

### RESPONSE PAPER 1: Tracing World Trade Patterns

Refer to the World Trade Organization's *International Trade Statistics 2013*  
<http://www.wto.org/english/ress e/statis e/its2013 e/its2013 e.pdf>

*From Table I-2:*

What are the "Six East Asian Traders"?

*From Table I-5:*

In declining order, which countries (not continents, unless there is no country detail) were the 5 largest merchandise exporters in:

1948	% of world X		2012	% of world X

When was the US share of world merchandise exports the highest?

When was Canada's share of world merchandise exports the highest?

When was Japan's share of world merchandise exports the highest?

When was China's share of world merchandise exports the highest?

When was the Middle East's share of world merchandise exports the highest?

When was Africa's share of world merchandise exports the highest?

When was the "Six East Asian traders" share of world merchandise exports the highest?

From Table I-6:

In declining order, which countries (not continents, unless there is no country detail) were the 5 largest merchandise importers in:

1948	% of world M		2012	% of world M

When was the US share of world merchandise imports the highest?

When was the UK's share of world merchandise imports the highest?

When was the Middle East's share of world merchandise imports the highest?

When was the "Six East Asian traders" share of world merchandise imports the highest?

From Table I-9:

Which five countries (in declining order) were the world's leading exporters and importers of commercial services in 2012? Did each country have a positive or negative balance of trade in commercial services?

Largest service exporters	+ or -?	Largest service importers	+ or -?

*From Table I-12:*

Which country received the most US merchandise exports

<b>In 2005?</b>	<b>What % of US exports in 2005?</b>	<b>In 2012?</b>	<b>What % of US exports in 2012?</b>

Which country had the largest share of US merchandise imports

<b>In 2005?</b>	<b>What % of US imports in 2005?</b>	<b>In 2012?</b>	<b>What % of US imports in 2012?</b>

*From page 51:*

What type of product had the highest value of international trade in 2012?

**How would you generalize these trends, in several sentences?**

**What do you think explains these trends? (Give at least three possible causes.)**