

Course Syllabus

EE 459: Seminar in International Trade Theory and Policy

Semester 2/2020 (January 20 – May 19, 2021)

Number of credits:	3 credits (3-0-6)
Lecture Time:	9.00-12.00
Lecture Venue:	Zoom, ID 4845198880 / passcode 12345
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Prerequisites:	EE451/EE452
Enrollment key:	5359

Course Description: The course aims to strengthen research capability of students. Research focus in this course is international economics, including both trade and finance. Strengthening research capability involves developing research question, applying relevant economic theories, finding appropriate tools, and doing a proper research paper. In addition, students are expected to present their research and discuss other students' findings.

Research Paper:

The research paper is a group assignment, composing of 2 persons. The group formation is based on voluntary basis. Evaluation will be based on a group performance. Basically, the paper consists of 8 main sections.

1. Abstract
2. Introduction
Introduction is composed of two key elements, namely significance of problem and research objective(s)
3. Literature Review

4. Research Methodology
5. Data Sources
6. Results (Analysis)
7. Conclusion and Policy Inferences

Proposal (Sections 2-5)

Proposal covers the first five sections, beginning with introduction (significance of problem and objective(s)), literature review, methodology and data sources. About literature review, it is about understanding state of development in previous studies, which are relevant to your research question(s). Literature review is not a summary of previous works, but it should provide common features, key differences, and implications of previous studies. Where research methodology is concerned, students must consider both 'appropriateness' and 'feasibility'. Good research methodology does not mean a complicated technique. Instead, it must fit well with your research question(s). Students are expected to deliver a proposal with the maximum length of 20 pages by the schedule set below. PPT presentation is required (15 minutes per group).

Result section (Sections 2, 4, 5, 6)

Students are expected to present the research progress. This is to discuss with the lecturer and classmates about their works that have been done so far and any problems they are experiencing. Each group has a discussant, who will provide constructive comments. PPT presentation is required. 15 minutes for research presentation and 10 minutes for discussion.

First Draft (Sections 1-7)

At this stage, students are expected to have a preliminary draft containing all sections relevant for their research including policy inferences. The maximum length of the draft is 45 pages, including all tables, figures, appendices, and references. PPT presentation is required. Each group has a discussant, who will provide constructive comments. 20 minutes for research presentation and 10 minutes for discussion.

Note that a discussant is required to provide a written comment (a maximum of 2 pages). The written comment consists of a paper's summary, strong points of the paper, the weak points and suggestions.

Final Report

The final report is the first draft incorporating all relevant comments made by the lecturer and classmates. The maximum length would be 45 pages including all tables, figures, appendices, and references.

Evaluation

Proposal (including presentation)	15%
Result section (including presentation)	15%
A draft paper	35%
A complete draft	25%
Discussion	10%

Lecture Schedule

Date	Topics	Read
25/01/21	Course outline Topics relevant to International Economics Review literature Methodology and data sources	Nikolov, P (2013). Dudenhefer, P. (2009)
1/02/21	Individual discussion about topic, research question(s) and possible methodology	
8/02/21	Students submit topic and research question(s)	
15/02/21 – 1/03/21	Individual discussion about proposal, including research question(s), methodology and data	
8/03/21	Proposal presentation	
22/03/21	Result sections, policy inferences and abstracts	Nikolov, P (2013). Dudenhefer, P. (2009), Part IV
29/03/21-26/04/21	Individual discussion about results	
3/05/21	Presentation: Result section	
10/05/21	Individual discussion	
17/05/21	A first draft presentation (submit a first draft)	
7/06/21	A complete draft submission	

Reading Materials

Nikolov, P (2013). Writing Tips for Economics Research Papers, Harvard University, available at

<http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~pnikolov/resources/writingtips.pdf>

Dudenhefer, P. (2009). A Guide to Writing in Economics, Duke University, available at

http://writing.ku.edu/sites/writing.drupal.ku.edu/files/docs/Guide_Writing_Economics.pdf

Thomson, W. (2011) A Guide for the Young Economist, 2nd edition, Cambridge: MIT Press, 2011

Jongwanich, J. (2010), Determinants of Export Performance in East and Southeast Asia', *World Economy*

33 (1): 20-41. (time-series)

Jongwanich, J. (2012), Effectiveness of Capital Account Policies: Evidence from Thailand, *Asian Development Review*, 29 (2): 50-93 (with A. Kohpaiboon) (building index)

Jongwanich, J. and A. Kohpaiboon (2016), Workers' Remittances, Capital Inflows and Economic Growth in Developing Asia and the Pacific Countries, in *Managing Globalization in the Asian Century* eds. by Hill and Menon, ISEAS YOSOF ISHAK Institute. (panel data)

ACADEMIC CALENDAR & HOLIDAY

Semester 2/2020

(January 20 – May 19, 2021)



ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020 SEMESTER 2/2020

Event	Semester 2 (January 20 - May 19, 2021)
Pre-Registration period (BE Portal)	November 10 - 13, 2020
Course Registration (Reg TU)	December 3 - 4 & 7 - 8, 2020
Payment	December 9 - 14, 2020
Classes Begin	Wed., January 20, 2021
Adding and Dropping Courses W/O Record	January 25 - 29, 2021
Payment	January 30 - February 2, 2021
<i>Makha Bucha Day*</i>	<i>February 26, 2021</i>
Mid-term Examination Period	March 10 - 16, 2021
Course Withdrawal With "W"	March 24 - May 6, 2021
<i>Chakri Memorial Day*</i>	<i>April 6, 2021</i>
<i>Songkran Day Festival*</i>	<i>April 12 - 18, 2021</i>
<i>Substitution for Visakha Bucha Day*</i>	<i>April 26, 2021</i>
<i>Coronation Day*</i>	<i>May 4, 2021</i>
<i>Royal Ploughing Ceremony Day*</i>	<i>May 11, 2021</i>
Last Day of Classes	Wed., May 19, 2021
Final Examination Period	May 20 - June 5, 2021
<i>Visakha Bucha Day*</i>	<i>May 26, 2021</i>
<i>Queen Suthida's Birthday*</i>	<i>June 3, 2021</i>

** Public Holiday, No Classes during this period*

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