutional Determinants of New Firm Entry in Russia: A Cross Regional Analysis”

**J. David Brown** and John S. Earle, “Microcredit, Employment, Sales, and Survival: An Empirical Evaluation Using a Panel Matching Estimator”

3:00 Poster Session and Afternoon Tea

**Gaaitzen J. de Vries**, “Productivity in a Distorted Market: The Case of Brazil's Retail Sector”

**John S. Earle** and J. David Brown, “Understanding the Contributions of Reallocation to Productivity Growth: Lessons from a Comparative Firm-Level Analysis”

**Peter Harasztosi** and Gábor Békés, “Agglomeration and Trading Activity of Firms”

**Niny Khor**, “Enterprises in Asia”

**Lisbeth la Cour** and Delia Baghdasaryan, “Competition, Ownership and Productivity: A Panel Analysis of Czech Firms”

**Ousmanou Njikam**, “Trade Reform and Labor Market Adjustment in Cameroon”

**Georgio Panos**, Asli Demirgüç-Kunt, and Leora F. Klapper, “Entrepreneurship in Post-Conflict Transition: The Role of Informality and Access to Finance”

**Amil Petrin** and Jagadeesh Sivadasan, “Estimating the Impact of Job Security Provisions on the Efficiency of Resource Allocation: Evidence from Changes in Firing Costs in Chile”

**Neil Rankin** and Volker Schöer, “Exporting, Labour Demand and Wages in South Africa”

**Christine Richmond**, “Firm Size Distribution and the Impact of Corruption: Evidence from Cote D'Ivoire”

**Koen Schoors** and Bruno Merlevede, “Conditional Spillovers from FDI within and between Sectors: Evidence from Romania”

**Jing Sun**, “Productivity and International Market Linkages of Indonesian Plants: Evidence from Average Treatment Effects Model”

**Markus Taussig** and Edmund Malesky, “Property Rights and Enterprise Formalization: The Contingent Role of Regulatory Institutions”

**Tran Toan Thang**, “Spillovers from FDI: Alternative Way to Explain Mixed Results”

**Håle Utar**, “Technological Diffusion Through Export: Access to Foreign Service Market”

5:00 Keynote

**Johannes Van Biesebroeck**, Loren Brandt, and Yifan Zhang, “Firm-level Productivity in the Chinese Manufacturing Sector”

## Friday, April 24

9:00 Session

**Sašo Polanec**, Aleksandra Gregorič, and Sergeja Slapničar, “Pay Me Right: Reference Values and Executive Compensation”

**Arti Grover**, “The Indian Business Process Outsourcing Industry: An Evaluation of Firm-Level Performance”

**Selin Sayek** and Seda Köymen, “The Role of Human Capital in Productivity Spillovers from FDI: An Empirical Analysis on Turkish Manufacturing Firms”

11:00 Break

11:20 Session

**Diana Pop**, Gilles Chemla, and Adrian Pop, “Emerging Regulatory Governance: Contextual Evidence on Going Private Transactions”

**Carsten Sprenger**, “The Choice of Ownership Structure: Evidence from the Russian Mass Privatization”

**Alexander Muravyev**, “Investor Protector and Share Prices: Evidence from Statutory Rules Governing Variations of Shareholders' Class Rights in Russia”

1:20 Lunch

2:20 Session

**Gábor Békés** and Carlo Altomonte, “Trading Activities, Firms and Productivity”

**Alexandru Voicu**, “Adding Rungs to the Exporting Ladder: Plant-Level Exporting Dynamics and Total Factor Productivity Growth”

**Jagadeesh Sivadasan** and Juan Carlos Hallak, “Productivity, Quality and Exporting Behavior Under Minimum Quality Requirements”

4:20 Break

4:30 Keynote

**Roberts, Mark J.**, Bee Yan Aw, and Daniel Yi Xu, “R&D Investment, Exporting, and Productivity Dynamics”

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