

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REFEREE REPORT - ECONOMICS 652

1. Locate a recent working paper on a topic appropriate for this course.

Midwest International Economics Group

<http://www.biz.uiowa.edu/econ/seminars/mwpfind.html>

European Trade Study Group

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

World Bank, International Economics Working Papers

<http://www.worldbank.org/research/trade/archive.html>

Economics Research Network (ERN), International Trade Working Papers

<http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/DisplayAbstractSearch.cfm>

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), International Trade/Investment

<http://papers.nber.org/papersbyprog/ITI.html>

Alan Deardorff's Conferences Page

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~alandear/conferences.html>

2. Make sure the paper has not been published using EconLit. Also check author's website(s) for more current versions (and whether forthcoming). Links to Economics Departments are found at http://www.albany.edu/econ/eco_phds.html
3. Get my approval for choosing the paper.
4. Read the paper carefully, checking for correctness and contribution to the literature.
5. Pretend the paper has been submitted to the *Journal of International Economics*. Write a 2-3 page referee report summarizing the contribution of the paper, its key weaknesses and how these problems might be addressed, portions of the paper that might be shortened, etc. Be sure to be precise and accurate in your assessment, and make clear the exact revisions required. Do not base a rejection on a single mathematical flaw unless you are completely confident you are correct.
6. Write a cover letter stating your decision to accept, reject, or (most likely) confer a revise and resubmit judgment on the paper and the key issues behind your decision. Be sure that your decision is not stated in the report itself, only the letter.
7. Turn in your cover letter, report, and the paper by 5pm Friday of last full week of classes.