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## Economics 333– Seminar in International Economics

Spring 2013 Tuesday & Thursday 9:30– 10:45 am Econ 5

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### Course Outline

#### Overview

This is the department's international trade topics course. In contrast to the introductory trade course which typically provides an overview, some perspective on how the field has evolved, and an emphasis on theory, this particular course covers a limited number of topics of current





February 21- Trade gains from firm-level responses I: within vs between  
Student Presentation: Trefler, D., "The Long and the Short of the US Free Trade Agreement", AER 2004

Pavcnik, N., "Trade Liberalization, Exit, and Productivity Improvement: Evidence from Chilean Plants", ReStud 2002

Fernandes, A., "Trade Policy, Trade Volumes and Plant-level Productivity in Colombian Manufacturing Industries", JIE 2007

Feb 26 -Trade gains from firm-level responses: technology adoption

Student Presentation: Lileeva, A., and D. Trefler, "Improved access to foreign markets raises plant-level productivity...for some plants", QJE 2010

Bustos, P., [Trade Liberalization, Exports and Technology Upgrading: Evidence on the impact of MERCOSUR on Argentinian Firms](#), American Economic Review 2011

February 28- Trade and Growth

Student Presentation: Acemoglu, D., and J. Ventura, "The World Income Distribution", QJE 2002

Young, A., [Learning by Doing and the Dynamic Effects of International Trade](#), QJE 1991

Rivera-Batiz, L., and P. Romer, "Economic Integration and Endogenous Growth", QJE 1991

March 5, 7, and 12: Midterm presentations

March 14 -Knowledge Spillovers and Competition Effects

Student Presentation: Aghion, P., N. Bloom, and R. Wacziarg, "Competition and Innovation: An Absorptive Capacity Approach to Economic Growth", QJE 2009

Keller, W., and C. Shiue, "The Link between Fundamentals and Proximate Growth Causes in Development", mimeo, 2013

April 4: Trade and Growth with Firms

Student Presentation: Baldwin, R., and Robert Nicoud, "Trade and Growth with Heterogeneous Firms", JIE 2008

Burstein, A., and A. Atkeson, "Innovation, Firm Dynamics, and International Trade", NBER Working Paper 13113, 2007