Directed Research Project for the University of Ottawa’s Students  
(ECO4150, Fall 2016)

1. Proposed research project
   • Review of Taiwan’s Agricultural and Agri-Biotech Policy

2. Background/context
   • This study is intended to review Taiwan’s agricultural and agri-biotech policy with a focus on institutional innovation and development in the last decades. Taiwan’s development for small-scale farming in agriculture is recognized as a model in Asia. Without the contribution from agriculture and agricultural policy, Taiwan’s economic development might not have taken place. The study is intended to evaluate Taiwan’s agricultural agri-biotech policy while paying attention to how Taiwan improves its administration system as well as the role of the farmers’ association.
   • The participant(s) are invited to locate and select the studies to review and submit a research essay of about 6,000 words. This essay may be published as a research note in the Transnational Corporations Review or other similar journal if it successfully passes a peer-review process.

3. Benefits from doing this research
   • Literature gathering and review skills
   • Development of capacity for research and analysis
   • Presentation and communications

4. Tasks and deliverables
   • Literature review and comments
   • Information analysis and presentation
   • Material presentation and development

5. General requests
   • 2-3 students (at least 2) as a team for group studies
   • Knowledge of international (agricultural) economics as an asset

6. Tentative schedules with meetings (specific schedule/location to be discussed)

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7. Other relevance
   • Email communications for questions or discussions are highly encouraged.
   • Relevant exercises assigned in practicing research and communication skills are considered.
   • Participating students with the achievement will be acknowledged with the journal publishing.

8. Contact information
   • Project supervisor(s): Hugh/Jen, Ottawa United Learning Academy (tncr.special@gmail.com)