

Measuring the Effects of Globalization

February 28-March 1

Conference Organizers:

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Location: Sphinx Club
1315 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20005

Agenda

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:30-9:00 COFFEE AND PASTRIES

9:00-9:15 Opening remarks

9:15-10:45 SESSION I: Biases to Manufacturing Statistics from Trade—Evidence and Response

Chair: Robert Atkinson (Information Technology and Innovation Foundation and Brookings)

1. *U.S. manufacturing statistics: Problems of biases and interpretation*
Susan Houseman (Upjohn Institute), Timothy Bartik (Upjohn Institute), and Timothy Sturgeon (MIT)
2. *Offshoring bias in manufacturing productivity growth across advanced and emerging economies*
Robert Inklaar (University of Groningen)
3. *Methods and challenges in constructing an input price index: What can purchasing managers tell us?*
Bill Alterman (BLS)

Discussant: Ana Aizcorbe (BEA)

10:45-11:00 BREAK

11:00-12:30 SESSION II: Price Issues—Theory

Chair: Michael Horrigan (BLS)

1. *Bias due to input source substitutions: Can it be measured?*

Erwin Diewert (U. of British Columbia) and Alice Nakamura (U. of Alberta)

2. *Pricing dynamics and price dispersion in frictional product markets*
Brian Kovak (Carnegie Mellon U.) and Ryan Michaels (Rochester U.)
3. *Specific Trade Costs, Quality and Import Prices*
Benjamin Bridgman (BEA)

Discussant: John Greenlees (BLS)

12:30-1:30 LUNCH

1:30-3:30 SESSION III: Measuring Import Use, Prices, and Competitiveness

Chair: John Ruser (BLS)

1. *Offshoring bias in Japan's manufacturing sector*
Kyoji Fukao (Hitotsubashi University) and Sonoe Arai (METI)
2. *Import measurement, growth, and productivity in the BEA Industry Accounts: The baseline and an evaluation of two alternative methods.*
Thomas F. Howells III, Matthew Russell, Jon D. Samuels
and Erich H. Strassner (BEA)
3. *Product replacement bias in import and export price indexes*
Mina Kim (BLS) and Marshall Reinsdorf (BEA)
4. *Constructing competitiveness measures*
James Thomas (BLS)

Discussants: Ron Jarmin (Census Bureau), Brian Kovak (Carnegie Mellon U.)

3:30-3:45 BREAK

3:45-5:15 SESSION IV: Factoryless Manufacturing

Chair: Sarahelen Thompson (BEA)

1. *Impact of manufacturing redefinitions on U.S. statistical system*
Maureen Doherty, BLS
2. *Measuring 'Factoryless' Manufacturing: Evidence from U.S. Surveys*
Fariha Kamal (Census), Brent Moulton (BEA), Jennifer Ribarsky (BEA)

3. *The scope of U.S. factoryless goods production*

Kimberly Bayard, David Byrne, and Dominic Smith (Federal Reserve Board)

Discussant: William Powers (International Trade Commission)

FRIDAY MARCH 1

8:30-9:00 COFFEE AND PASTRIES

9:00-10:30 SESSION V: Trade in Value-Added

Chair: Susan Houseman (Upjohn Institute)

1. *Fragmentation, incomes and jobs. A new analysis of competitiveness*

Marcel Timmer (U. of Groningen), Bart Los (U. of Groningen), Robert Stehrer (WIIW, Vienna), and Gaaitzen de Vries (U. of Groningen)

2. *Measuring trade in value added, and beyond*

Nadim Ahmad (OECD)

3. *Import use and domestic value added in Chinese exports: What can we learn from Chinese micro data?*

Hong Ma (Tsinghua University), Jiansuo Pei (University of International Business and Economics), Cuihong Yang (Chinese Academy of Sciences), Shinli Yao (University of International Business and Economics)

Discussant: Robert Koopman (International Trade Commission)

10:30-10:45: BREAK

10:45-12:15 SESSION VI: Services and Intangibles

Chair: Richard Brown (USITC)

1. *Internationalization of intangibles*

Carol Corrado (Conference Board) and Charles Hulten (U. of Maryland)

2. *A Formulary Approach for Attributing Measured Output to Foreign Affiliates of U.S. Parents*

Dylan Rassier and Jennifer Koncz-Bruner (BEA)

3. *Data, trade, and growth*

Michael Mandel (Progressive Policy Institute)

Discussant: Brad Jensen (Georgetown U.)

12:15-2:00 Lunch and summary panel discussion

Panel members: Steven Landefeld (BEA), Michael Horrigan (BLS), Shirin Ahmed (Census), Marcel Timmer (U. of Groningen), and Michael Mandel (Progressive Policy Institute)

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