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**Trade, Investment and Production Networks in Asia**

**Leverhulme Centre for Research on Globalisation and Economic Policy  
(GEP), University of Nottingham**

**15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2012**

at the Kuala Lumpur Teaching Centre, the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus,  
2nd Floor, Chulan Tower, Jalan Conlay, Kuala Lumpur

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February**

09.15 – 09.25      Opening addresses

***Session 1 (Chair: Chris Milner)***

09.25 – 10.45      *Multinationals, Trade, Global Production Networks and the Development  
of Domestic Technological Capabilities in East and Southeast Asia*

**Rajah Rasiah, University of Malaya**

Discussant: Hal Hill

*Determinants of Trade in Parts and Components: The Role of Ethical Distance*

**Bala Ramasamy, China Europe International Business School (CEIBS)**

Discussant: Premachandra Athukorala

10.45 – 11.00      Coffee

***Session 2 (Chair: Camilla Jensen)***

11.00 – 13.00      *How Did the Japanese Exports Respond? The Global Financial Crisis and the  
East Japan Earthquake (with Mitsuyo Ando)*

**Fukunari Kimura, Keio University and Economic Research**

**Institute for ASEAN and East Asia**

Discussant: Rajah Rasiah

*Growing with Global Production Sharing: The Tale of Penang Export Hub*

**Premachandra Athukorala, Australian National University**

Discussant: Shandre Thangavelu

*China's Export Expansion: A Threat to its Asian Neighbours*

**Kong Yoke Fong, GEP, University of Nottingham, Malaysia**

Discussant: Jay Menon

13.00 – 14.00      Lunch

***Session 3 (Chair: Richard Kneller)***

14.00 – 15.20 *Exporter Dynamics and Information Spillovers through the Main Bank*

**Keiko Ito, Senshu University**

Discussant: Camilla Jensen

*FDI, Export Competitiveness and Foreign Workers: Case of Singapore and Malaysia*

**Shandre Thangavelu, National University of Singapore**

Discussant: Fukunari Kimura

15.20 – 15.35 Coffee

***Session 4 (Chair: Michael Yap)***

15.35 – 16.55 *The Effects of Trade Liberalization on Production Networks (with Michael Yap)*

**Rasyad Parinduri, University of Nottingham, Malaysia**

Discussant: Keiko Ito

*Preferential and Non-Preferential Approaches to Trade Liberalization, with Special Attention to Reciprocity and Utilization Rates*

**Jay Menon, Asian Development Bank**

Discussant: Chris Milner

16.55 – 18.30 Break

***Session 5 (Chair: David Greenaway)***

18.30 – 19.30 ***Boustead Annual Globalisation Lecture:***

*Malaysia's Development Challenges: Graduating from the Middle*

Professor Hal Hill, H.W. Arndt Professor of Southeast Asian Economies,  
Australian National University

19.30 – 20.30 Reception, sponsored by Boustead Holdings Berhad

**Lecture and reception also in Chulan Tower, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.**

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## Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February

### *Session 6 (Chair: Kevin Lee)*

09.00 – 10.20 *Does Trade Openness Explain Labour Productivity Growth? A Comparison of China and India*

**Wing Leong Teo, University of Nottingham, Malaysia**

Discussant: Archanun Kohpaiboo

*Exchange Rates and Trade in East Asia*

**Willem Thorbecke, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI)**

Discussant: Richard Kneller

10.20 – 10.40 Coffee

### *Session 7 (Chair: Rasyad Parinduri)*

10.40 – 12.40 *China and East Asian Integration: Implications for the World*

**Wai Heng Loke, GEP, University of Nottingham Ningbo China**

Discussant: Wing Leong Teo

*Import-as-market Discipline in Production Network: Evidence from Thai Manufacturing*

**Archanun Kohpaiboo, Thammasat University**

Discussant: Rasyad Parinduri

*Trade Liberalisation and Chinese Firm Level Productivity Growth: The Role of Direct and Indirect Imported Inputs*

**Richard Kneller**

Discussant: Bala Ramasamy

12.40 – 13.50 Lunch

13.50 – 14.50 Transfer to the University of Nottingham campus at Semenyih

14.50 – 15.30 Tour of campus

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee/tea/cold drinks

### *Session 8 (Chair: David Greenaway)*

16.00 – 17.00 ***The World Economy Asia Lecture*** sponsored by Wiley-Blackwell:

*Declining Protection in Developing Countries: Fact or Fiction?*

Professor Chris Milner, Professor of International Economics, GEP,

University of Nottingham

17.30 Return to Kuala Lumpur;

19.30 Conference dinner in KL