

Master Seminar: International Trade and Labor Markets - MIEPP Seminar - JGU Mainz

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Preliminary - subject to slight changes

Seminar Description

Trade theory emphasizes the distributional consequences of international trade since a long time. Detailed data, which allow to quantify individual losses from trade, has become available only relatively recently, however. This seminar focuses on recent academic work that uncovers and documents the precise effects of trade on various segments of the labor market. Most of the papers covered in the seminar address questions regarding the effects of changes in import competition or export opportunities, and how these shape wages and job trajectories of workers in different industries, firms, or occupations.

In the course of the seminar, each participant will present one paper, give an in-depth discussion and a critical assessment of its method and key findings. While some of the papers to be selected and presented in the seminar have a strong theory part, most contributions are empirical in nature. The latter papers analyze worker-level data with various empirical strategies and approaches. The former mostly assess indirect and aggregate effects with the help of modern general equilibrium models.

Prerequisites

No single course from the master program is required. Yet, participants should be comfortable with in-depth examination of the underlying theoretical and empirical models.

Organization

All organizational details will be discussed in the introductory meeting.

Important Dates

Introductory meeting: Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 10:15 am to 13:45

Regular bilateral meetings: Tuesdays, 9:00 am to 9:45 am, upon arrangement

Hand-in list of preferences of topics: Wednesday, April 29, 2026, noon (12:00 pm)

Assignments: Thursday, April 30, 2026, midnight

Hand-in term paper: Friday, June 26, 2026, noon (12:00 pm)

Presentations: Thursday, July 2, 2026, 10 am - 5:00 pm

Background literature:

Autor, D. H., Dorn, D., and Hanson, G. H. (2016). The China shock: Learning from labor-market adjustment to large changes in trade. *Annual Review of Economics*, 8(1), 205-240.

Papers to be presented:

1. Arni, P., Egger, P. H., Erhardt, K., Gubler, M., and Sauré, P. (2024). “Heterogeneous Impacts of Trade Shocks on Workers.” CESifo WP
2. Artuç, E., S. Chaudhuri, and J. McLaren. 2010 “Trade shocks and labor adjustment: A structural empirical approach.” *American Economic Review* 100.3: 1008-45.
3. Autor, D., D. Dorn, and G. Hanson 2013. “The China syndrome: Local labor market effects of import competition in the United States.” *American Economic Review* 103 (6), 2121-2168.
4. Autor, D. H., Dorn, D., Hanson, G. H., and Song, J. (2014). “Trade adjustment: Worker-level evidence.” *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 129(4), 1799-1860.
5. Caliendo, L., M. Dvorkin, and F. Parro. “Trade and labor market dynamics: General equilibrium analysis of the china trade shock.” *Econometrica* 87.3 (2019): 741-835.
6. Costa, R., Dhingra, S., and Machin, S. (2024). New dawn fades: Trade, labour and the Brexit exchange rate depreciation. *Journal of International Economics*, 152, 103993.
7. Costinot, A., Sarvimäki, M., and Vogel, J. (2022). “Evidence from the Collapse of Finnish-Soviet Trade.” mimeo
8. Dauth, W., S. Findeisen, and J. Suedekum (2014). “The rise of the East and the Far East: German labor markets and trade integration.” *Journal of the European Economic Association* 12 (6), 1643-1675.
9. Dix-Carneiro, R., and Kovak, B. K. (2019). “Margins of labor market adjustment to trade.” *Journal of International Economics*, 117, 125-142.
10. Ebenstein, A., A. Harrison, M. McMillan, and S. Phillips (2014). “Estimating the impact of trade and offshoring on American workers using the current population surveys.” *Review of Economics and Statistics* 96 (4), 581-595.
11. Ekholm, K., A. Moxnes, and K. H. Ulltveit-Moe (2012). “Manufacturing restructuring and the role of real exchange rate shocks.” *Journal of International Economics* 86 (1), 101-117
12. Fischer, A., P. Herkenhoff and P. Sauré P. (2023). Identifying Chinese supply shocks: Effects of trade on labor markets. *Review of International Economics*, 31(4), 1476-1507.
13. Frías, J. A., Kaplan, D. S., Verhoogen, E., and Alfaro-Serrano, D. (2024). Exports and Wage Premiums: Evidence from Mexican Employer-Employee Data. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 106(2), 305-321.
14. Garin, A., and Silvério, F. (2024). How responsive are wages to firm-specific changes in labour demand? Evidence from idiosyncratic export demand shocks. *Review of Economic Studies*, 91(3), 1671-1710.
15. Hummels, D., Jørgensen, R., Munch, J., and Xiang, C. (2014). “The wage effects of offshoring: Evidence from Danish matched worker-firm data.” *American Economic Review*, 104(6), 1597-1629.
16. Keller, W., and Utar, H. (2022). “Globalization, gender, and the family.” *The Review of Economic Studies*, 89(6), 3381-3409.

17. Kovak, B. K., and Morrow, P. M. (2022). “The Long-Run Labor Market Effects of the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement.” National Bureau of Economic Research.
18. Pierce, J. R., and Schott, P. K. (2016). “The surprisingly swift decline of US manufacturing employment.” *American Economic Review*, 106(7), 1632-62.
19. Traiberman, S. (2019). “Occupations and import competition: Evidence from Denmark.” *American Economic Review*, 109(12), 4260-4301.
20. Utar, H., (2018). “Workers beneath the floodgates: impact of low-wage import competition and workers’ adjustment.” *Rev. Econ. Stat.* 100 (4), 631–647