Forecasting/Policy Analysis

The usual GEP long-term forecast was prepared for Global Economic Prospects 2004, launched on the eve of Cancún. We also worked on the impacts of a possible Doha-type agreement (DM)

More in-depth analysis of agricultural policies for the book on agricultural policies being edited by Ataman Aksoy and John Beghin. (DM)

Ianchovichina, E. and W. Martin "Economic Impacts of China's Accession to the WTO," World Bank Economic Review (forthcoming June). Analyzes impacts on the Chinese economy and forms a basis for poverty impact analysis undertaken by Martin Ravallion and Shaohua Chen

Walmsley, T., T. Hertel, and E. Ianchovichina "Assessing the Impact of China's WTO Accession on Investment," Pacific Economic Review (forthcoming).

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"Trade Policy and Poverty Reduction in Brazil." The paper is accepted and forthcoming in the World Bank Economic Review. A larger version of the paper appeared in the Trade Report of the World Bank to the government of Brazil and in Portuguese in the Brazilian economics journal PPE. (DT)

Model comparison between Linkage model and the Harrison, Rutherford and Tarr model as used by Bill Cline for his new book. (DM)

Methodological Developments

Some development work--transition matrix approach for household consumption, implementation of AIDADS, income sensitive Armington demand function, further refinement of the Armington nesting of import demand, started work on implementing some of the elements of economic geography. (DM)

Analyzed the implications of textile and apparel quota abolition for Pakistan (DM, WM).

Ianchovichina, E. "Trade Policy Analysis in the Presence of Duty Drawbacks," Journal of Policy Modelling (forthcoming). Documents a version of the GTAP model that incorporates duty drawbacks systematically.

Optimal aggregators for tariffs applied in two conference papers. These aggregation techniques were incorporated into the World Integrated Trade Solutions (WITS) software to allow their application by anyone in GTAP (WM)

Paper (with H. Lee) on the potential impacts of EU enlargement for East Asian countries.(DM)

New project of collaboration with Asian Development Bank. Wall share model code with the ADB and work on scenario developments (DM).

Middle East and North Africa Region

For the regional trade report, used results on possible adverse effects of abolition of agricultural subsidies on MENA (our region being a net importer). Also I borrowed results on benefits of service liberalization from Dominique's results. (TS)

For the "Current World Trade Agenda: Issues and Implications for the MENA Region", again, used GTAP application results. (TS)

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