Topics in International Trade
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Course description

This course presents a quick introduction to modern trade theory. We will go over some of the basic models and then move to some frontier frameworks to analyse trade flows and the impact of globalization on several key economic variables. We will also show how these models can be brought to the data and used to perform quantitative analysis of trade policies such as Brexit, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) or the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

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Grading policy
In class written exam.

Textbooks
There is no specific textbook for this course. The main references are journal articles that will be covered in detail in class and lecture notes (slides). Here is a list of textbooks for general reference.


Below you can find a detailed syllabus. The double starred references are required readings, the single starred are recommended reading.
Part I
Workhorses

Lecture 1

Basic Ricardian Model

- (*) Feenstra ch. 3 (only the section on the continuum of goods Ricardian model)

Lecture 2

Monopolistic Competition and Increasing Returns

- Feenstra Ch. 5
- KOM ch.7

Lecture 3

Gravity

- (*) EK, Chapter 3.1
- AA, Chapters 2 and 4.
Lecture 4

Firm Heterogeneity and Increasing Returns


Lecture 5

Many-countries, many-goods Ricardian model


Part II

Applications

Lecture 6

Multinational Corporations


Feenstra, ch. 12.


Lecture 7

Trade, Technology, and Growth


Lecture 8

Trade and Labor Market Outcomes

- Impullitti, Giammario, Gabriel Felbermayr, and Julien Prat (2014) "Firm Dynamics and Residual Inequality in Open Economy", CESifo working paper series No. 4666.