

**Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas – University of Houston  
Second Annual Conference on International Economics  
October 20-21, 2017  
PROGRAM**

**Friday, October 20**    Location: Houston Branch of the Dallas Fed

- 8:00 am        Breakfast
- 8:30 am        Welcome Remarks
- 8:45 am        “Sovereign Default Risk and Firm Heterogeneity”  
**Cristina Arellano**, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis; Yan Bai, University of Rochester; and Luigi Bocola, Northwestern University  
Discussant: **Sebnem Kalemli-Ozcan**, University of Maryland
- 9:50 am        Break
- 10:05 am      “Dynamic Geography of the Population and Economic Response to Sea Level Rise”  
Klaus Desmet, SMU; Robert Kopp, Rutgers University; David Nagy, CREI; Michael Oppenheimer, Princeton University, and **Esteban Rossi-Hansberg**, Princeton University.  
Discussant: **Francisco Buera**, Washington University
- 11:10 am      Break
- 11:25 am      “Unpacking Global Capital Flows: A Micro-Data Approach to Macro Facts”  
**Matteo Maggiori**, Harvard University; Brent Neiman, University of Chicago; and Jesse Schreger, Harvard University  
Discussant: **Eric van Wincoop**, University of Virginia
- 12:30 pm      Lunch  
Moderated discussion with Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas President Robert Kaplan
- 2:00 pm        “Optimal Spatial Policies, Geography and Sorting”  
Pablo Fajgelbaum, UCLA and **Cecile Gaubert**, UC-Berkeley  
Discussant: **Arnaud Costinot**, MIT
- 3:05 pm        Break
- 3:20 pm        “Exchange Rate Disconnect in General Equilibrium”  
**Oleg Itskhoki**, Princeton University and Dmitry Mukhin, Princeton University  
Discussant: **Fabrizio Perri**, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
- 4:25 pm        Break
- 4:40 pm        “Tradability and the Labor-Market Impact of Immigration: Theory and Evidence”  
**Ariel Burstein**, UCLA; Gordon Hanson, UC-San Diego; Lin Tian, Columbia University, and Jonathan Vogel, UCLA.  
Discussant: **David Atkin**, MIT
- 5:45 pm        Adjourn
- 6:30 pm        Dinner

**Saturday, October 21** Location: University of Houston Campus, Melcher Hall Room 140

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am “Sector Level Economies of Scale: Estimation Using Trade Data”  
Dominick Bartelme, University of Michigan; Arnaud Costinot, MIT; David Donaldson,  
Stanford University; **Andres Rodriguez-Clare**, UC-Berkeley.  
Discussant: **Susanto Basu**, Boston College

9:35 am Break

9:50 am “Banking, Trade, and the Making of a Dominant Currency”  
**Gita Gopinath**, Harvard University; Jeremy Stein, Harvard University  
Discussant: **Andres Drenik**, Columbia University

10:55 am Adjourn

11:30 am Box Lunch