

Conference on Regional Trade Agreements, Migration and Remittances With Special Focus on CAFTA and Latin America



Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, Texas, USA
April 12-13, 2008

Program

Saturday, April 12

Time and place	Event	Details
8:00 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.	Coffee/Breakfast*	
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Haney Auditorium (186 SHB)	Welcome Speech	
8:45 a.m.– 9:45 a.m. Haney Auditorium (186 SHB)	Keynote Speech “Migration and Well-being: Some Reflections”	Moderator: William B. Green , Director, <i>Center for Business Research and Economic Development</i> Speaker: Dr. Mauricio Cárdenas Executive Director Fedesarrollo Bogotá, Colombia
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Haney Auditorium (186 SHB)	Invited Lecture 1 “Immigrants in the U.S. Economy: A Host-Country Perspective”	Moderator: Donald G. Freeman , <i>Sam Houston State University</i> Speaker: Dr. Pia Orrenius Senior Economist & Policy Advisor Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Dallas, Texas
10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Haney Auditorium (186 SHB)	Session # 1	Chair: Carlos Vargas-Silva , <i>Sam Houston State University</i> Su-Hsin Chang , <i>Johns Hopkins University</i> , “ The Causal Effect of Family Networks on Mexican Migration ” Discussant: Carlos Vargas-Silva , <i>Sam Houston State University</i>

		<p>Carlos Vargas-Silva, <i>Sam Houston State University</i>, “A Review of the Empirical Literature on the Determinants and Consequences of Workers’ Remittances”</p> <p>Muhammet Pakdil, <i>Southern Methodist University</i>, “The Relationship between International Migration, Trade and Remittances: An Empirical Study on Turkish Immigration to Germany”</p>
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Beckner Classroom (139 SHB)	Session # 2	<p>Chair: Fidel Gonzalez, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p> <p>Ricardo E. Buitrago, “Free Trade Agreements and Their Impact on Latin American Migration: An Approach” <i>Discussant: Fidel Gonzalez</i>, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p> <p>Kaushal Kishore, <i>Southern Methodist University</i>, “Tax Competition Under ‘Preferred Regime’ and ‘Non-preferred Regime’ with Partially Mobile Capital” <i>Discussant: Fidel Gonzalez</i>, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p> <p>Sandra Trejos and Gustavo Barboza, <i>Clarion University of Pennsylvania</i>, “Economic Growth Creation or Diversion? The Record of Trade Agreements in Latin America” <i>Discussant: Isabel Ruiz</i>, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p>
Lunch*		
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Haney Auditorium (186 SHB)	Panel Discussion "Challenges and Opportunities of Free Trade"	<p>Moderator: J Ulyses Balderas, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p> <p>Panelists::</p> <p>Honorable Carlos González Magallón Consul General of Mexico</p> <p>Honorable Sergio Alonso Valverde Alpízar Consul General of Costa Rica</p> <p>Honorable María Matilde Londoño Consul General of Colombia</p>
3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. Break		
3:10 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Haney Auditorium (186 SHB)	Invited Lecture 2 "Accounting for Migration and Remittance Effects"	<p>Moderator: Donald L Bumpass, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Susan Pozo Professor of Economics Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, MI</p>
4:00 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. Break		
4:10 p.m. – 5:40 p.m. Haney Auditorium (186 SHB)	Session # 3	<p>Chair: J. Ulyses Balderas</p> <p>David Molina, <i>University of North Texas</i>, “ An Analysis of Mexican Remigration to the U.S.” <i>Discussant: M. Doug Berg</i>, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p>

		<p>Julio Cesar Hernandez Correa, <i>Western Michigan University</i>, "The Effect of Remittances in Latin-American's Imports" <i>Discussant: Troy Quast</i>, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p> <p>Jorge N. Valero-Gil, <i>Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon</i>, "Remittances and the Household's Share of Expenditures on Health in Mexico." <i>Discussant: J. Ulyses Balderas</i>, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p>
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Dinner*	

Sunday, April 13

Time	Event	Details
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Coffee/Breakfast*	
9:00 a.m.– 9:50 a.m. Amato-Dudley Lecture Hall (138 SHB)	Invited Lecture 3 " Bilateralism, Multilateralism, and the Quest of Global Free Trade "	<p>Moderator: Donald G Freeman, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Kamal Saggi Department of Economics Southern Methodist University Dallas, TX 75275</p>
9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Amato-Dudley Lecture Hall (138 SHB)	Session # 5	<p>Chair: Mark W. Frank, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p> <p>Jayjit Roy, <i>Southern Methodist University</i>, "Do Customs Union Members Indulge in Bilateral Trade Than Free Trade Agreement Members?" <i>Discussant: Mark Frank</i>, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p> <p>Danilo R. Trupkin, <i>Texas A&M University</i>, "On the Viability of the Multilateral Trade Agreement: A Political-Economy Approach" <i>Discussant: Darren Grant</i>, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p>
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Beckner Classroom (139 SHB)	Session # 6	<p>Chair: Isabel Ruiz, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p> <p>Blen Solomon, <i>Grand Valley State University</i> "The Impacts of risk and Uncertainty on remittances into Latin American Economies" <i>Discussant: Ed Blackburne</i>, <i>Sam Houston State University</i></p> <p>Isabel Ruiz, <i>Sam Houston State University</i>, "Macroeconomic Determinants of U.S. Direct Investment into Latin America"</p> <p>Khawaja A. Mamun, <i>Sacred Heart University</i>, "Migration and Remittances in Bangladesh"</p>

* Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are by invitation only.