

## Syllabus

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**Course:** Theory and Quantitative Methods in International Trade

**Professor:**

**TA:**

## 2025 SECOND SEMESTER

### COURSE OUTLINE AND METHODOLOGY

The aim of the course is to study recent developments in the field of international trade. It takes a theoretical and empirical approach. We will discuss core trade theories and their empirical applications. Hence, students will deal with both theoretical and empirical tools, including state-of-the-art structural estimation techniques used in the field.

I will cover five broad topics: (i) the Melitz model and firm heterogeneity; (ii) the Eaton-Kortum model and quantitative trade models; (iii) estimation of gravity equations; (iv) gains from trade and the ACR formula; (v) trade and labor markets. The sixth topic is flexible and may change according to students' interests.

### PROGRAM

**I. Increasing Returns to Scale, Intra-Industry Trade and Heterogeneous Firms**

**II. Technological Differences**

**III. The Gravity Equation**

**IV. Gains from Trade**

**V. Trade and Labor Markets**

V.1.Theory

V.2 Empirics

V2. Structural Models

**VI. Other Topics**

VI.1. Open – see list of potential topics.

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### **III. The Gravity Equation**

\* **Hv4 (ch. 3, 131-195):** K. Head and T. Mayer, "Gravity Equations: Workhorse, Toolkit, and Cookbook."

### **IV. Gains from Trade**

\* **Hv4 (ch. 4, 197-264):** A. Costinot and A. Rodríguez-Clare, "Trade Theory with Numbers: Quantifying the Consequences of Globalization."

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#### **V.1. Theory**

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## VI. Other Topics

### VI.1. Trade and Environment

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### VI.3. Trade and Innovation

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### VI.4. Trade and Finance

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## VI.5 Suggestions are welcome!

### **GRADING**

Problem Sets/Empirical Exercises: 70% of the final grade.

Presentation and class participation: 30% of the final grade.

[OBS: Art. 46º - Aos alunos dos Cursos de Mestrado Acadêmico e Doutorado é atribuída nota em cada disciplina, variável de 0 (zero) a 10 (dez).

I - A nota final dos alunos em cada disciplina, variável de 0 (zero) a 10 (dez), é a média ponderada das notas atribuídas:

I.I) a uma ou mais formas de avaliações intermediárias;

I.II) à avaliação final, que pode constar de prova escrita ou de trabalho final;

II - O peso atribuído à nota de cada uma das formas de avaliação da disciplina é determinado pelo professor da disciplina e deve constar explicitamente do respectivo programa, não sendo permitido atribuir peso superior a 60% (sessenta por cento) a nenhuma das formas de avaliação especificadas]

### **PROFESSOR - EMAILS**