

The 11th Annual International Conference in Hawai‘i

Disruption and Resilience: How Economies and Societies Respond to Shocks

Date: September 25–26, 2026

Location: Bachman Hall 515 (The Miller Room), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (Honolulu, Hawai‘i)

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DAY 1 (Friday, September 25)

Registration & Opening	
9:30 – 9:45	Registration & opening remarks
Session 1 — Morning (Chair: Tomoko Kinugasa)	
9:45 – 10:30	Presentation 1 “Computing Alone: Leisure Technology Growth and Marriage Decline” Speaker: Kazuharu Yanagimoto, Kobe University
10:45 – 11:30	Presentation 2 “Testing the unemployment hysteresis hypothesis: A unit root test with data-driven cyclical trends” Speaker: Yumeri Ninomiya, Kobe University (co-authored with Kaiji Motegi)
11:30 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
Session 2 — Afternoon (Chair: Shunya Ozawa)	
13:00 – 13:45	Presentation 3 “Daedalus and Icarus: Non-Gaussian Micro Shocks and Aggregate Productivity Risk” Speaker: Alejandro Rojas-Bernal, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (co-authored with Ronit Mukherji)
14:00 – 14:45	Presentation 4 “Governance, Prices, and the Energy Transition: Evidence from an Ownership Change in Hawai‘i” Speaker: Sydney Campbell, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
14:45 – 15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
Keynote (Chair: Nori Tarui)	
15:00 – 16:15	Keynote Presentation “The impact of trade protectionism on multinational production” Speaker: Shunya Ozawa, Kobe University
16:15	Group Photos / Closing of Day 1
Evening	Social gathering, dinner

DAY 2 (Saturday, September 26)

Half-day morning session

Session 3 — Morning (Chair: Kazuharu Yanagimoto)

9:15 – 10:00	Presentation 5 “Trade Shocks and the Dynamics of the Labor Market in Japan” Speaker: Rui Guo, Kobe University (co-authored with Peichen Pan)
10:15 – 11:00	Presentation 6 “Firms’ Innovation Responses to Supply Chain Shocks: Evidence from the Korea–Japan Trade Dispute” Speaker: Theresa Greaney, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (co-authored with Joonwoo Lee)
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>

Session 4 (Chair: Theresa Greaney)

11:15 – 12:00	Presentation 7 “Farm Losses and Welfare Gains: The Uneven Effects of Ghana’s Artisanal Small-Scale Gold Mining on Agricultural Productivity” Speaker: Joseph Eshun, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
12:00 – 12:10	Closing Remarks / Group Photos
12:00	<i>Lunch (on your own)</i>

General information

Presentation format

Each presentation is 45 minutes, including Q&A.

- About 30 minutes for the presentation. Clarifying questions may be asked during the talk.
- About 15 minutes for discussion.

The keynote presentation runs 75 minutes.

Wi-Fi

Available via Eduroam.

Presentation slides and full papers

Available presentation materials will be uploaded here (for participants only).