

September 6, 2006

PUAF 700: U.S. Trade
Presentations and Papers: Round One

On September 13th through November 1st, the seminar will address eight broad topics. Each student is expected to give special attention one of these. S/he should come to that week's seminar prepared to make a short (about 10 minutes) presentation raising specific questions and/or highlighting important issues. Then, drawing on that presentation and the seminar discussion, he/she is to write a short paper (no more than 5 pages, double-spaced, and no more than 1700 words) on an aspect of the same topic and turn it in by the next seminar session.

Neither the presentation nor the paper need draw on sources beyond assigned readings. Nor should they attempt a comprehensive summary of those readings, though they must show awareness of their content. Instead, presentations and papers should be selective and analytic, centering on specific trade issues. Both the presentation and the paper will be graded, with specific attention to observance of time and page limits.

What follows is a list of topics. A "master list" for signups will be available at the break of the September 6th meeting. I would prefer that at least two (and no more than three) students present in a given week, but will defer to *strong* counterargument.

September 13: Trade, Exchange Rates, and Macroeconomics

September 20: Trade and Microeconomics

September 27: Coping with Imports: Trade Protection

October 4: China

October 11: The New American Trade Politics

October 18: The World Trade Organization and the Apparent Demise of the Doha Round

October 25: Free-Trade Agreements: Alternative to the WTO?

November 1: Trade Adjustment: The Answer??