

Call for papers

Submission deadline: 15th January 2016

Quantifying Non-Tariff Barriers to Trade and Investment PRONTO Annual Conference

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Over the past fifty years, there has been significant progress in lowering tariff barriers to international trade. This has led to a growing awareness of the importance of what are termed the "new" Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs). The relevance of these new NTMs has grown with the rising importance of global sourcing and multinational enterprises. Today, with the dominance of global value chains and the increased tradability of non-tangible products, we are confronted with new and important questions about the impact of NTMs on competitiveness and productivity. To better understand these issues, we invite the submission of papers on the following topics:

- Quantifying the incidence of NTMs in goods and services
- Costs, benefits and regulatory objectives of NTMs
- Sustainability and the regulation of trade and investment
- Quantifying the social and economic impacts of NTMs
- Political economy determinants of NTMs
- NTMs and global and regional supply chains

To propose a paper for the conference, please submit abstracts of 200-250 words. The abstract should give the paper title, a short description of the research paper, including the aim of the research, main results (if already available), methodology etc. Each paper will be discussed by another participant, (you will be asked to indicate whether you are willing to act as a discussant on your reply form). If you have a draft version of the paper, please submit this with the abstract.

Funding

Travel and accommodation funding will be available to all participants on the programme. However, if you could cover the costs of your attendance from a research grant at your disposal this would free up space for someone else. Please indicate on your reply form whether you will be able to cover your own travel costs or whether you will require funding.

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We can only cover the costs of general participants if they are members of the PRONTO network.

How to apply

To respond, please visit <http://www.cepr.org/active/accounts/login.php>. The deadline for replies is 18:00 GMT on Friday, 15 January 2016. Alternatively you can send your submission with your funding requirements to Amanda Vincent-Rous in the CEPR Events team at avincenrou@cepr.org.

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Yours sincerely,

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