

Fall 2013

Reading Assignment Homework

Due: 4:00PM December 20th , Third cluster office in 2nd floor in 2A building.

The purpose of this reading assignment is to let students know what are going on in the modern international economy and let students think what will happen in the next two decade.

1. There is a famous book entitled "Flat world". Read either English version or Japanese version, answer the following questions. You can answer in either Japanese or English

For the pdf version of the book, Go to http://www.dpipe.tsukuba.ac.jp/~naito/teaching_web/teaching_ma
For the user name and password, please see the class mail.

questions

(a) Sometimes in the book, the author uses the word "In-sourcing" instead of "outsourcing". What is "In-sourcing"? Explain it by using examples in the book.

(b) In chapter 6, the author explain what are likely to happen to jobs of middle class, typically workers who graduated from college. According to the author, what will be the impact of globalization and information and technology on the jobs of middle class? Explain in three paragraphs.

(c) Regarding the content of Chapter 6, do you agree with the author or do you disagree with the author. State with your opinion. Explain why you think so in three paragraphs.

(d) On the other hand, international trade economist at UCLA argues that the world is not flat in his review of the book. (The paper is available on the same webpage.) Read from page 99 to 124 of his paper. Summarize Leamer's argument in 5 paragraphs.

(e) Which sides(Friedman or Leamer) do you think more appropriate? State your opinion and explain why.