Economics 362 – Spring 2006
World Trading System
Course website: http://www2.hawaii.edu/~noy/362.html

PRELIMINARY SYLLABUS
MWF 9:30-10:20 (Webster 113)

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Course Description
The class is an in-depth exploration of the current state of the world trading system – broadly construed to mean all economic transfers across national borders. 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 deal with a number of topics that pertain to current debates and media reports 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.

Required books:
   o No Logo: No Space, No Choice, No Jobs by Naomi Klein.
   o Why Globalization Works by Martin Wolf
   o The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy by Pietra Rivoli
   o Articles posted on website

Additional Optional Readings:
   o In Defense of Globalization by Jagdish Bhagwati
   o Pop Internationalism by Paul Krugman
   o The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century by Thomas Friedman

Grade:
Exam (part I) 30%
Writing assignments (part II) 20%
Problem sets (part I) 10%
Presentation (part II) 20%
Attendance and participation 20%
Grades awarded will include +/- notation
Exam
Exam will cover material from lectures and problem sets. Date: TBA

Problem Sets
There will be two problem sets that will cover the first part of this course. Problem sets have to be handed in not later than the beginning of lecture the day they are due. No late problem sets will be accepted. An answer key will be posted on the web for each problem set after its due date. Problem sets due dates will be announced in class.

Schedule of Readings
TBA

Extra Readings
The class website contains other readings that are divided by subject. You should consult these when preparing presentations or writing assignments.

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 956-7612 (rm. 013 at QLCSS) and (2) discuss with me any specific needs related to your documented disability.

Suggestions
Make use of my office hours. I will always respond to emails containing specific questions about the material or the assignments. You will receive a practice exam before the exam and should use that as a primary study-guide.