

## **MICROECONOMIC INTERNATIONAL TRADE-RELATED THESIS TOPICS**

1. An assessment of a regional trade area (trade and/or investment integration)
2. An assessment of "green box" nature of fully decoupled payments in the US (or elsewhere) for a particular commodity (1995-present)
3. Labor migration issues in the EU and the effect on labor markets
4. South-South trade involving China: Who benefits? The economic implications of China's Belt and Road initiative
5. Enlargement issues for the EU; trade implications of Brexit (UK leaving EU)
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7. An assessment of changes in domestic support rules under the Doha Development Round for a particular country for a particular commodity(ies)
8. An assessment of changes in market access rules under the Doha Development Round for a particular country / particular commodities
9. US-China trade war and breakdown of multilateral trade processes
10. Policy reform and the implications of the elimination of export subsidies
11. Assessing China's industrial policy for global trade
12. Performance of marketing boards/state-trading firms for commodity trade
13. Evidence of developing countries participation in and use of the WTO processes and procedures to pursue their interests
14. The US-EU trade dispute involving the case of Airbus and Boeing
15. The use of anti-dumping: implications for the WTO
16. Concerns over international capital and multilateral rules on investment
17. Changes in the GATS and implications for a developing country
18. An assessment on whether trade liberalization or other policy measures determine GDP growth in a develop country(ies)
19. Relation of a country's degree of trade liberalization/capital market openness, and level of income inequality: country cases
20. An assessment of product/service market integration in the EU (sectoral analysis)
21. Capital mobility within the EU on a sectoral level and/or by type of capital flow (foreign direct investment, portfolio investment, loans)
22. An analysis of market access restrictions (by country, by product)
23. Does slower trade growth imply a return of developing countries to immiserizing growth?
24. Middle-income traps: are middle-income countries' growth rates being squeezed by high-tech and low-wage rivals?
25. De-industrialization: Are OECD countries with a large share of GDP in manufacturing susceptible to Asia's supply chains?
26. Can (sub-Saharan) Africa's clothing industry survive Asian (Chinese) competition?
27. Effects of Norway-Russia trade sanctions following the annexation of Crimea
28. Importance of declining transportation/communications cost for trade in goods and services

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1. The effect of WTO accession on banking in China (or other country)
2. The effect of globalization on income distribution in a country
3. The case for a flexible exchange rate in China
4. The relation of the public sector debt and economic performance (country comparisons over the past 25 years)
5. The relation of household debt and economic performance (country comparisons over the past 25 years)
6. Quantitative easing's effect on US trade vis-à-vis developing countries
7. Capital controls as a means of reducing hot money and capital flight
8. An assessment of an economy in transition: performance of macroeconomic indicators and social indicators
9. Comparisons of macroeconomic performance and social indicators in economies in transition: lessons from the choice of economic restructuring
10. Employment, inflation and monetary policy since 2000
11. The effect of quantitative easing in US, UK and Japan on the capital inflows/trade flows into a particular developing/emerging market
12. Changing demographics in the EU (or in a country in particular): implications for the macroeconomy
13. An economic assessment on the decision to remain outside the EMU (Denmark, Sweden, UK): lessons for Norway
14. A study/assessment of the importance of international capital markets for developing countries
15. The economic implications of outsourcing on trade in goods or services (from the perspective of some country)
16. A study of capital markets in newly acceding EU countries
17. The effect of quantitative easing in US, UK and Japan on the capital inflows/trade flows into a particular developing/emerging market
18. A case for reforming the Stability and Growth Pact of the EMU
19. A case study of whether flexible exchange rates are volatile (some country)
20. An assessment of inflation targeting: the case of a specific country
21. A macroeconomic assessment of regional economic integration
22. A case for or against China's currency becoming an international reserve currency

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