



Course Outline

EE459 Seminar in International Trade Theory and Policy

Semester 2/2025 (5 January – 2 May 2026)

Lecture Time: Monday, 09.00-12.00 hours

Lecture Venue: Room 201

Teaching Materials Platform: MS Team

Instructor:

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Number of Credits: 3 (3-0-6)

Prerequisite: EE451 and EE452

Course Description:

Seminar and research on topics in International Economics under the supervision of the lecturer.

Course Objectives:

The course aims to broaden students' understanding of international economics through various approaches, including lectures, class discussions, term papers, and guest speaker seminars. Applying analytical frameworks to current issues and data on global trade and international finance would enhance students' in-depth analytical skills and deepen their understanding of global volatility. By applying theory and practice in international economics, students can conduct independent research, present their research papers, discuss, and give constructive comments on their classmates' research papers.

Programme Learning Outcomes (PLOs):

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Learning Management and Evaluation:

CLO	Description	Learning Management	Evaluation
1: (K1 + S1 + E4 + C2)	Develop a research proposal that applies a theoretical framework and incorporates practical research methods	- Lecture on research methodology and how to develop a research proposal - Lecture and workshop on how to write a literature review	Assigned homework, reports from workshop, and research proposal displaying theoretical and conceptual understanding
2: (K2 + S3 + E1)	Conduct an independent research, present their research papers, discuss, and give constructive comments on their classmates' research papers.	- Workshop on data analysis and interpretation of findings - Training sessions on the use of programmes for processing data and how to cite the references	Quality of research paper with the ability to use statistical and econometrics techniques to process and analyse data, interpret results, and propose policy recommendations as shown in the paper.
3: (K4 + C1 + C3 + C4)	Apply analytical frameworks to current issues and data on global trade and international finance to enhance students' in-depth analytical skills and deepen their understanding of global volatility	- Panel discussion project - Self-study & supervision - Activities to encourage class discussion and knowledge sharing - Activities to promote student engagement and foster questioning skills	- Class participation - Punctuality and meeting the deadlines - Self- and peer-evaluated participation
4: (S2 + E2 + E3 + C5)	Demonstrate strong communication skills, the ability to interpret data from various sources, and effectively integrate knowledge into policy development	- Oral presentation - Implement a role-play activity to development students' skills in providing constructive feedback. - Assign a role play to enhance students' ability of giving constructive comments	- Presentation of research proposal and paper - Observation of ability to convey and connect thinking and reasoning

Learning Assessment Plan

CLO	Methods of Learning Assessment	Assessment Week	Proportion of Assessment
1	Proposal of a research paper	5-6	10%
	Write-up a literature review	3	10%
2	Final version of research paper	14	30%
3	Panel discussion	10-11	10%
	Class participation with Q&A	1-14	10%
	Referee reports on classmates' papers	14	5%
	Summary report of seminar with guest speakers	7, 12	10%
4	Presentation of research proposal	5-6	5%
	Presentation of research paper	13-14	10%

Recommended Readings:

Appleyard, D.R., and Field A.J. (2017), ***International Economics***, 9th edition, Singapore: McGraw-Hill

Bhardwaj, M. et al, "Growth and Potential on Intra-Industry of India in Agriculture among the BIMSTEC Nations," ***The Indian Economic Journal***. 71 (2023): 561 – 580. DOI: 10.1177/00194662231159854

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Mortha, A. et al, "Industrial relocation or shorter shipping routes: Examining the impact of the EU's carbon border adjustment mechanism on global emissions using structural gravity," ***Economic Analysis and Policy***. 87 (2025): 1708 – 1741. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eap.2025.07.019>

Guilherme Magacho, Etienne Espagne & Antoine Godin (2023) Impacts of the CBAM on EU trade partners: consequences for developing countries, *Climate Policy*, DOI: 10.1080/14693062.2023.2200758

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- Kumar, R. **Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners**, SAGE, 2018
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- Pangestu, Mari Elka. "Changing Global Trade Landscape: Developing Country Perspective" **Advances in Economics, Business and Management Research**, 98 (2019): 216-223. <https://download.atlantis-press.com/article/125918468.pdf>
- Pomfret, R. **Different Paths to Economic Integration in Europe and Asia**. ADBI Working Paper 1063. Tokyo: Asian Development Bank Institute. 2019. Available: <https://www.adb.org/publications/differentpaths-economic-integration-europe-and-asia>
- Pralok Gupta. India's Economic Integration in Services with ASEAN: From Bilateral FTAs to RCEP. **Journal of Asian Economic Integration** 1:2 (2019) 207–223. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/2631684619885778>
- Wooldridge, J. **Introductory econometrics: A modern approach**, Toronto: Nelson Education. 2015.
- World Bank. **World Development Report 2025: Standards for Development** <https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2025>
- World Trade Organization. **Global Trade Outlook and Statistics Update: October 2025** https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news25_e/stat_07oct25_e.pdf
- Zhang, L. et al. "Globalization, Green Economy and Environmental Challenges: State of the Art Review for Practical Implications," **Frontiers in Environmental Science**. 10 (2022): 1-9. doi: 10.3389/fenvs.2022.870271

Other readings to be circulated in class

Grading Criteria:

The assessments are based on students' ability to conduct independent research under the instructor's supervision. Assignments will be given throughout the course to build students' research skills and their ability to contribute to the academic seminar.

Summary report of seminar with guest speakers	10%
Proposal of research paper	10%
Presentation of proposal	5%
Write up a Literature review	10%
Panel Discussion	10%
Presentation of research paper	10%
Class participation with Q&A	10%
Referee reports on classmates' papers	5%
Final version of research paper	30%

Tentative Class Schedule:

Week	Date/ Monday	Topic
1	5 Jan 2026	Introduction to Research Methodology How to Develop a Research Proposal
2*	12 Jan 2026	Self-study: Preparing Research Proposal
3	19 Jan 2026	How to Write a Literature Review Reference and Citation Writing Literature Review: A Workshop
4	26 Jan 2026	How to Design the Analysis and Presentation of Results
5	2 Feb 2026	Presentation of Research Proposal (1)
6	9 Feb 2026	Presentation of Research Proposal (1)
7	16 Feb 2026	Special Lecture 1
22 – 28 Feb 2026: mid-term examination week		
8*	2 March 2026	Drafting research report (1)
9*	9 March 2026	Drafting research report (2)
10	16 March 2026	Panel Discussion on Current Issues in Global Economy (1)
11	23 March 2026	Panel Discussion on Current Issues in Global Economy (2)
12	30 March 2026	Special Lecture 2
	6 April 2026	<i>King Rama I Memorial and Chakri Day</i>
	13 April 2026	<i>Songkran Festival</i>
13	20 April 2026	Presentation of Research Paper 1
14	27 April 2026	Presentation of Research Paper 2

Note: * indicates self-study under the instructor's supervision. The supervision hours will be arranged accordingly.