

## AGEC 69000-008 International Trade Theory and Policy

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**Location** RAWLS 1071

**Time** Spring 2017, Monday 10:30 - 11:20

### **Course Description**

AGEC 69000-008 aims to build students' research capacities in the field of international trade. The weekly seminar will serve as a forum for students to present their own work and receive critical comments and suggestions for improvement from faculty and peers. More advanced students will present their own work, while students who are earlier in their research careers will present others' work, with the aim of improving presentation skills and building a deeper familiarity with some portion of the international trade literature. The research topics covered will follow the interests of the participants. Empirical work is welcome along with theory and policy simulations. Students who will benefit most from this seminar are PhD students who are pursuing or intend to pursue independent research projects. This is an attempt to build an active research community in the area of international trade.

The seminar is organized as a *weekly 50-minute seminar*. The emphasis is on open dialogue, stimulating discussions, and exploration of new research ideas. Active student participation is essential, including the willingness to present/discuss research articles, and share research ideas. In the first week of the class we will organize a presentation schedule that suits the members of the research group.

### **Credits and Grades**

The main goal of the seminar is to develop students' research skills and to build an active and cohesive group of researchers in the area of international trade. Formal testing and evaluation of research skills on a nuanced grading scale does not match the intention and scope of the class. Grades will therefore be based on participation and performed activities. Students who actively contribute to the class will receive the highest passing grade. Note that apologies to the instructors are in order if you cannot attend a meeting. The class is rewarded with 1 credit. You may take the course repeatedly throughout your graduate studies.

## Class Organization

Attendance is expected and apologies to the instructor are in order if you cannot attend a meeting. The format of the class is as follows:

1. There will be a 50-minute research presentation by a student or a faculty member. The presentation will be in seminar format (taking questions as we go). The number of presentations per student depends on enrollment. I do not expect students to have to present more than twice.
2. Presenters should make their papers and auxiliary materials available one week before the presentation. We will circulate by email initially. To ensure that we will have a lively discussion, everybody should bring a printed copy of the paper, read the distributed materials and write down questions and comments in advance.
3. Members of the group will rotate as chairperson.

### Schedule

Date	Presenter	Chair	Topic
Jan 9	Russell Hillberry	TBD	Organization of semester ; Impact evaluation of customs reform
Jan 16	Martin Luther King Holiday		
Jan 23	Iman Haqiqi	Xin Zhao	Irrigation water and trade of crops
Jan 30	Alma Cortes Selva	Guolin Yao	TBD
Feb 6	Anton Yang	Manuel Jimenez	Caliendo and Parro (2015)
Feb 13	Guolin Yao	Alma Cortes Selva	TBD
Feb 20	Anson Soderbery	Russell Hillberry	TBD
Feb 27	Caitlyn Carrico	Iman Haqiqi	MRIO and global value chains
Mar 6	Suprabha Baniya	Anton Yang	Trade Effects of the New Silk Road
Mar 13	Spring Vacation		
Mar 20	Manuel Jimenez	Brandon Norton	TBD
Mar 27	Brandon Norton	Russell Hillberry	Trade Policy Uncertainty (or TBD)
April 3	Xin Zhao	Kayenat Kabir	TBD
April 10	Kayenat Kabir	Suprabha Baniya	Structural Estimation and the Border Puzzle
April 17	Russell Hillberry	Masha Brussevich	Import dynamics and demands for protection
April 24	Masha Brussevich	Caitlyn Carrico	TBD