

ECON 305
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS I
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ECON305 Term Paper
for students of
Department of Economics

Option 1: Uncovering Trade Characteristics of Countries

In this project, you are required to write an **at least** 2000-word **essay** (including everything) on export **and/or** import of commodity or a group of commodity (none of two students may write on the same commodity/commodity group).

Here are some examples:

1. Fish and shellfish *exports* of **Country Name** in the post 1980 period
2. Vegetables *imports* of **Country Name** in the post 1980 period
3. Metal and nonmetallic *exports* of **Country Name** in the post 1980 period
4. Nonferrous metal *imports* of **Country Name** in the post 1980 period
5. Peripherals *exports* of **Country Name** in the post 1980 period
6. Telecommunications equipment *imports* of **Country Name** in the post 1980 period

The main requirement of the project is that you must collect and process data related to your research question and discuss what the data tells in your report. Without data analysis, your report would not get any positive grade. While writing your report, be aware that any paper should answer at least the following questions:

- The aim.
- The findings.
- Comments/ remarks/ Conclusion

Deadline for delivering your project is Monday, 31th of December, sharp. You must register your title with research assistant Hakan Güngör. The style of your report must fulfill the rules specified in the Guidelines for Style (see below). Finally, I would like to remind that cheating or plagiarism will be severely punished.

Option 2: Reviewing an article

In this option, you are expected to write an **at least** 2000-word (critical) **review** (including everything) on one of the papers listed below. You are expected to answer the following questions in your review:

- What is the aim of the article? (at least 1 page).
- What are the findings of the article?
- What are your comments on the article? (at least 1 page)

Deadline for delivering your project is Monday, 31th of December, sharp. You must register your title with research assistant Hakan Güngör. The style of your report must fulfill the rules specified in the Guidelines for Style (see below). Finally, I would like to remind that cheating or plagiarism will be severely punished.

Papers

- Rodrik Dani (1990) “Premature Liberalization, Incomplete Stabilization: the Ozal Decade in Turkey”, NBER Working Papers, no. W3300. Available at: <http://www.nber.org/papers/>
- Neyaptı, B., Fatma Taşkın & Murat Üngör (2004) “Has European Customs Union Agreement Really Affected Turkey’s Trade?”, Available at: http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/~economics/discussion_papers.htm#2004
- Sachs J. D. & Wing Thye Woo (1997) “Understanding China’s Economic Performance”, NBER Working Papers, no. w5935. Available at: <http://www.nber.org/papers/>
- Shafaeddin S. M. (2002) “Some implications of accession to WTO for China’s economy”, International Journal of Development Issues Vol. 1, No. 2 (2002) 93-128. Also available at: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/osgrs80_en.pdf
- Busse, M. (2002). “Do Labor Standards Affect Comparative Advantage in Developing Countries?” World Development 30, no.11, pp. 1921-32
- Carlin, Glyn, and van Reenen (2001) “Export Market Performance of OECD Countries: An Empirical Examination of the Role of Cost Competitiveness.” Economic Journal 111, no.468 (January 2001), pp. 128-62
- Davis, Donald R.; David E. Weinstein; Scott C. Bradford; and Kazushige Shimpo. (1997) “Using International and Japanese regional Data to determine when the Factor Abundance Theory and Trade Works.” American Economic Review 87, no.3, pp.421-46
- Dornbusch, Fischer, and Samuelson (1977) “Comparative Advantage, Trade, and payments in a Ricardian Model with a Continuum of Goods.” American Economic Review 67, no.5 (December 1977), pp.823-39
- MacDougall, G.A.D. (1951) “British and American Exports: A study suggested by the theory of Comparative Costs, Part 1.” Economic Journal 61, no. 244, pp.697-724

Guidelines for Style

- (1) Papers must be in English.
- (2) Manuscripts should be **1.5 line spaced**, with **Left=3cm, Right=2cm, Top=3cm, and Bottom=2cm** margins, and printed on **one side of the paper** only. All pages should be numbered consecutively. Titles and subtitles should be short.
- (3) Tables and figures should be numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals.
- (4) The first page of the manuscript should contain the following information: (i) the title; (ii) the name of the student.
- (5) Footnotes should be kept to a minimum and numbered consecutively throughout the text with superscript Arabic numerals.
- (6) Displayed formulae should be numbered consecutively throughout the manuscript as (1), (2), etc. against the right-hand margin of the page.
- (7) References to publications should be as follows: 'Smith (1992) reported that...' or 'This problem has been studied previously (e.g., Smith et al., 1969)'. The student should make sure that there is a strict one-to-one correspondence between the names and years in the text and those on the list. The list of references should appear at the end of the main text (after any appendices, but before tables and legends for figures). It should be 1.5 line spaced and listed in alphabetical order by author's name. References should appear as follows:

Monographs: Hawawini, G. and I. Swary, 1990, Mergers and acquisitions in the U.S. banking industry: Evidence from the capital markets (North-Holland, Amsterdam).

Collective works: Brunner, K. and A.H. Meltzer, 1990, Money supply, in: B.M. Friedman and F.H. Hahn, eds., Handbook of Monetary Economics, Vol. 1 (North-Holland, Amsterdam) 357-396.

Periodicals: Griffiths, W. and G. Judge, 1992, Testing and estimating location vectors when the error covariance matrix is unknown, Journal of Econometrics 54, 121-138.

- (8) Journal titles should not be abbreviated.

Students may contact with Research Assistant Hakan Güngör (Room# C824) in case of a problem.