



A History of the Economics of International Trade

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International trade can be seen through many disciplinary lenses. For economists the standard account remains that of the greatest historian of the discipline Jacob Viner, published in 1937, supplemented by work on more recent developments international trade theory, and histories of trade policy. International trade in goods and services is intimately related to other mobilities such as of capital and labour, either temporary flows or permanent migration.

My project is to write a new history of economists thinking about international trade, covering the period from the beginning of the discipline in early modern Europe to the present day, drawing on primary sources. I am attempting to write both for contemporary economists and to contextualise economic thinking in a way that is satisfying for intellectual historians. This attempt is supported by reception history methods which give due attention to the original context (or horizon) and those of subsequent readers including contemporary economists.

This seminar will give attendees insight into the ways economists have theorised international trade, and provide an opportunity for discussion of the relationship to other disciplinary perspectives.

Details

4:30PM, Tuesday 23 August 2022

CAIS Al-Falasi Lecture theatre,
Building 127, Ellery Crescent, ANU

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