



ET410 Asia and Australia Trade Issues

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Term	December 13, 2021 - January 7, 2022	Credits	4 units
Class Hours	Monday through Friday, 120 mins per teaching day		
Discussion Sessions	2.5 hours each week, conducted by teaching assistant(s)		
Total Contact Hours	66 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 mins, 3000 mins in total)		
Required Texts	A collection of course materials from various sources including articles from journals/chapters from textbooks/videos from You-tube are provided for reference. No particular textbook is required for the course. However, students should access trade information provided on the website of Australian Consulate with trade information of Asian countries for fundamental understanding and reference.		
Prerequisite	N/A		



Course Overview

The course is designed to provide students with some of the essential conceptual and analytical tools for understanding Asian – Australian trade issues. The course serves as an introduction to Asia relations with Australia which will be of interest to a wide range of students, especially those whose future jobs might be related to Australia or to the Asia Pacific region. The first part of the course examines selected thematic issues such as trade, foreign direct investment, foreign aid and globalization, while the latter part focuses on Australia's major bilateral and multilateral trade relationships in the Asian region. It is expected that on completing this course students will have acquired a basic understanding of the trade issues involved in Australia's relations with the Asia.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this subject students should

1. demonstrate some of the essential conceptual tools to analyse trade and trade issues between Asian region and Australia;
2. obtain the ability to understand key Economic, political, and strategic issues that confront Asia's trade relations with Australia;
3. demonstrate understanding of background and context to analyse Asia-Australia trade relations;
4. demonstrate ability to write an academic essay incorporating a conceptual framework supported by empirical evidence.

Assessment Activities

Participation in Class Discussion	20%
Individual Assignment	40%
Group Project Presentation	40%
TOTAL	<u>100%</u>

Grading Scale

Number grade	Letter grade	GPA
90-100	A	4.0
85-89	A-	3.7
80-84	B+	3.3
75-79	B	3.0
70-74	B-	2.7
67-69	C+	2.3
65-66	C	2.0
62-64	C-	1.7
60-61	D	1.0
≤59	F (Failure)	0



Course Delivery

The method of instruction includes class discussions, video of You-tube, articles from journals and websites, case study problems, individual assignments as well as group project presentations.

Assessment Activities

1. Participation in Discussion (20%)

High frequency of participation in problem discussions during class would help students understand the course materials and class lectures as well as increasing students' interests on the course.

2. Individual assignment (40%)

Each student is required to submit an individual assignment based on research relevant to Australia Trade Issues with an Asian particular country/countries or particular issues related to Australia Trade/Economy. Evidence of details of statistics in appendix and listed reference are required to support the arguments and conclusion. The due date of individual assignment will be decided on the first day of the course. Late submission will cause 50% marks deduction. Academic Dishonesty and cheating will not be tolerated, and may result in a failing grade for the course. The expected workload for individual assignment may take 5 to 10 hours.

3. Group Project Report & Presentation (40%)

A group project report and presentation are required to be presented by each group at the end of the course. Each group is between 4 to 6 members to present a research topic on Australia Trade Issues with an Asian particular country or particular issues related to Australia economy. The total marks are divided into two parts: 50% for the group report and the remaining 50% marks are assigned to their group presentation. The time allowed for the presentation is not more than 45 minutes for each group. The sequence of the presentation day will be decided by lucky draw among groups. The expected workload for group project report per group may take 10 to 20 hours.



Class Schedule

Day	Lecture	Readings	Supplement materials
Day 1	Introduction to the course and facts and figures on Asia and Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia trade data (from Camtrade): https://comtrade.un.org/data/ • The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was formed in 1967 by Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. The grouping later expanded to include Brunei Darussalam, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia. https://www.austrade.gov.au/asean-now/ • Australian GDP data from (US Federal Reserve St. Louis): https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/MKTGDPAA646NWDB • Australia's free trade agreements (FTAs) (from Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade): https://dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/pages/trade-agreements.aspx 	<p>Australia's Free Trade Agreements https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWDINsOxkFg</p>
Day 2	Asia's trade policy and Australia: Historical Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia's Trade Since Federation (from Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade): https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/australias-trade-since-federation.pdf 	<p>The Evolution of Australian Foreign Policy https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66wOD55GbtK</p>
Day 3-4	Economic and Trade Issues: Asia and Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia's fortunes are linked to China's economy — for better or worse https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-01-15/china-economy-slowdown-will-affect-australia/10716240 	<p>Australia's growth outlook dims as China's momentum falters amid coronavirus outbreak https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/27/coronavirus-outbreak-australia-economic-impact.html</p>
Day 5	Foreign Direct Investment: Asia and Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FDI inflows to Australia buck global trends (from Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade): https://www.austrade.gov.au/news/economic-analysis/fdi-inflows-to-australia-buck-global-trends 	<p>Demystifying Chinese Investment in Australia: May 2015 update https://home.kpmg/au/en/home/insights/2015/05/demystifying-chinese-investment-in-australia-may-2015.html</p>



