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WORKSHOP ON

International Trade

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CAF, Ciudadela 1235, Montevideo, Uruguay | December 14-15, 2026

Organizing Committee

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Keynote speakers

Fernando Álvarez (University of Chicago)

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Draft Program

Monday, December 14

Room Sala Cabo Polonio

10:20 – 10:30	*Welcome and opening remarks*	
10:30 – 11:15	**Stephen Yeaple** Pennsylvania State University	**The Mechanics of Growing and Maintaining a Supplier Base: Evidence from China**
11:15 – 11:45	*Coffee break*	
11:45 – 12:30	**Estevão Cardoso** FGV EESP	**Opening the City: Trade Liberalization and Urban Expansion in Brazil**
12:30 – 13:30	*Lunch*	
13:30 – 14:15	**Guzman Ourens** Tilburg University	**Age Matters: The Effects of Trade Liberalization on Firms over the Life Cycle**
14:15 – 15:00	**Alejandro Graziano** University of Nottingham	**Trade Policy Uncertainty and Market Concentration: Price and Welfare Effects**
15:00 – 15:30	*Coffee break*	
Keynote		
15:30 – 17:00	**Fernando Álvarez** University of Chicago	**TBC**

Tuesday, December 15

Room Sala Cabo Polonio

09:45 – 10:30	**Christian Volpe Martincus** Inter-American Development Bank	**Search for Trade: Evidence from Firm-AI Interactions**
10:30 – 11:00	*Coffee break*	
11:00 – 11:45	**Carolina Coloma** CEDLAS-UNLP	**From Experts to Exports: Destination Knowledge, Worker Mobility, and Market Access**
11:45 – 12:30	**Guido Lamarmora** University of Mainz	**The Food Problem in an Open Economy**
12:30 – 13:30	*Lunch*	
Keynote		
13:30 – 15:00	**Rafael Dix-Carneiro** Duke University	**TBC**
15:00 – 15:30	*Coffee break*	
Policy Panel		
15:30 – 16:30	**Policy Debate: CAF** Presentation: Richard Condor Discussants: Alvaro Lalanne (MEF – Uruguay) Lorenzo Caliendo (Yale University)	Challenges for Latin America and Caribbean Economic Integration