Week 1: International Trade, Labour Markets and Development
22-26 August 2016 (4 ECTS)

The goal of the course is to gain a thorough understanding of the recent theoretical and empirical literature on the interaction between international trade, labour markets, and development. After the course, students should be able to apply some of the workhorse models in this literature and they should be familiar with some of the most important applications at the nexus between international trade, labour markets, and development.

Course Content

International Trade


Trade, labour, and inequality

4. Trade, labour, and inequality: an overview: Harrison et al. (2011)
5. Trade and inequality with firm heterogeneity: Helpman et al. (2016)

Trade shocks and labour impacts

7. Import competition from China and labour market effects: Autor et al. (2013), Autor et al. (2016)

Trade and development

10. Trade, specialization and preferences: Caron et al. (2014)

Readings


Grading

Class participation (10%); take-home exam (90%). Lecture hours: 25.

Timetable and Registration

The course takes place from Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 12.00 and from 13.30 to 16.00.

Price for 1 week: 500 Swiss Francs.

Register for the PhD Summer Programme at: http://www.wti.org/education/doctoral-programme/

Room: Silva Casa, World Trade Institute, University Bern. Hallerstrasse 6, 3012, Bern.

This is an intensive course. Please try to complete some readings before the course begins.

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Readings

- Further references will be provided in the lectures.

Grading

Grading will be based on a take home exam and an individual project. Details will be given during the first lecture. Total number of hours: 25. There will be 12 lectures of 1.5 hours and 5 units will comprise 1.5 lab hours.

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Rooms at UniS: Mo A027; Tue A027; Wed A027; Thu B-105; Fri (9.30-12) B-105; Fri (13.30-16.00) A301.

Computer room A322 UniS is available. Students could bring their laptops if preferred.

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