

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER

Econ 4413: INTERNATIONAL TRADE
Fall 2016

Professor:

There will be an in-class midterm and an in-class final exam. Midterm exam will be in class on Oct 18. The Final exam is cumulative. The Final exam will be on Dec 12, 1:30pm. I will announce in advance which topics will be covered during each exam and the structure of the exams.

There will be no makeup exams.

Paper

The paper assignment will let you look in detail at one country and its international economic relationships. You will choose one country (other than U.S.) and write a paper to answer the following questions.

- a. What are the major import and export commodities? In which industries do you observe a lot of FDI? Have these changed over the last 10 years, and why?
- b. Which countries are its major trading partners? Which countries do foreign direct investment in your chosen country? Where does your country do its FDI?
- c. What are good explanations for these trade patterns, based on what we have studied (factor endowments, technology, etc)? And what explains the FDI patterns? Support your conclusions with facts and evidence from other studies.
- d. Has the country attempted recently to lower its barriers to trade and investment, and how?
- e. Is the country a member of any regional Free Trade Area? What seem to be the costs and benefits of this membership?

Your paper should be maximum eight double-space pages long, including tables and references.

List of Countries for paper:

North America: Canada, Mexico

South America: Argentina, Chile, Brazil

Western Europe: UK, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Austria, Switzerland, Portugal, Greece

Central Europe: Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic

Eastern Europe: Russia

Africa: Egypt, South Africa, Morocco, Kenya

Middle East: Turkey, Israel

South Asia: India, Pakistan

East Asia:

Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Republic of Korea, Japan

Other: Australia, New Zealand

You will be required to submit a one-page synopsis of your paper by October 25. The final paper will be due on the last day of class,

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