

**Direct Research Project (ECO 4150) for the uOttawa's Students
(Fall 2020)**

Proposed Research Project by Ottawa United Learning Academy
*The Institutional Matter and Policy Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Trade and
Investment for Canadian and International Economy*
A Literature Review

(For a virtual- and team-based study)

1. Research scope and objective

- Specific topic(s) for this proposed research are open to discussion. It is generally related to foreign direct investment (FDI), international trade and institutional economics.
- A review essay on the chosen topic is expected.

2. Background/context

- **Background:** The crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic has raised a critical question about the importance of governance and institutions in determining national and international performance in fighting the virus outbreak and rebuilding the economy, including investment, trade and development. As measured by the number of infections and the level of disruption to the social and economic lives of citizens, some governmental institutions have performed more effectively, while others have remained less effective in handling this public health crisis. The proposed research is to explore the role of the government and other institutions from various countries, either developed or developing, both big and small, in responding to the COVID-19 challenge.
- **Intent:** The participant(s) are invited to consider a topic related to this proposed research, locate relevant literature on the topic, and prepare a literature review essay for about 6,000 words.

3. Benefits from doing this research

- Literature gathering and review skills
- Development of review and critical analysis
- Presentation and communications

4. Tasks and deliverables

- Literature review and comments
- Analysis of selected literature information
- Presentation and review of materials

5. General request

- 3-5 students (at least 2) as a team for group studies
- Knowledge of international (institutional) economics is an asset

6. Tentative schedules with online meetings (specific schedule/location to be discussed by Microsoft Teams, Zoom or Skype)

- Sept. 10-21, 2020, first online meeting (interview) (Sept. 22, last day for registration)
- Oct. 25-31, uOttawa reading week (selected literature and review essay outline due)
- Nov. 16-20, Review essay draft due (possibly online discussion)
- Dec. 9-15, uOttawa class end (review essay due)
- January 5-7, 2021 Student evaluation due (final online meeting when necessary)

7. Other relevance

- Email communications for questions or discussions highly encouraged.
- Relevant exercises assigned possibly in practicing review skills.
- Online participating discussion and email communications will be assessed.

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