International Economics
Development Economics

Academic year 2019-2020

Advanced International Trade B: Advanced Topics in International Trade

EI089 - Printemps - 3 ECTS

Tuesdays 09/03 10:15-12:00 P1-701
25/03 08:15-12:00 P1-601
02/04 16:15-20:00 P1-701
23/04 14:15-18:00 P1-701

Course Description

This course discusses recent cutting-edge research on empirical international trade, in a reading-seminar format. This first part will focus on four main topics of international trade research: trade and labor market dynamics, migration and trade, structural transformation and trade in services. Strong emphasis is put into in-class participation through presentations and active discussions of the various topics. The objective is to get a comprehensive knowledge of modern empirical international trade and drive students to acquire the necessary expertise to be able to carry out a high-quality research project in the field of international trade.

Syllabus

1. Pre-requisites

PhD level International Trade A is a pre-requisite for this course, as well as a good understanding of the topics in a graduate level general econometrics course.

2. Evaluation

There are two components to the evaluation of this course (please note that the evaluation method for this module is subject to revision, based on the number of students enrolled in the course – final details will be given in lecture 2 or 3).
1. **In class presentations**: Each student will deliver a number of approximately 45 minutes presentations on designated papers. Papers will be randomly allocated to presenters. All relevant technical aspects of the paper need to be addressed, with the goal of the audience gaining full understanding of the paper in: (i) its framing in the literature; (ii) the model and estimation strategy, where applicable; (iii) the econometric approach, implementation and challenges, where applicable; (iv) the result and main conclusions; (v) limitations and relevant caveats. All presentations taken together account for 50% of the course overall mark.

2. **Research proposal**: Students are asked to submit and present in class a short paper with a research idea of their own. This should include at least the following: (i) a clear, relevant, feasible research question in empirical (micro) trade; (ii) a literature review on the relevant topic, highlighting the contribution that the intended research plan would offer; (iii) a description of the data and methodology required for addressing the question at hand. If students draw from previous work of their own (MSc. dissertation, PhD entry proposal, etc.), this should be clearly stated in the submission, which must in any case constitute a significantly novel piece of work. It is hoped that this will serve as a basis for the students’ MPTs. The manuscript is to be submitted in pdf and should not exceed the length of 10 pages in font of size 12. This will account for 50% of the overall mark of the course.

*Please, observe the Institute’s rules on plagiarism. All submission will be evaluated using software-based plagiarism detection and a grade of zero will be awarded should the result of this examination be positive.*

3. **Reading list**

The following is the tentative list of topics and readings to be covered and it is subject to change.

1. **Trade and labor**


   Peter Schott and Justin Pierce (2020) “Trade Liberalization and Mortality: Evidence from U.S. Counties” AER Insights, Forthcoming
2. Migration and trade


Ariu, Andrea, (2020), Foreign Workers, Product Quality, and Trade: Evidence from a Natural Experiment


3. Trade in Services


4. Structural Transformation


Teresa Fort, Xiang Ding, Stephen J. Redding, and Peter K. Schott (2020) "Structural Change Within Versus Across Firms: Evidence from the United States

