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Trade and Industrial Organization

The Trade and Industrial Organization group is pleased to announce two forthcoming workshops:

Workshop 1: Current Trade Policy Issues

When: Wednesday March 4th/Thursday March 5th

Where: Swan Lake Lodge and Conference Centre, Centurion, Gauteng

This workshop will be presented by Robert Z. Lawrence (Harvard University and Peterson Institute for International Economics). The workshop will cover such topics as the impact of globalization on economic development and inequality, the governance of global trade, regionalism and multilateralism and the Doha round and beyond. This two-day workshop will provide a forum for interaction between the academic and policymaking communities, and will have a strongly interactive slant. Young academics and graduate students working in the field of international trade are particularly encouraged to attend.

Workshop 2: Econometric Methods for Industrial Organization and Competition Policy

When: Wednesday March 18th/Thursday March 19th

Where: Premier Hotel Cape Manor, Cape Town

This one-and-a-half day workshop will be presented by Jim Levinsohn (University of Michigan). The workshop focuses on the application of discrete choice methods to estimate product demand. These tools have proved valuable in ascertaining the extent of competition and product differentiation and the value of new products. The workshop will examine the detailed estimation of such models, the types of data that are needed and applications of these techniques to policy questions such as the analysis of the competitive impact of horizontal mergers.

If you wish to attend either or both workshops please contact Tania Jacobs at ERSA (tania.jacobs@uct.ac.za) by **Wednesday 11th February**. Places are limited, so please include a short paragraph setting out your reasons for wanting to attend. In the case of postgraduate research students, this motivation statement should be provided by your supervisor or head of school.