Day 6	Foreign Aid: Asia and Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Foreign Aid (from Lowy Institute): https://www.lowyinstitute.org/issues/australian-foreign-aid • Where we give aid (from Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) https://dfat.gov.au/aid/where-we-give-aid/pages/where-we-give-aid.aspx 	Overseas aid: an Australian view World Vision Australia https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NWtAukUPIY
Day 7-9	Globalization and Trade: Asia and Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Globalisation in the Asia-Pacific Context (from Parliament of Australia): https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/rp/rp0102/02RP07 • Australia, Asia and Globalisation (from Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Women) https://foreignminister.gov.au/speeches/1997/austcham15october97.html • Free Trade Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China (from Australasian Legal Information Institute): http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/dfat/treaties/ATS/2015/15.html • Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement (from Australasian Legal Information Institute): http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/dfat/treaties/ATS/2011/31.html • Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement (from Australasian Legal Information Institute): http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/dfat/treaties/ATS/2013/4.html 	Globalisation (from Australian federal police, contains a video) https://www.afp.gov.au/futures/globalisation
Day 10	Japan and Australia: Trade and trade issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia-Japan bilateral relationship (from Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) https://dfat.gov.au/geo/japan/Pages/australia-japan-bilateral-relationship.aspx • Japan country brief (from Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) https://dfat.gov.au/geo/japan/Pages/japan-country-brief.aspx 	60th Anniversary of the signing of the Australia - Japan Agreement on Commerce https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojahoH0w0w



Day 11	China and Australia: Trade and trade issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia's economic relationships with China (from Parliament of Australia): https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/BriefingBook44p/China 	China-Australia trade tensions intensifies https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVJ_NkSiF4w
Day 12	India and Australia: Trade and trade issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing Business with Australia-Australia's Trade with India (Australian High Commission New Delhi): https://india.highcommission.gov.au/ndli/trade2.html • Export markets – India (Australian Government Australian Trade and Investment Commission): https://www.austrade.gov.au/Australian/Export/Export-markets/Countries/India/Market-profile 	Webinar: Business and Trade Relations between India and Australia, the new landscape https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVWL9ZAx50k&feature=emb_title
Day 13-14	Case Studies: South Korea and North Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Korea's External Economic Relations (Paper) (Peterson Institute For International Economics): https://www.piie.com/commentary/speeches-papers/north-koreas-external-economic-relations-paper#table1 	Exporting to South Korea https://www.exportfinance.gov.au/resources-news/sme-information-series/exporting-to-south-korea/ North Korea exports \$2.83 billion worth of goods — here's where it all goes https://www.businessinsider.com/goods-north-korea-trade-world-imports-exports-sanctions-china-2017-10



<p>Day 15-17</p>	<p>Case Studies: Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Export markets - Singapore (Australian Government Australian Trade and Investment Commission): https://www.austrade.gov.au/Australian/Export/Export-markets/Countries/Singapore/Market-profile • Export markets – Malaysia (Australian Government Australian Trade and Investment Commission): https://www.austrade.gov.au/Australian/Export/Export-markets/Countries/Malaysia/Market-profile • Malaysia (Australian Government Australia Unlimited) https://www.austrade.gov.au/asean-now/opportunities-by-asean-market/malaysia/ • Indonesia country brief (from Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) https://dfat.gov.au/geo/indonesia/Pages/indonesia-country-brief.aspx 	<p>Singapore market insights (Australian Government Australian Trade and Investment Commission) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfBK_7NtGVc&feature=emb_title</p> <p>Austrade in Malaysia https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2SfgI_gjFA&feature=emb_title</p> <p>Farmers embrace free trade agreement with Indonesia – but there are fears for workers https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_YnetrtC73M</p>
<p>Day 18</p>	<p>Regionalism & Bilateralism: Asia and Australia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia-Pacific regionalism and preferential trade agreements: the Australian case https://academic.oup.com/irap/article-abstract/4/2/239/676829 	<p>Australia and Pacific islands regionalism - Anthony Bergin, ASPI https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFUoVJVkMgw&feature=emb_title</p>
<p>Day 19</p>	<p>Immigration, Refugees and Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia (World Report) https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2019/country-chapters/australia • Asylum Seekers and Refugees (Australian Human Rights Commissions) https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/asylum-seekers-and-refugees • Seeking asylum in Australia: immigration detention, human rights and mental health care https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1039856213491991 	<p>What we do at Amnesty International (Amnesty International Australia) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFKSFY6nqKQ</p>
<p>Day 20</p>	<p>Group Presentation</p>		