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Firms and International Trade

The Trade and Industrial Organisation Group is pleased to announce the following event:

Empirical Evidence on Firms and International Trade

When: Monday 29th March – Tuesday 30th March 2010

Where: South African Reserve Bank (SARB) Conference Centre

One of the most exciting developments in the field of international trade in recent years has been the increased attention given to the heterogeneity of firms. Empirical evidence has demonstrated that only a minority of firms are involved with international trade, and that the firms that do trade are different in significant ways from other firms. Theoretical models have been developed that incorporate different types of firm, and trade economists have considered how the distribution of firms changes as economies become more open to international trade. The purpose of the current workshop is to outline and review this body of work.

The workshop will be presented by one of the most prominent contributors to this line of research, Professor Stephen Redding of the London School of Economics. There will also be a number of papers by local contributors.

If you wish to attend please send your request to Tania Jacobs at ERSA (tania.jacobs@uct.ac.za) by **Friday 12th March 2010**.

This event is the latest in a programme of workshops in the fields of international trade and industrial organization. Should you be unable to attend the current workshop, but keen to participate in future events, please contact Jim Fairburn at UKZN (fairburnj@ukzn.ac.za). In particular, we are keen to hear from less established researchers and PhD candidates in these fields, and a workshop later this year will concentrate on the development of local research.

Please note that ERSA organises and funds economy class flights within South Africa as well as accommodation (including breakfast), for out of town delegates. While the course is free of charge, delegates are expected to pay for any other expenses incurred.