Economics 362 – Summer II 2009
Trade Policy and Globalization

MTWTF 1:30-2:45pm
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Course Learning Objectives
The class is an in-depth exploration of the current state of the world trading system. We begin by examining the current magnitudes and past history of world trade, the development of the institutions of trade, and simple insights into the economic rationale for the international exchange of goods and services. The second part of the course will investigate a number of topics that pertain to current debates surrounding trade-related issues such as: trade and the environment, trade and child labor, trade and poverty, trade and labor standards, trade in cultural goods, trade and intellectual property, etc. Through the use of lectures, discussions and assignments, we will develop basic competency in recognizing and analyzing relevant trade-related issues.

Required Readings:
o In Defense of Globalization by Jagdish Bhagwati
o The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy by Pietra Rivoli

Other media:
o Life + Debt by Stephanie Black (DVD)
o T-shirt travels: the story of secondhand clothes & third world debt (Video)
o Black Gold (Video)

Additional optional books:
o No Logo by Naomi Klein
o The Shock Doctrine by Naomi Klein
o Bound Together by Nayan Chanda
o World On Fire by Amy Chua
o Globalization and Its Enemies by Daniel Cohen
o The Lexus and the Olive Tree by Thomas Friedman
o One World by Peter Singer
o Fair Trade For All by Joseph Stiglitz and Andrew Charlton
o Trade on Human Terms – Asia-Pacific Human Development Report 2006 by the UNDP
o Why Globalization Works by Martin Wolf
Grading System:
Midterm exam 20%
Final Writing assignment/take home exam 25%
Presentations 20%
Attendance and class participation 15%
Small Writing Assignments 20%
(Grades awarded will include +/- notation)

Website
We will use laulima as our website and post relevant information such as homework, answer keys and grades on the site. You should be able to access it after logging in to laulima.hawaii.edu

Disability needs
If you feel you need reasonable accommodations because of the impact of a disability, please, (1) contact the KOKUA program at 956-7511 or rm. 013 at QLCSS and (2) discuss with me any specific needs related to your KOKUA documented disability.

Suggestions
Please feel free to email me with questions. I will always respond to emails containing specific questions about the material or the assignments. Email me if you would like to meet in person.