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RESEARCH PAPERS	“Tariff Bindings and the Dynamic Formation of Preferential Trade Agreements” (Job Market Paper) , with James Lake and Halis Murat Yildiz, 2018. <i>R&R at Journal of International Economics</i> . Abstract: We investigate the impact of multilateral tariff binding liberalization on the equilibrium extent of Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) formation. When forming Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) under relatively high tariff bindings, a myopic free riding incentive of FTA non-members constrains FTA formation. Thus, tariff binding liberalization can facilitate FTA expansion to global free trade. However, when forward looking countries do not value this myopic free riding incentive, tariff binding liberalization can impede FTA expansion to global free trade by effectively increasing tariff concessions given by the FTA non-member so that FTA members exclude the FTA non-member from subsequent FTA expansion. When countries choose between forming FTAs and Custom Unions (CUs), the equilibrium emergence of CUs can prevent (cannot facilitate) global free trade that would otherwise occur (not occur) through FTAs. In contrast, the equilibrium emergence of FTAs can facilitate (cannot prevent) global free trade that	

would otherwise not occur (occur) through CUs.

“Implications of Multilateral Tariff Bindings on the Extent of Preferential Trade Agreement Formation”, with Halis Murat Yildiz, 2018. *Submitted*.

Abstract:

Using an endogenous preferential trade agreement (PTA) formation model, we examine the effects of continual reduction in tariff bindings on the extent of PTA formation and its role in attaining global free trade. We first show that, when countries are completely symmetric, no country has an incentive to free ride from global free trade while exclusion incentives arise when tariff bindings are sufficiently tight. Due to the relatively flexible nature of the FTA formation, such exclusion incentives go unexercised and free trade always obtains as the coalition-proof Nash equilibrium (CPNE) of the FTA game. However, such flexibility does not exist under the CU game. Since CU expansion leads directly to global free trade and member countries are able to veto CU expansion, they exercise the exclusion incentive and thus free trade fails to be a CPNE. We then consider a scenario where countries are asymmetric with respect to their comparative advantage. The country with a weaker comparative advantage has an incentive to free ride on trade liberalization of the other two countries and lower tariff bindings discipline this incentive via constraining the ability to set optimal tariffs. As a result, continual reduction in tariff bindings facilitates FTA formation in attaining global free trade.

RESEARCH PAPERS IN PROGRESS “Effect of Tariff Binding Reductions on the Formation of Preferential Trade Agreements and Multilateral Tariffs Cooperation”, with Halis Murat Yildiz.

“Geographical Implications of the Formation of Preferential Trade Agreements under Continual Reductions in the Tariff Bindings”.

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Continuing Education, Cégep of Matane (post-secondary collegiate institution)
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