

PSCI 4783-Global Issues: Governing Global Trade (Honors) Spring 2007

Presentation Guidelines

Each student enrolled in this honors section of PSCI 4783 will be asked to make a presentation on an assigned reading/topic according to the schedule determined by signups. The presentation is intended to give you practice in reading comprehension, analysis, and public speaking. It involves three components.

- 1) A maximum two-page written summary of each reading/topic. This must be **submitted electronically** to me in advance of the class meeting for posting on the course webpage, and you must prepare **fifteen hard copies** for distribution in class. The key here is to provide your colleagues with a concise statement of the main arguments, evidence, and relevance of the assigned reading and a nice overview of the topic. **Be brief.** You should also include at least a few discussion questions at the end of your summary. For guidance, I have sent a sample written summary to the class via email.
- 2) A maximum 10-minute presentation of the readings/topic as a whole (whether one or more than one). The goal here is, first, to provide a verbal analysis of the reading/topic, based on your written summary *but not reading from it*. Your second goal is to organize the materials in such a way as to generate discussion possibilities. I would like this to be a formal, professional presentation. You are encouraged to use Powerpoint and/or other technological aids in your presentation.
- 3) On the basis of this summary, you should pose some discussion questions. Class discussion, led by you, will continue for however long makes sense.

Your presentation will be assessed along the following dimensions:

- 1) Accuracy. Do your summary and presentation accurately capture what the reading is trying to convey?
- 2) Clarity. Do your summary and presentation clearly and concisely articulate your key claims? Are things logically organized?
- 3) Presentation Style. How well are you communicating verbally? Reading from notes, speaking down/at low volume/too quickly, disorganization, etc. all detract from your presentation.
- 4) Analytic Strength. You are required to do more than provide a standalone summary of the reading. The real challenge is to develop the topic of the day and to integrate it into broader themes of interest to the class. How well do you tie the reading into these themes, and/or draw out broader implications of the reading above and beyond the barebones summary?

Appendix I
Student Presentation: Instructor Evaluation Form

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. Written Summary	
• Concise & Organized (10)	
• Re: Arguments (10)	
• Re: Evidence (10)	
• Re: Relevance (10)	
• Questions (10)	
2. Oral Presentation	
• Accuracy/Usefulness (10)	
• Clarity (organization, etc.) (10)	
• Style	
• Pacing (5)	
• Volume/Enunciation/Demeanor (5)	
• Analytic Strength (10)	
• Discussion (10)	
Comments:	

**Appendix II
Presentation Schedule**

WK	MTG	DATE	DOW	TOPIC	PRESENTER
3	9	20070205	M	US Trade Politics: Foundations	N/A
4	10	20070207	W	US Trade Politics: Ideational and Institutional Contours	Ricky Thomas
4	11	20070209	F	US Trade Politics: late 1980s-early 1990s	
4	12	20070212	M	US Trade Politics: late 1980s-early 1990s (con't)	
5	13	20070214	W	US Trade Politics: 1995-present	
5	14	20070216	F	US Trade Politics: Conclusion & Discussion	Hayley Lowe
II.B. Regionalism					
5	15	20070219	M	Regionalism: General Contours	
6	16	20070221	W	Explaining the "New Regionalism"	Brett Jackson
6	17	20070223	F	Discussion	N/A
6	18	20070226	M	The European Union	Amanda Matlock
7	19	20070228	W	Mercosur	Kristina Getty
7	20	20070302	F	NAFTA	Jared Marchildon
7	21	20070305	M	NAFTA	Deb Zell
8	22	20070307	W	Trade in the Americas: Bilateral, Sub-Regional, Hemispheric?	Matt Fine
8	23	20070309	F	Possible (optional) workshop at the University of Denver Graduate School of International Studies. Details TBD.	
8	24	20070312	M	Interlude: Film: "Black Gold: Wake Up and Smell the Coffee"	
9	25	20070314	W		
9	XX	20070316	F	NO CLASS	
9	26	20070319	M	Africa	Meghan Westmoreland
10	27	20070321	W	Asia	Mike Elmore
10	28	20070323	F	Discussion	N/A

10	X	20070326	M	SPRING BREAK	
11	X	20070326	W	SPRING BREAK	
11	X	20070330	F	SPRING BREAK	
II.C. Global					
11	29	20070402	M	The Postwar System	
12	30	20070404	W	WTO: Formation and Organization	
12	31	20070406	F	WTO: Issues and Operation	Laura Bate
12	32	20070409	M	The Doha Development Agenda	
13	33	20070411	W	Evaluating WTO Governance	Adrian Sawczyn
13	34	20070413	F	Discussion	N/A
III. Topics in Trade Governance					
13	35	20070416	M	Free Trade vs. Fair Trade	
14	36	20070418	W	Trade and the Environment	
14	37	20070420	F	Trade and Development	
14	38	20070423	M	Trade and Human Rights	Dafna Guzani Alexandra Lapres
15	39	20070425	W	Special Topic: Forum Shopping (I)	
15	40	20070427	F	Special Topic: Forum Shopping (II) – Multiple Tracks of US Trade Diplomacy	
15	41	20070430	M	Special Topic: Forum Shopping (III)	
16	42	20070502	W	Governance and Accountability	
IV. Conclusions					
16	43	20070504	F	Course Conclusions	N/A