

To Prospective Student of “Politics of World Trade (PWT)”

2 April 2013, Shotaro OSHIMA

Class will meet for the first time on this coming Friday, April 5 (4th Period)

Please come prepared by 1) re-reading the syllabus but also note that the schedule has been revised as per following pages, 2) be prepared to indicate which of the 12 countries / economic entities listed below, you would like to represent, and 3) read as much as possible the attached section from the book by Hoekman and Kostecki, which is required reading.

Please note that revision of the SCHEDULE as attached was necessary for accommodating Fridays when there will be no class because of school closure.

List of countries / entities

AUSTRALIA

BANGLADESH (LDCs)

BRAZIL (MERCOSUR)

CHINA

EGYPT

EU

INDIA

INDONESIA (ASEAN)

JAPAN

KOREA

RUSSIA

US

PART ONE: INTRODUCTION AND BASICS

APRIL 5

Session 1: GLOBAL TRADE AND MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM

Session 2: OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL TRADE ISSUES

PART TWO: MEMBER COUNTRIES / ENTITIES:

(Members introduce their trade structure (must check its tariff schedules), basic trade policy orientation, internal political structure related to trade)

APRIL 19 Session 3: REPORTING; AUSTRALIA, BANGLADESH (LDCs), BRAZIL, (MERCOSUR), CHINA, EGYPT, EU

APRIL 26 Session 4: REPORTING; INDIA, INDONESIA (ASEAN), JAPAN, KOREA, RUSSIA, US

PART THREE: TRADING SYSTEM ISSUES

(Trading-system issues will be discussed according to the topics assigned for the following three sessions. After an introductory explanation at the beginning, then students report on behalf of the members they represent, the respective member's Trade Liberalization Strategy, such as priorities given to WTO/DDA, in particular sectors and areas of interest, FTA/EPA strategy, as well as importance given to regional cooperation.)

MAY 10 Session 5: Basic Principles: MFN & NT; Commitments and Disputes (predictability and security)

Part I: General Discussions on topics for the session)

Part II: Reports from 4 DEVELOPED MEMBERS: AUSTRALIA; EU; JAPAN; US;

MAY 17 Session 6: From GATT to WTO via Uruguay Round; new areas Services, IP; Doha round

Part I: General Discussions on topics for the session)

Part II: Reports from 4 EMERGING COUNTRIES: BRAZIL; CHINA, INDIA, KOREA;

MAY 24 Session 7: Protectionism, Trade remedies, Regulatory measures (TBT and SPS)

Part I: General Discussions on topics for the session)

Part II: Reports from 4 DEVELOPING OR RESOURCE BASED MEMBERS:
BANGLADESH; INDONESIA; EGYPT; RUSSIA

PART FOUR: TRADE ISSUES

(Members will report on their respective industrial and trade policies in the three sectors of Autos / Agriculture/ Services with focus on their respective negotiating positions)

(MAY 31) Session 8: REPORTING: CHINA; JAPAN; KOREA; US

(JUNE 7) Session 9: REPORTING: AUSTRALIA; BANGLADESH; EU; INDIA

(JUNE 14) Session 10: REPORTING: BRAZIL; EGYPT; INDONESIA; RUSSIA

PART FIVE: POLITICS OF MULTILATERALISM VS PREFERENTIALISM

(JUNE 21) Session 11: Discussions on the future course of trade liberalization, with particular focus on the WTO trade round and bilateral or regional preferential agreement negotiations)

(JUNE 28) Session 11 bis:

Discussions on TPP

ELECT or SELECT Chairperson for Mock Negotiations

PART SIX: MOCK NEGOTIATION

(JULY 5) Session 12: FULL DAY? FOR MOCK NEGOTIATION

(JULY 12) Session 13: POST MORTEM