**Term Paper and Presentation Instructions**

Thirty-five percent of your grade will be based on an individual or group (of two people) research essay exploring a trade topic of your (group's) choice. The essay should not exceed 10 pages, excluding tables, graphs and references. The submission deadline of the final term paper is **February 25th**. **Returning an accepted essay will be obligatory for passing the course.**

A good essay includes an introduction that describes the subject matter, motivates why analyzing it is interesting and important and lays out what the rest of the paper does. This is followed by a couple of sections that present theoretical modeling and/or empirical evidence on the topic based on a handful of selected scientific articles or book chapters. Presenting technical details is not obligatory, but sometimes an equation or two help express ideas in a clear way. Empirical papers need to clearly describe the data sources, the estimation equations, the definition of variables and the econometric methods. In addition to reporting complete regression results in tables, interpretation of the results in the text is expected. The essay ends with a concluding section that summarizes the main points and offers the author’s own assessments on the topic**. References must be made in an article style: within the text, indicate author and year – e.g. Smith (2008) – and in the end of the document, provide complete bibliographic details.**

In addition, each team will be expected to make a 15-20 minutes presentation based on the chosen research project and to lead the class discussion especially on the policy options and their evaluation. Be prepared to use additional materials including salient background info about the country. Presentations will be given during the last class **February 14th**. Both the paper and the presentation slides must be in English.

**Deadline** for sending the research question and the names of the team to Katariina Nilsson Hakkala (katariina.nilsson.hakkala@etla.fi ) and team: **Monday 21.01.2019 at 23.59**

**Deadline** for sending the full Term Papers for grading: **Monday 25.2.2019 at 23.59**