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	**How Firms Pay for Energy Abatement: Evidence from India's Tradable Intensity Standard** 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