

Economics 161 — Spring 2004

Latin American Economic Development
International Integration of Latin American Economies
Topic Assignments

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1 Topic assignments

Given your preferences as stated on April 6, our random matching routine assigned the twelve topics to the following 51 students:

| Student | Topic |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Ambriz, Adriana | 1b |
| Bahk, Geon Seok | 3c |
| Bernardini, Jean Philippe | 3b |
| Blancet, Jason Vincent | 2b |
| Castellanos, Anthony | 2c |
| Chan, Kathy P | 1c |
| Chaudhari, Vijay Ramjibhai | 1a |
| Chen, Chih-Hua | 3c |
| Chung, Michael Ildo | 2d |
| Cole, Chasse Elliot | 2b |
| Finkel, Kevin Alex | 3a |
| Finkelstein, Fedor | 2c |

| Student, cont'd | Topic |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Gee, Stephanie Mei-Ling | 1d |
| Hata, Evan T | 1d |
| Hernandez, Sagrario | 3a |
| Herzl, Rina Yael | 3a |
| Jolicoeur, Ryan M | 1a |
| Karingada, Vishal Matthews | 2c |
| Kim, Crystal | 2b |
| Kim, Sylvia Jihae | 2a |
| Koh, Eumi Minn | 3c |
| Kurosu, Krisann Sayuri | 2d |
| Lee, Sandra | 3b |
| Lu, Linda S | 2c |
| Mangan, Marisa Marie | 1b |
| Miller, Nathaniel Jefferson | 3b |
| Munoz, Paola Nicole | 3a |
| Nagatani, Ayame Cherrisse | 1c |
| Naing, Su S | 2d |
| Ng, Cheuk Fai Geoffrey | 2b |
| Novak, Emil | 1c |
| Oseguera-Matthies, Carina | 2a |
| O'Shaughnessy, Ryan Beck | 1b |
| Owens, Cristen Anne | 1c |
| Peterson, Giles Gerik | 2d |
| Poirier, Celeste Michele | 2c |
| Poonsopin, Tan | 1b |
| Racic, Dusan | 3d |
| Ryu, Seung Hoon | 3c |
| Sham, Christina Heidi | 2a |
| Shin, Joon Soo | 3c |
| Siriwunsakul, Wara | 1a |
| Suh, David Chang | 1c |
| Toomalatai, Doreen Elizabeth Kelly | 3d |
| Vlasova, Helen Dmitrievna | 2d |
| Weaver, Kristi Dawn | 3d |
| Wong, Shirley | 3d |
| Wong, Wilson | 1d |
| Xavier, Sidonie Mia | 1a |
| Yang, Jerome Jyh-May | 2a |
| Zhu, Bo | 3b |

2 Presentation schedule

You will work in groups of four (three) students on the following twelve topics.

1. Thu, April 22: **Trade integration**

(a) Trade integration and trade diversion under MERCOSUR

- Chaudhari, Vijay Ramjibhai 1a
- Jolicoeur, Ryan M 1a
- Siriwunsakul, Wara 1a
- Xavier, Sidonie Mia 1a

(b) The effects of NAFTA in Mexico

- Ambriz, Adriana 1b
- Mangan, Marisa Marie 1b
- O'Shaughnessy, Ryan Beck 1b
- Poonsopin, Tan 1b

(c) The pros and cons of fair trade

- Chan, Kathy P 1c
- Nagatani, Ayame Cherisse 1c
- Novak, Emil 1c
- Owens, Cristen Anne 1c
- Suh, David Chang 1c

(d) The significance of the Doha round for Latin America

- Gee, Stephanie Mei-Ling 1d
- Hata, Evan T 1d
- Wong, Wilson 1d

2. Tue, May 11: **International capital flows**

(a) The IMF and the World Bank as foreign lenders in Latin America

- Kim, Sylvia Jihae 2a
- Oseguera-Matthies, Carina 2a
- Sham, Christina Heidi 2a
- Yang, Jerome Jyh-May 2a

(b) The automobile industry in Latin America

- Blancet, Jason Vincent 2b
- Cole, Chasse Elliot 2b
- Kim, Crystal 2b
- Ng, Cheuk Fai Geoffrey 2b

(c) The privatization of public companies in Latin America

- Castellanos, Anthony 2c

- Finkelstein, Fedor 2c
 - Karingada, Vishal Matthews 2c
 - Lu, Linda S 2c
 - Poirier, Celeste Michele 2c
- (d) The performance of US investment funds in emerging markets
- Chung, Michael Ildo 2d
 - Kurosu, Krisann Sayuri 2d
 - Naing, Su S 2d
 - Peterson, Giles Gerik 2d
 - Vlasova, Helen Dmitrievna 2d

3. Tue, June 1: **Financial crises and policy responses**

- (a) Mexico's Tequila crisis
- Finkel, Kevin Alex 3a
 - Hernandez, Sagrario 3a
 - Herzl, Rina Yael 3a
 - Munoz, Paola Nicole 3a
- (b) Chile's taxes on short-term capital flows
- Bernardini, Jean Philippe 3b
 - Lee, Sandra 3b
 - Miller, Nathaniel Jefferson 3b
 - Zhu, Bo 3b
- (c) Argentina's recent financial crisis
- Bahk, Geon Seok 3c
 - Chen, Chih-Hua 3c
 - Koh, Eumi Minn 3c
 - Ryu, Seung Hoon 3c
 - Shin, Joon Soo 3c
- (d) Ecuador's current dollarization
- Racic, Dusan 3d
 - Toomalatai, Doreen Elizabeth Kelly 3d
 - Weaver, Kristi Dawn 3d
 - Wong, Shirley 3d

3 Assessment

You are expected to contribute to the group work on your project in a fair manner. The group paper should be five to ten pages in length, and cover the topic using a young social scientist's tools: Sound and educated arguments based

on the adequate literature, substantiated with suitable figures or quantitative tables. An initial draft of the paper is due at 12:30pm in the class immediately preceding the presentation (4/20, 5/6, 5/27). The 15-minute class-room presentation should be based on the draft and give a preview of your final paper. Each presentation is followed by a 5-minute discussion in class.

Your teaching assistant Jennifer Poole will assist you in approaching the paper topic during her office hours.