

# ***International Economics***

## **1. 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. Labour migration issues in the EU and the effect on labour markets
4. Enlargement issues for the EU and/or a particular country (sect oral analysis)
5. Providing for NTCs under a country's agricultural programs and trade policy regime
6. An assessment of changes in domestic support rules under the Doha Development Round for a particular country for a particular commodity (ies)
7. An assessment of changes in market access rules under the Doha Development Round for a particular country for a particular set of commodities
8. The implications of China's development for world trade in textiles or commodities
9. A study of the primary users of export subsidies and the implications of the elimination of export subsidies
10. A study of the primary users of TRQs and market access alternatives to their use after the Doha Development Round
11. Performance of marketing boards or state-trading enterprises for trade in agricultural commodities
12. Evidence of developing countries participation in and use of the WTO processes and procedures to pursue their interests
13. The looming US-EU trade war: the case of Airbus and Boeing
14. The use of anti-dumping: implications for the WTO
15. The concerns over international capital and multilateral rules on investment
16. Changes in the GATS and implications for developing countries (or a particular country)
17. An assessment on whether trade liberalization or other policy measures determine GDP growth in developing countries (a country in particular)
18. An assessment of preferential trade arrangements between the North and South: a case study
19. An assessment of product/service market integration in the EU (sectoral analysis)
20. Testing the law of one price in markets within the European Union

## **2. Macroeconomic International Trade-Related Thesis Topics**

1. The effect of WTO accession on capital flows to China (or another country)
2. The effect of globalization on income distribution in a country
3. The case for a flexible exchange rate in China or other emerging market economy with a fixed regime
4. The relation of the public sector debt and economic performance (country-specific study or country comparisons over a period of years)

5. The 2003-04 decline in the US dollar: comparisons with dollar declines since the 1970s
6. The relation of household debt and economic performance (Country-specific study or country comparisons over a period of years)
7. Currency board performance: case studies of selected countries
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. Changing demographics in the EU (or in a particular country): implications for the macro economy
11. An economic assessment on the decision to remain outside the EMU (Denmark, Sweden, UK)
12. An economic assessment on the decision to remain outside the EU or EMU: Implications for Norway
13. A study/assessment of the importance of international capital markets for developing countries
14. The macroeconomic implications (e.g. employment) of outsourcing on trade in goods or services (from the perspective of some country)
15. A study of capital markets in newly acceding EU countries (or particular country)
16. Ireland's development strategy as a model for a newly acceding country
17. A case for reforming the Stability and Growth Pact of the EMU
18. An assessment of inflation targeting: the case of a specific country
19. A macroeconomic assessment of regional economic integration
20. Capital controls as a means of macroeconomic stability and growth
21. Domestic savings and long-term macroeconomic growth implications in developing countries
22. Testing purchasing power parity

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