

Carleton University Department of Economics

Econ 5603W – Topics in International Economics (Winter 2017)

Course description

The purpose of this course is to get students conversant with current topics in International Economics. We will study in depth a number of recent papers on several important topics. Students taking the course will learn how to analyze journal articles and gain the ability in doing their own research in international economics.

This course targets graduate students in economics and other related programs. Students who have taken an introductory course in international trade will benefit more from the class.

The topics to be covered are the following:

- Trade and Renewable Natural Resources
- Trade, Wages, Unemployment, and Economic Growth
- Strategic Trade Policy, and national and international environmental policy
- Trade and the Environment
- Monopolistic Competition in international trade, Trade costs, and the home market effects
- Recent Investigation of Trade Patterns and Monopolistic competition with heterogeneous firms
- International Outsourcing and Firm organization
- Political Economy of Trade Protection
- Capital Flow and Capital Constraints

The Instructor

Dr. Zhihao Yu is Professor of Economics at Carleton University. Professor Yu has taught in universities in Asia, Europe and North America. His research has covered many areas related to international trade, including recent firm-level trade theories, trade and the environment, and political economy of government policies. His publication has appeared in the leading economics journals, including *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of International Economics*, and *Canadian Journal of Economics*, etc. He served as an Editorial Advisor to *Canadian Journal of Economics* in 2007-2010 and Guest Editor for *Review of Development Economics* in 2011-2012.

Professor Yu has been invited to speak at various departments of Government of Canada (e.g. Industry Canada, and *Roundtable Discussions with Minister of International Trade*). Currently he is also an External Research Fellow of the *Research Centre on Globalization and Economic policy (GEP)* at University of Nottingham in the U.K.

Queries

If you have any questions related to course, feel free to contact the instructor at zhihao.yu@carleton.ca Course Syllabus is available at www.carleton.ca/~zyu (following the link on teaching)

