THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Ford School of Public Policy

SUMMER PROGRAM IN PUBLIC POLICY AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Policy Seminar in

THE USE AND ABUSE OF BARRIERS
TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE

READINGS

Coursepack:


Steel Tariff Links: A selection of short readings from the web on the U.S. steel tariffs.
COURSE OUTLINE

Class 1: Tuesday, July 15, 9:30-11:30

Lecture:

The Structure of Trade and the Gains from Trade

Assignments

Read Jackson (1997)
Read Deardorff and Stern (2002), pp. 404-413

Class 2: Thursday, July 17, 9:30-11:30

Presentations and discussion

Pros and Cons of U.S. Tariff on Steel

Points of View
- U.S. steel workers
- U.S. owners of steel firms
- U.S. owners of auto firms
- U.S. consumers
- U.S. Commerce Department
- U.S. State Department
- Ambassador from Brazil (or other developing country)
- Ambassador from Europe (or other developed country)

Assignments:

Read Steel Tariff Links (speakers only)
Krugman (1996), Ch. 10
Brown et al. (1992)

Paper, 3-5 pages, due Monday, July 21, 9:30 AM

**Topic:** The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA): Identify and discuss briefly the major issues that divide those who were and are in favor of the NAFTA and those opposed. Indicate those groups within the U.S., Mexican, and world economies who you would expect to be the major gainers and losers from the NAFTA and why.
Class 3: Tuesday, July 22, 9:30-11:30

Lecture:

The Analytics of Trade Policy

Assignments

Read Deardorff (1997)
Read Morkre & Tarr (1980)
Policy exercise, due Friday July 25, 5:00 PM

Topic: Analysis of Sugar Tariff (See separate assignment)

Class 4: Thursday, July 24, 9:30-11:30

Presentations and discussion:

Pros and Cons of the World Trade Organization

Points of View:
U.S. labor unions (AFL-CIO)
U.S. environmental groups (Sierra Club)
U.S. consumer groups (Public Citizen)
The United States Trade Representative
Al Gore
George W. Bush
The U.S. Chamber of Commerce
The European Union
The government of Mexico
The government of China
Any other developing country

Assignments:
Read web pages relevant to your point of view (speakers only)
Deardorff and Stern (2002), pp. 413-422 (the pages you didn’t read before).
IMF (2000)