

## ECO3704

### Country study

- 1) Select a country for which data on international trade, GDP and foreign exchange rate are available for at least 30 or 31 recent years (for e.g., 1975-2005, or 1976-2006).
- 2) Analyze the behavior of the following international trade indicators (exports, imports, and foreign direct investment) and GDP growth over at least 30 or 31 years. Hint: use tables or graphs to support your analysis. If you know how to perform multiple regression analysis, I suggest you use it.
- 3) Define the international trade topic (or topics) you want to address. For example, this could be issues related to: export and or import, a country's comparative advantage, outsourcing and its effects on the host country, foreign direct investment and link to exports, the export and price of an important product (commodity) that the country exports (for example, oil, diamonds, copper, wheat, soybeans, cars...).
- 4) Draw on your analysis to make conclusions and policy recommendations.

The country study is a written report (a paper) incorporating the points mentioned above. The paper must be typed and presented in no less than 3 and no more than 6 double-spaced pages (excluding references, tables and appendices), 12PT font and one-inch margins.

#### Suggested sources of data:

1. International Financial Statistics (by the International Monetary Fund), **in the UNF-Thomas Carpenter library**

Reference - 2nd floor Reference Collection

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2. [www.imf.org](http://www.imf.org) (sometimes the IMF allows for free download for a limited period of time, sometimes they ask you to pay for the data)