

Questions for PubPol/Econ 541
Oct 14

Intermission

Optional to Read:

Scott, Linda, "It's time to end the male monopoly in international trade," *Financial Times*, September 20, 2020.

- What evidence does she present that international trade is a "male monopoly"?
- What are some of the "myriad constraints" that block participation in trade by women?
- How much of this is specific to international trade, rather than applying economic activity more generally?
- Is the fix for this to insist that trade institutions be "gender neutral"?

Economist, "Making Trade Greener: When environmental protection turns into trade protection," *The Economist*, October 9, 2021.

- Does the WTO Director General believe that the WTO can be part of the solution to climate change? Does USTR Tai think so?
- What are some of the things that need to be fixed in the overlap between trade and environment?
- Have there been any policy actions in trade that are responsive to environmental needs?
- What is a carbon border adjustment, and who looks like they might initiate one?

Telling, Oliver, "China Urges Developing Countries to Oppose 'Unrealistic' Shipping Levy," *Financial Times*, July 2, 2023.

- What organization was meeting at which this shipping levy was to be discussed?
- What is the purpose of the proposed shipping levy?
- Who does China say this will hurt?
- Would China be hurt? Why?
- Would developed countries benefit from the levy?

Economist, "The Urge to Protect: How Trade Restrictions Are Being Used as a Tool to Protect Human Rights," *The Economist*, October 9, 2021.

- What are the three parts to the move to protect human rights (e.g., labor rights) with trade policy?
- Is the motive for these trade restrictions to protect workers and businesses in the developed countries?
- Do these policies change behavior?

Swanson, Ana, "Foreign Trade Competition Has Hurt Black and Disadvantaged Workers Most, Report Says," *New York Times*, November 15, 2022.

- Who produced the report cited here? Who asked for it

- Which political party is now skeptical of the benefits of free trade?
- What are some reasons why people of color are more likely to be hurt by trade and globalization?
- What US government program is supposed to help trade-impacted workers, and how well does it work?