

Global Supply Chains and International Trade

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1. Area of expertise, research area, or current themes in his/her research

Theoretical and empirical research on global supply chains and international trade. Current research themes include (1) how economic sanctions, transmitted through supply chains, affect income inequality and wage structures in both sanctioning and sanctioned countries; (2) theoretical and empirical research on the effects of population aging and low birth rates on income distribution; and (3) economic development in developing countries.

2. Supervision Policy

I explain important papers on global supply chains and international trade that match students' interests, and we discuss each student's dissertation topic. Students are expected to have completed coursework in the necessary economic theory (particularly microeconomics, the foundation of international trade theory) and econometrics beforehand. From the second year onward, students read theoretical and empirical studies related to their dissertation topics, from foundational works to the latest research, and complete their doctoral dissertations.

3. Advice to prospective students

Before enrolling, students should study the mathematics for economics needed for theoretical research and the econometrics needed for empirical research. Familiarity with empirical methods using international input-output tables and firm-level transaction data is also desirable.

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