

Syllabus for the reading group in International Trade and Urban Economics

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The aim of this research group is to guide you in the transition from being a research consumer and problem set solver to doing your own research and ultimately putting together a job market paper. Doing research is challenging along the entire production chain from developing ideas to writing up a coherent paper. Throughout the reading group we will practice how to critically evaluate research projects at different stages of development. In order to do that students will

- pitch very early stage research ideas
- present their own on-going research projects
- present a paper in the literature related to one of their research interests
- act as a discussant for a student presentation

International trade and urban economics combine quasi-experimental empirical methods, theoretical models, structural estimation and quantitative counterfactuals. So we will potentially cover papers more on the applied microeconomics side as well as more macro-oriented quantitative models.

Some paper suggestions

Jonathan Dingel collects the job market candidates in international trade and urban economics on his blog (<https://tradediversion.net/category/jmps/>), which provides a great resource to get an idea of what recent graduates have been working on and how a job market paper should look like. Below is a (very incomplete) list of recent papers in international trade and spatial economics:

- Alfaro-Ureña, Faber, B., Gaubert, C., Manelici, I., & Vasquez, J.P. (2022). Responsible Sourcing? Theory and Evidence from Costa Rica
- Alfaro-Ureña, Manelici, I., & Vasquez, J.P. (2022). The Effects of Joining Multinational Supply Chains: New Evidence from Firm-to-Firm Linkages (JMP)
- Alfaro-Ureña, Manelici, I., & Vasquez, J.P. (2022). The Effects of Multinationals on Workers: Evidence from Costa Rican Microdata (JMP)
- Ahlfeldt, G. M., Redding, S. J., Sturm, D. M., & Wolf, N. (2015). The economics of density: Evidence from the Berlin Wall. *Econometrica*, 83(6), 2127-2189.
- Allen, T. & Donaldson, D. (2020). Persistence and path dependence in the spatial economy. Dartmouth College mimeo.
- Almagro, M. Dominguez-Iino T. (2022). Location Sorting and Endogenous Amenities: Evidence from Amsterdam
- Alviarez, V., Fioretti, F., Morlacco, M., & Kikkawa K. (2022). Two-Sided Market Power in Firm-to-Firm Trade
- Balboni, C. (2019). In harm's way? Infrastructure investments and the persistence of coastal cities. London School of Economics mimeo. (JMP)
- Bamford I. (2022). Monopsony Power, Spatial Equilibrium, and Minimum Wages (JMP)
- Bernard, A. B., Dhyne, E., Magerman, G., Manova, K., & Moxnes, A. (2019). The origins of firm heterogeneity: A production network approach
- Bilal (2022) The Geography of Unemployment (JMP)
- Bryan, G. & Morten, M. (2019). The aggregate productivity effects of internal migration: Evidence from Indonesia. *Journal of Political Economy*, 127(5), 2229–2268.
- Ding, X. (2022). Industry Linkages from Joint Production
- Ding, X., Fort, T. C., Redding, S. J., & Schott, P. K. (2019). Structural change within versus across firms: Evidence from the United States.

- Donaldson, D. (2018). Railroads of the Raj: Estimating the impact of transportation infrastructure. *American Economic Review*, 108(4-5), 899–934.
- Donaldson, D. & Hornbeck, R. (2016). Railroads and American economic growth: A “Market Access” approach. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 131(2), 799–858
- Eckert, F. (2019) Growing Apart: Tradable Services and the Fragmentation of the U.S. Economy (JMP)
- Eckert, F. & Peters, M. (2018). Spatial structural change. Yale University mimeo
- Eckert, F., Ganapati, S. & Walsh C. (2021) Skilled Scalable Services: The New Urban Bias in Economic Growth
- Faber, B. (2014). Trade integration, market size, and industrialization: Evidence from China’s National Trunk Highway system. *The Review of Economic Studies*, 81(3). (JMP)
- Faber, B. & Gaubert, C. (2019). Tourism and economic development: Evidence from Mexico’s coastline. *American Economic Review*, 109(6), 2245–2293.
- Gaubert, C., Kline, P. & Yagan, D. (2021). Place-based redistribution. NBER Working Paper Series, (28337).
- Michaels, G., Rauch, F. & Redding, S. J. (2012). Urbanization and structural transformation. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 127(2).
- Moneke, N. (2020). Can Big Push infrastructure unlock development? Evidence from Ethiopia. University of Oxford mimeo. (JMP)
- Morlacco, M (2020). Market Power in Input Markets: Theory and Evidence from French Manufacturing (JMP)
- Nagy, D. K. (2020). Hinterlands, city formation and growth: Evidence from the U.S. westward expansion. CREI mimeo. (JMP)
- Nagy, D. K. (2020). Trade and urbanization: Evidence from Hungary. CREI mimeo
- van Patten, D. (2022). Multinationals, Monopsony and Local Development: Evidence from the United Fruit Company (JMP)

- Redding, S. J. & Sturm, D. M. (2008). The costs of remoteness: Evidence from German division and reunification. *American Economic Review*, 98(5), 1766–1797.
- Tricaud, C. (2022) Better Alone? Evidence on the Costs of Intermunicipal Cooperation