

## Econ-423: International Trade, Fall 2020 – Course Syllabus<sup>1</sup>

<b>Time and place</b>	Fridays, 08:35 – 11:25 via Zoom
<b>Instructor and TAs</b>	Instructor: Julian Karaguesian; email: <a href="mailto:Julian.karaguesian@mcgill.ca">Julian.karaguesian@mcgill.ca</a> TAs: Shu Chen: <a href="mailto:shu.chen5@mail.mcgill.ca">shu.chen5@mail.mcgill.ca</a> ; Shaun Sellers: <a href="mailto:shaun.sellers@mail.mcgill.ca">shaun.sellers@mail.mcgill.ca</a>
<b>Instructor and TA Office Hours</b>	Instructor: By appointment via Zoom (with possibility of in-person hours); Office: Leacock 321 A (J. Karaguesian / M. Lander); Teaching Assistants' office hours: TBA
<b>Pre-requisites</b>	ECON 230D1/D2 or ECON 250D1/D2; <i>not open to students who have taken Econ 423 D1/D2</i>
<b>Subject matter</b>	International Trade – history, theory, policy – and the phenomenon of <i>Globalization</i> , including its origins, meaning, consequences, ideology and possible future directions. Systemic shocks to international trade, from natural disasters to pandemics to wars will be examined, along with global value chains and concepts such as resilience and complexity, new paradigms for thinking about trade, including <i>systems analysis</i> . Time and opportunity-permitting, two guest speakers will join me for 1-2 lectures to talk about special issues: trade and monopoly power, and systems analysis and resilience.
<b>Text and readings</b>	The textbook is <i>International Economics: Theory and Policy</i> 11th Edition, by Krugman, Obstfeld and Melitz. We will cover the first half of the book, plus other reading material, articles, etc. We will use the text as a guide only, but lectures will also be based upon a wide range of sources.
<b>Grading and Exams<sup>2</sup></b>	Grading: (1) 1 or 2 Assignments 10-20%; if only one assignment, it will be worth 15 per cent (2) Mid-Term – 25% (3) Final – 55-65 %. Mid-Term exam in mid-to-late October; Final exam: December TBA
<b>Absence from quizzes &amp; Exams</b>	October mid-term is optional. Assignment(s) has (have) hard deadlines. Absences from the December final are addressed by the Associate Dean of Arts. A deferred exam in Winter 2020 will count for 55-65 per cent of your grade. In the event of a failing grade, a supplemental exam would count for 100 per cent of your grade. <b><i>Please do not book any travel until after the exam schedule has been published. There are no make-up exams.</i></b>
<b>Classroom etiquette</b>	Instruction is online. Please keep your mics on mute until you have questions or critiques in order to limit background noise. Depending on bandwidth availability, you may have to keep your cameras off as well (until you have questions or comments), and you may wish to keep them off regardless.
<b>Academic Integrity</b>	McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures. McGill's policy on Academic Integrity can be found at <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/academicrights/integrity/cheating">https://www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/academicrights/integrity/cheating</a>
<b>Language</b>	Every student has the right to submit in English or in French written work that is to be graded / Chaque étudiant a le droit de soumettre en français ou en anglais tout travail écrit. Please refer to: / Prière de se référer à: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/academicrights/course/french">https://www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/academicrights/course/french</a>

<sup>1</sup> The structure of this syllabus draws heavily from those prepared by Professor William Watson.