
Preface

The present volume is the result of the National Bureau of Economic Research Conference on Import Competition and Adjustment: Theory and Policy, which was held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, 8–11 May 1980.

Supported financially by the Ford Foundation, the conference was aimed at developing theoretical concepts and ideas concerning the topic of import competition, defined broadly to include different types of economic responses to the fact of import competition. Thus, international economic theorists of distinction were invited to model processes such as lobbying relative to import competition, for instance. The volume therefore addresses a number of theoretical issues that are fairly novel and which also bear on policy questions, in many cases fairly directly.

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