

Symposium:

TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

International Labour Office

2 September, 2015

4 Route des Morillons, Geneva

Globalization is often presumed to be a powerful driver of economic growth and job creation. For this reason, governments of the world have been contemplating a broader role for international trade and investment in the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Important global fora such as the G20, whose members account for around 75% of world trade, are calling for domestic actions to support trade as part of national growth and employment strategies. However, the links between globalization and labour market outcomes, especially in developing countries, are still not well-understood in theory and practice.

This one-day symposium will address how the economic forces of globalization, particularly international trade, can lead to better employment outcomes in developing countries. For much of the developing world, integration with the global economy has created significant challenges in terms of handling adjustment dynamics and distributional consequences.

Keynote speakers: Stephen Redding and Oleg Itskhoki (Princeton University)

This symposium will bring together leading researchers to present cutting-edge analysis and evidence on how developing countries can leverage trade for both social upgrading and inclusive development, particularly more and better jobs.

Registration is mandatory. If you wish to attend, please send an e-mail to forero@ilo.org (with your full contact details, first name, last name, affiliation) at the latest by 28 August 2015.

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Symposium Agenda

2 September, 2015 (Room XI R2 South, ILO)

- 9:00 a.m. -9:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**
- *Terje Tessem (Director, Development and Investment Branch, Employment Policy Department, ILO)*
- 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. **Thematic Session 1: Trade and Informality**
- Chair: *Frederic Lapeyre (ILO)*
- Trade and Informality: Evidence from Brazil
Vladimir Ponczek (Escola de Economia de São Paulo, Fundação Getulio Vargas) and Gabriel Ulyssea (Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro)
 - Trade Openness Effects through Price Channels on Firms' Informal Employment: The Case of Peru
Jorge Dávalos (Department of Business Administration, Universidad del Pacífico)
- 11:00 a.m. -11:15 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. **Keynote Presentations: Trade and Inequality**
- Chair: *Marcelo Olarreaga (Université de Genève)*
- *Stephen Redding (Princeton University)*
 - *Oleg Itskhoki (Princeton University)*
- 12:45 p.m.-14:00 p.m. Lunch (*Chairpersons, Speakers, and other Invitees*)
- 14:00 p.m. -15:30 p.m. **Thematic Session 2: Trade and Workers' Skills**
- Chair: *David Cheong (ILO)*
- Do Multinational Firms Transfer Culture? Evidence on Female Employment in China
Hei Wai Tang (Johns Hopkins University)
 - Wage and Employment Gains From Exports: Evidence from Developing Countries
Nicolas Depetris Chauvin (Haute Ecole de Gestion de Genève) and Guido Porto (Universidad Nacional de La Plata)
- 15:30 p.m. -15:45 p.m. Coffee Break

15:45 p.m. -17:15 p.m. **Thematic Session 3: Trade Agreements and Labour Markets**

Chair: *David Kucera (ILO)*

- Trade Unions' Rights and Labour Provisions in Preferential Trade Agreements
Damian Raess (Université de Genève) and Dora Sari (Université de Genève)
- The Distributional Consequences of Preferential Trade Liberalization: Firm-Level Evidence
Leonardo Baccini (McGill University), Pablo M. Pinto (Houston University), and Stephen Weymouth (Georgetown University)

19:30 p.m. Symposium Dinner (*Chairpersons, Speakers, and other Invitees*)

Transportation and Directions:

The next page contains a road access map to the ILO and the R2 floor plan.

Getting to the ILO (4 Route des Morillons, Geneva)

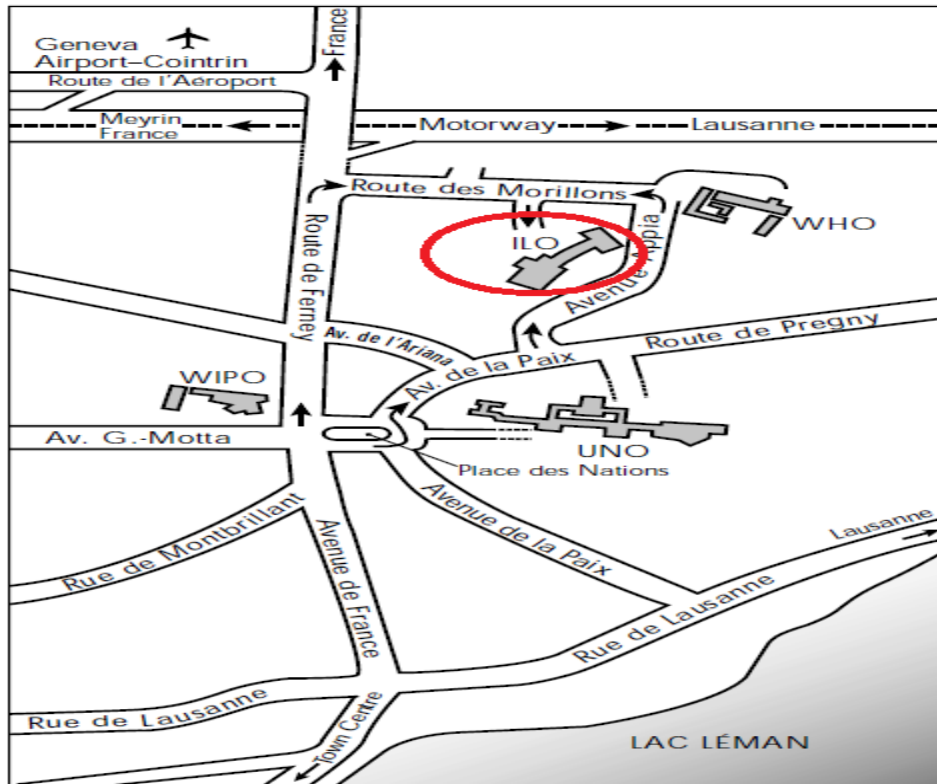
By car: from the Place des Nations take the Route de Ferney or Avenue Appia. To park, follow the signs indicating the way to the P1 underground car park, which leads directly to the R2 level. Go to the R2 North entrance.

By bus: from Cornavin station, take buses F or 8. From Cointrin airport, take bus 18. Get off at the "BIT" stop, walk down to the car park, turn right, enter by the door on R1 North, and take the escalators up to the R2 North entrance.

By taxi: The numbers most frequently used for calling taxis are 022 3314133 or 022 3202202. Ask the driver to stop in front of the R3 North entrance and walk one floor down to the R2 North entrance.

For this symposium, participants should enter the ILO at the North Entrance on the R2 level. Please bring an identity document (e.g., passport, identity card, etc.) with you as you will be asked to provide this in exchange for security badges. Once in the ILO building via the R2 North entrance, in order to get to Room XI where the symposium will be held, participants should turn right, cross the Colonnades, and proceed to the South wing as shown by the red line in the R2 floor plan. Participants are kindly requested to return their badges when they depart from the ILO.

Road Access Map to ILO



R2 Floor Plan ILO

