



Call for Papers

The Seventh International Conference on:

"Women and Trade: The Role of Trade in Promoting Women's Empowerment"

February 15 - 16, 2022

Organized by WTO-UJ Chair Programme

School of Business – The University of Jordan

Venue

Atheer Center/UJ

Amman – Jordan

(Virtual)

Achieving gender equality is an important part of the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Specifically, Goal 5 commits countries to achieve gender equality and empower all women. Together, over the last three decades, trade policy in most countries has been geared towards trade liberalization and market opening.

Despite unprecedented progress over the past century, gender gap in the labor market persists throughout the world, and are especially marked in emerging economies. The percentage of women participating in the labor force has remained much lower than the percentage of male participants. Now, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the global economic downturn it caused, the gap in labor force participation between men and women in many economies has actually widened. The pandemic has disproportionately affected sectors employing more women, such as retail stores, restaurants, and the hotel and hospitality business. An increase in family caregiving responsibilities because of school and childcare closures has also fallen on working mothers' shoulders. Both factors have pulled women out of the labor force and widened the gender gap.

Trade can affect women through a variety of channels. On the one hand, women are consumers, and so are affected by the relative price changes that trade brings about. However, they are also producers, and are therefore liable to be affected by the expansion or contraction of various sectors that increased openness to trade can cause. In particular, trade can alter the labor market incentives women face, and change the trade-off between home-based and formal sector work. Increased openness can also alter the incentives facing women traders, who often work informally.

In light of these developments, the objective of this conference is to provide a forum for academics and practitioners around the globe to critically address different ways in which trade can affect women's growth and development experiences. Additionally, this conference aims to present the links between gender equality and trade policy in developing countries in the era of globalization, with the purpose of coming up with suggestions which will lead to policy recommendations that can help to improve trade as a mean of economic empowerment for women in a developing economy context. This perspective is one that attempts to identify the scope for trade to contribute to positive outcomes for women, as well as gain an understanding of cases in which the opposite might be true, and the kinds of complementary policies that—together with trade policy—can help promote gender equality. The conference invites conceptual, empirical research presentations, and country context case studies along the conference themes as well as other related issues from all over the globe. Delegates are invited to present completed research papers and/or work in progress. Submissions and presentations must address both the theoretical and practical implications of the findings. Parallel tracks of refereed presentations will enable authors to obtain constructive feedback on their study.

Conference Themes:

In particular, the conference committee welcomes papers addressing, but not limited to the following themes:

- How trade openness improves women's employment opportunities relative to those of men.

- The relationship between trade openness and gender inequality.
- The causal effect of trade reforms and female labor force participation and employment across different sectors.
- The impact of trade policy on women's economic empowerment and well-being.
- The impact of gender inequalities on trade performance and economic growth.
- Effects of Trade on Gender Equality in small-scale enterprises.
- Barriers to women's seizing employment opportunities related to trade.
- Women and Informal Cross-border Trade.
- Labor mobility and Gender inequality: challenges for women migrants
- Implementing Gender-Responsive Trade Policies: Obstacles and Good Practices.
- Ways in which increased trade openness can affect women: as consumers, as workers, as business owners, and as traders.

Submission Requirements:

- The research should be original.
- The research should be in line with the main themes of the conference and linked to the conference's sub-themes and written either in English or Arabic.
- The abstract should be of no more than 700 words.
- Submitted papers will be evaluated by the scientific committee of the conference.
- Papers should be submitted electronically. Accepted papers should be no more than 7000 words. Papers submitted in Arabic must use; font (Arabic Transparent), size (14), 5.2 cm margins for the four sides, and double spaced, including the reference list. Papers submitted in English must use; font (Times New Roman) size (12), and double spaced.
- Authors contact information should include: (first, middle and surname), in addition to university affiliation and e-mail address.
- Accepted papers may be optionally published in a special issue in the Jordan Journal of Economic Sciences (<https://journals.ju.edu.jo/JJES>). The journal is published in both Arabic and English by the University of Jordan. Research manuscripts presented for publishing are anonymously and blindly refereed.

Final papers should be sent to the conference administration before at February 8, 2022.

wtochair.jordan@ju.edu.jo; cc: t.awad@ju.edu.jo, which will then be sent to the journal to be published in a special issue after its scientific arbitration by the journal, based on the journal policy. In addition, all accepted papers will be published in conference proceedings and certificates will be granted to participants.

Guidelines:

The organizing committee invites both extended abstract (500-700 words) and full paper submissions (5000-6000 words) from researchers and practitioners in the fields of international economics (trade theory, policy and international finance) and development economics. All abstracts and full papers should be formatted accordingly to facilitate the review process. Author's names and details, including names of all co-authors plus affiliations and addresses for general correspondence (including email address) of each author, and a brief personal profile (maximum 100 words) of the presenter, should appear on a separate cover page. In submitting an abstract, at least one author undertakes to attend the virtual international conference if the extended abstract/final paper is accepted. In addition, one author should not have more than two submissions, either as a single author or as a co-author.

All submissions should be forwarded via email (as a word.doc attachment) to: wtochair.jordan@ju.edu.jo; cc: t.awad@ju.edu.jo, with subject line as '**Virtual Conference: " Women and Trade: The Role of Trade in Promoting Women's Empowerment"**'. Researchers are encouraged to register upon acceptance of their extended abstract/full paper. Authors of accepted extended abstracts/full papers, subject to a blind review, will need to submit the final revised version (maximum 5,000-6,000 words) for inclusion in the conference refereed proceedings.

Important Dates:

- Abstract Submission: December 22, 2021.
- Notification of Abstract Acceptance: December 29, 2021.
- Submission of Full Paper: February 1, 2022.
- Notification of final Acceptance/modification: February 8, 2022.
- Last Day of Registration: February 14, 2022.
- Conference Dates: February 15-16, 2022
- Final papers to be considered for publication: March 15, 2022.

Conference Fees:

Registration is **free**, thanks to the support of WTO-Chairs Programme and the University of Jordan.

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Technical Committee:

Members of technical Committee are expected to assist in the logistic of the conference including the perpetration of conference room and the power point presentation, guest reception and registration...etc. Members of the committee will be selected later.

- Hussam Omar /Information Technology Center/ University of Jordan.
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Contact information:

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