

## AGEC 69000-007 International Trade Theory and Policy

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**Location** RAWLS 1071

**Time** Fall 2017, Wednesday 2:30 - 3:20

### **Course Description**

AGEC 69000-007 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
August 30	Russell Hillberry	Xin Zhao	Albanian Customs reform
September 6	Alma Cortes Selva	Guolin Yao	
September 13	Xin Zhao	Manuel Jimenez	
September 20	Manuel Jimenez	Alma Cortes Selva	
September 27	Guolin Yao	Brandon Norton	
October 4	Jiatong Zhong	Yifei Xu	
October 11	Emiliano Lopez	Manuel jimenez	
October 18	Brandon Norton	Guolin Yao	U.S. FTAs and Pharmaceuticals
October 25	Guolin Yao	Brandon Norton	
November 1	Manuel Jimenez	Emiliano Lopez	
November 8	Alma Cortes Selva	Russell Hillberry	
November 15	Xin Zhao	Alma Cortes Selva	
November 22	Thanksgiving Holiday		
November 29	Brandon Norton	Yifei Xu	
December 6	Yifei Xu	Jiatong Zhong	