



2026 Firms, Trade, and Development Conference Agenda

10 and 11 September 2026

Thursday, 10 September 2026

All times in EST

GM Room, 55 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511

12:00 PM 1:00 PM Registration and lunch (joint with PEDL workshop)

1:00 PM 1:15 PM Opening remarks

Session 1 · Technology, Innovation and Connectivity

1:15 PM 2:00 PM **Price Regulation and the Adoption–Innovation Trade-off**
Matteo Ruzzante (LUISS Guido Carli University)

2:00 PM 2:30 PM **General-Purpose Technology and Firm Production: Evidence from Broadband Internet**
Gaurav Chiplunkar (University of Virginia)

2:30 PM 3:15 PM **The Curse of Connectivity: Evidence from Indonesia’s Village Resettlement Program**
Harrison Mitchell (UC San Diego)

3:15 PM 3:35 PM Coffee break

Session 2 · Labour Markets

3:35 PM 4:20 PM **Why Do Firms Hire Migrant Workers? Evidence from India**
Varun Kapoor (Harvard University)

4:20 PM 5:05 PM **Screening Women Out? Pay Transparency in Job Postings**
Amen Jalal (Harvard University)

5:05 PM 5:10 PM First day closing remarks

6:00 PM 9:00 PM Drinks, reception and dinner

Friday, 11 September 2026

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B120, 87 Trumbull Street, New Haven, CT 06511

8:15 AM 9:00 AM Welcome and breakfast

Session 3 · Environment, Climate and Trade

9:00 AM 9:45 AM **Jobs in the Smog: Firm Location and Workers’ Exposure to Pollution in African Cities**
Jeanne Sorin (UC Berkeley)



9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Small is Clean: The Real Effects of Environmental Regulation in Indian Manufacturing Megha Patnaik (LUISS Guido Carli University)
10:30 AM	10:50 AM	Coffee break
10:50 AM	11:35 AM	Indigenous Land Rights and Firm Behavior Raahil Madhok (University of Minnesota)
11:35 AM	12:35 PM	Keynote: Tough Love for Industrial Policy: Lessons from Fifty Years of Indonesian Trade Policy Muhammad Chatib Basri
12:35 PM	1:35 PM	Lunch and networking

Session 4 · Firm Growth and Entrepreneurship

1:35 PM	2:05 PM	Startups in Africa Tommaso Porzio (Columbia University)
2:05 PM	2:50 PM	Risk Aversion and Barriers to Firm Growth: Experimental Evidence from Small Retailers Grady Killeen (University of Chicago)
2:50 PM	3:10 PM	Coffee break
3:10 PM	3:40 PM	Beliefs and the Demand for Employee Training: A Field Experiment with Small Firms in Uganda Isaac Ahimbisibwe (Baylor University)
3:40 PM	3:50 PM	Closing remarks