Research Paper Instructions

## Topic

Prepare a research paper on a trade topic. Some suggestions are provided below. The research paper should include a thorough analysis of the research topic including citations from academic papers. The paper should also present an analysis of trade data including neatly constructed charts. The data analysis could include trade between countries and their partners, the commodities imported, and exported, in numbers and as a percentage of GDP. You could analyze changes over time or compare across countries.

You can choose one of the topics listed below or any other topic of your choice.

Some suggestions for research topic.

* China : Tracing China’s trade with the rest of the world since 2001
* Chinese trade with the US
* Mercosur – Trade in South America
* ASEAN and China
* UK and Europe trade post Brexit
* Non-Tariff regulations in trade
* Mexican trade with US and Canada
* Chinese trade in Textiles/Electronics/steel/ solar panels
* Mexican trade in agriculture/automobiles
* China’s trade and productivity growth/wage growth/labor standards
* Korean trade with the US
* China and supply chain in Asia
* China and trade with Africa
* Any other country that you might be interested in

## Paper

* 10 pages
* Double spaced
* Font 12 Times New Roman
* 1 Inch margin

## Important Instructions

* Break your paper into sections and sub-sections starting with Introduction
* Number each section and sub-section
* Remember to number the pages
* Number the tables and figures
* Mention the sources of the tables and figures
* Integrate what you have learnt in International Economics to the extent possible
* Find and use data to support your paper. The data should be analyzed and presented by you. Use of tables and figures from other sources is allowed as long as you analyze at least some amount of data yourself.
* Include a bibliography. The bibliography should include at least two papers from academic journals which should have significantly contributed to your paper.

You are encouraged to work in groups of two or maximum three.

## Presentation

8 minute presentations

Include summary data slides

## Rubric

Your paper and presentation will be evaluated on the following basis.

* Structure and presentation of the paper (25 percent)
	+ Quality of introduction
	+ Sections
	+ Proper editing (for spelling and grammar)
* Content (50 percent)
	+ Topic justifiably covered
	+ Supported by data, tables, figures etc.
	+ Originality and contribution to the topic
	+ Bibliography
	+ Relevance to the course
* Presentation (10 percent)
	+ Content
	+ Structure
	+ Clarity of presentation
	+ Depth of knowledge of the topic
	+ Presentation skills (Ability to address the class, field questions, encourage participation etc.)
* Peer Evaluation (15 percent)

## Time line

February 3 Finalize topic and team

February 15th Outline of the paper

March 31st First Draft

April 21st Writing Center Confirmation

May 3rd Final Paper submission

May 5th Presentations

Papers have to be submitted electronically. I will comment on the papers electronically too.

I will also post a list of sources of data.