



### Public Lecture Offerings

#### **The Economic Challenges of Globalization**

Economists tend to believe that free international trade has been beneficial for societies. The public often thinks it increases unemployment and inequality, and social instability. These public concerns are reflected in the recent U.S. China trade war and Brexit. The COVID pandemic further exposed the fragility of the global trading system. This lecture will try to reconcile these different perspectives between the economists and the public. It will discuss the concentrated economic costs of trade liberalizations and the uneven sharing in the benefits of international trade within societies. The lecture will conclude with a discussion of what societies can do to better manage the costs and risks of international trade, while preserving its benefits.

#### **How globalization shapes inequality: Lessons from 40 years of trade liberalizations**

Income inequality has increased in most developed and developing countries since the 1980s. Was increased international trade between rich and emerging economies the main culprit? This lecture will draw on empirical evidence from a wide range of countries to discuss how trade liberalizations implemented since the 1980s shaped inequality within countries.

## **Global Supply Chains, International Trade, and Jobs: Perspectives from Emerging Economies**

This lecture draws on experiences from several emerging economies, including Brazil, China, India, and Vietnam, to highlight how global supply chains, import competition, and export opportunities influence jobs, workers, and families in emerging economies. Implications of international trade for the education of younger generations will also be discussed. The lecture will include a discussion of the informal sector and the role of labor standards in trade agreements for worker wellbeing.

### **Classroom Discussion Topics**

1. Topics that are a subset of the general audience topics described above
2. Trade Policy: The Past and Current Challenges
3. Should trade agreements include labor standards?
4. Trade policy and economic development
5. What do economists do? I can include a discussion of my path to economics and research/career