

**International Economic Relations
Paper Assignment.**

**EC 271
Due December 6 in class.**

You will choose one of the following options and write a short (3-page, single-spaced maximum, with double spacing between paragraphs) essay or briefing paper that is focused, concise and well-written.

1. Choose a country other than the United States and write a briefing paper for the United States Trade Representative that discusses the major trade issues facing this country.
2. Choose a trade issue of importance to the United States and write a briefing paper for the United States Trade Representative that discusses this issue and makes a policy recommendation.
3. Choose a country other than the United States and write a briefing paper for the Secretary of the United States Treasury that discusses the major international finance issues facing this country—such as exchange rate policy, capital flows, the current account and/or other macroeconomic concerns.
4. Write a briefing paper for the Secretary of the United States Treasury that discusses the major macroeconomic concerns that he and the President should discuss with the other G8 countries at the Annual Summit meeting next year. Again, make policy recommendations where appropriate.

Possible links to sites that might be helpful for beginning your research include the following:

Trade Issues:

WTO

<http://www.wto.org/>

US Trade Representative

<http://www.ustr.gov/>

EU Trade Office

http://europa.eu/pol/comm/index_en.htm

Cato Institute Program on Trade

<http://www.freetrade.org/pubs/pubs.html>
<http://www.freetrade.org/pubs/pubs.html>

International Trade and Macro Issues:

IMF

<http://www.imf.org/>

World Bank

<http://www.worldbank.org/>

Macro Issues:

EU Economic and Monetary Affairs Office

http://europa.eu/pol/emu/index_en.htm

Thinks Tanks that cover international economic issues:

Institute for International Economics

<http://www.iie.com/>

Brookings

<http://www.brook.edu/>

AEI

<http://www.aei.org/>