

Launch of the Global Production Networks Centre at NUS (GPN@NUS)

**Monday, 26 January 2015
University Hall Auditorium
National University of Singapore**

2pm – 2.15pm

Opening Remarks by Professor TAN Eng Chye, Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost, NUS

2.15pm – 2.30pm

Presentation of the GPN Centre@NUS by Professors Neil COE and Henry YEUNG, Co-Directors

2.30pm – 4pm

Short Presentations by the IAC members
(15 minutes each, followed by 5 minutes Q&A)

Dr Patrick LOW, Fung Global Institute and former Chief Economist at the World Trade Organization, “A Neglected World: The role of services in trade and global production networks”

Professor Yuqing XING, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo, “How are GPNs Changing Our Thinkings on Trade and Investment?”

Professor Stephanie BARRIENTOS, University of Manchester, “Upgrading in Global Production – Future opportunities and challenges for labour”

Professor Stefano PONTE, Copenhagen Business School, “Upgrading, Governance and Institutional Frameworks in Global Production Networks”

4pm

Concluding Remarks by Professor Neil COE, Co-Director

4.15pm-5.30pm

Reception

About the Speakers

Dr Patrick Low, Fung Global Institute

Patrick Low is Vice President of Research and Senior Fellow at the Fung Global Institute, a think tank working on economic issues from an Asian perspective, based in Hong Kong. Previously he worked at the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization in Geneva, where he was Chief Economist from 1997 to 2013. He was an Adjunct Professor of International Economics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva from 2004 to 2013. He has also worked for the World Bank and taught at El Colegio de Mexico, Mexico City. He holds a doctorate in economics and has published widely on trade policy issues. He is also a columnist for the South China Morning Post.

Professor Yuqing Xing, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo

Dr. Yuqing Xing is Professor of Economics at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo and Senior Fellow of the Research Institute of Chinese Economy at Fudan University. Prior to this, Dr. Xing served as the Director of Capacity Building and Training Department of Asian Development Bank Institute. He also conducted research and consulting work for various institutions, such as Asian Development Bank, the Bank of Finland, the World Institute for Development Economics Research and the United Nations University. Dr. Xing's research focuses on international trade, FDI, exchange rates, and regional economic integration. His research on the iPhone and the Sino-US trade balance has been discussed widely in the mainstream media, such as The Wall Street Journal and The Financial Times, challenging conventional views on bilateral trade statistics and instigating a reform of trade statistics. Dr. Xing obtained his B.S. and M.A. degrees from Peking University, China, and Ph.D. in economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA.

Professor Stephanie Barrientos, University of Manchester

Stephanie Barrientos is Professor of Global Development in the Institute of Development Policy and Management (IDPM) and is Associate Director of the Brooks World Poverty Institute (BWPI) at The University of Manchester. She gained her BA and PhD in Political Economy at the University of Kent. She has researched and published widely on gender, global production, employment, decent work, trade and labour standards, corporate social responsibility, fair trade, and ethical trade. She coordinated several major research projects on fair trade (funded by DFID, Ford Foundation and Leverhulme Foundation). With Professor Gary Gereffi (Duke University), she co-directed the DFID funded international research network *Capturing the Gains: Economic and Social Upgrading in Global Value Chains* linking researchers in US, Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America (www.capturingthegains.org). She has advised and provided training for a number of companies, NGOs and international organisations: ActionAid, Body Shop, Cadbury Plc, CAFOD, Christian Aid, DEFRA, DFID, Gates Foundation, Green & Blacks, CAFOD, ILO, Mondelez, Oxfam, Timberland, UNCTAD, UNIDO, World Bank, WIEGO, Women Working Worldwide, World Cocoa Foundation and Unite. She serves on the Advisory Groups of the ILO/IFC Better Work Programme, Traidcraft Board and Nike Equitable Manufacturing initiative.

Professor Stefano Ponte, Copenhagen Business School

Stefano Ponte is Professor of International Political Economy at the Department of Business and Politics, Copenhagen Business School (CBS). His research seeks to explain how the global economy is governed and how developing countries and emerging economies fare in it. His work is informed by global value chain analysis and explores the overlaps and tensions between private governance and public regulation, especially in relation to sustainability issues. Stefano is the academic director of the Sustainability Platform at CBS and serves in the Danish Research Committee for Development Research.