Labor-market Consequences of Globalization: A Debate

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Date and time: **Thursday, November 19, in class**

The in-class debate about *Labor-market Consequences of Globalization* will take place on November 19 in-class. The research in this area goes beyond the gravity model of international trade in approach, as it investigates local impacts of global trade, and in method.

The debate will cover the following three topics, and you will either argue in favor or against the main tenet:

1A. China trade is responsible for *economy-wide* U.S. employment losses.

1B. China trade did not cause *economy-wide* U.S. employment losses.

2A. Offshoring is responsible for the hollowing out of U.S. manufacturing *value added*.

2B. Offshoring did not cause the hollowing out of U.S. manufacturing *value added*.

3A. Trade liberalization is the cause of adverse long-term labor-market outcomes in less-developed countries.

3B. Trade liberalization is not a responsible for adverse long-term labor-market outcomes in less-developed countries

Your preparations will help you assess research on your own. In the debate, you will verbally present arguments in favor or against one of the three hypotheses above. A literature overview of these and related topics can be found in Muendler (2017) at `https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/reser_e/ersd201715_e.pdf`, for example.

You have been randomly assigned to a group of three to four students. The group assignments are posted on Canvas (`https://canvas.ucsd.edu/courses/19179`).

Debate presentations should be concise and widely intelligible. Your arguments should be versatile in response to those presented by others, both in combating counter-arguments to your assigned point of view and in avoiding duplication of arguments supportive of your point of view. Your arguments should reinforce.

Assessment: Your participation in the debate will be graded, counting 5 percent of your final grade. Your performance will not be graded. Both in-person and synchronous remote participation are permitted. If you requires asynchronous participation, please contact us for an accommodation such as a pre-recorded statement.

References

Muendler, Marc-Andreas. 2017. "Trade, Technology, and Prosperity: An Account of Evidence from a Labor-market Perspective." *World Trade Organization Staff Working Paper*, ERSD-2017-15. Background study for the World Trade Report 2017 *Trade, Technology and Jobs*.