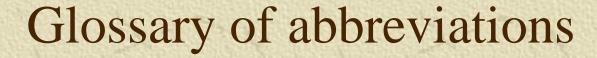
Module 5.

Trade in Services: Liberalisation under the WTO's Multilateral Trading System and Integration under the Single Market

ECN330

Analyzing Economic Integration and Multilateral Trade Liberalization

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- **BOP** balance of payments
- **★ CU** customs union
- **CVM** countervailing measures
- **▼ DCs** developed countries
- **▼ DS** domestic support
- **▼ DSM** dispute settlement mechanism
- **★ EC** European Commission
- **ECJ** European Court of Justice
- **ESM** emergency safeguard mechanism
- **★ EU** European Union
- **FDI** Foreign direct investment
- **GATS** general agreement on trade in services
- **★ GATT** general agreement on trade and tariffs
- **GDP** gross domestic product
- **▼ IP** intellectual property

- **LDCs** less developed countries
- **★ MA** market access
- **MFN** most favoured nation
- **★ SPS** Sanitary and phytosanitary measures
- **▼ TBT** Technical barriers to trade
- TRIMs trade-related investment measures
- **TRIPs** trade-related intellectual properties
- **▼ UR** Uruguay Round



- 1.1 Contrasting trade in services and goods
- * Exchange more complex
- ***** Characteristics
 - Intangibility
 - Non-storability
 - Heterogeneity
 - Non-separability
 - Non-tradable/non-commercial

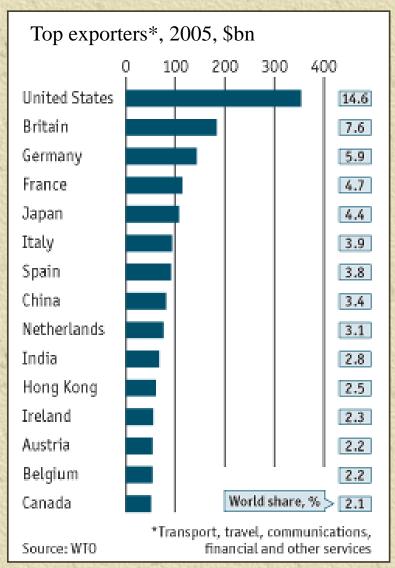


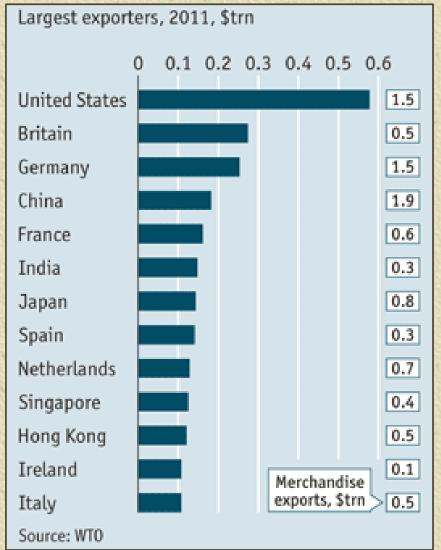
- 1.2 Services in a gen'al eqlbm context
- ★ Macroeconomy dominant activity
 - LOOP and comparative advantage
 - Mkt structure, efficiency and competition
- ***** Services markets
 - Supply-side factors
 - L-intensity; K-L relationships and prodvty
 - Key drivers
 - Demand-side factors

***** Trends

International Services Economy, continued . . .

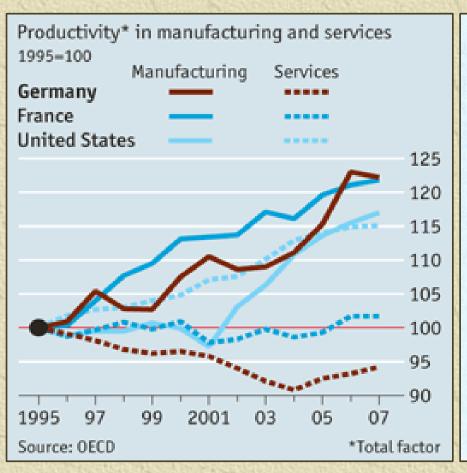
Principle exporters of services

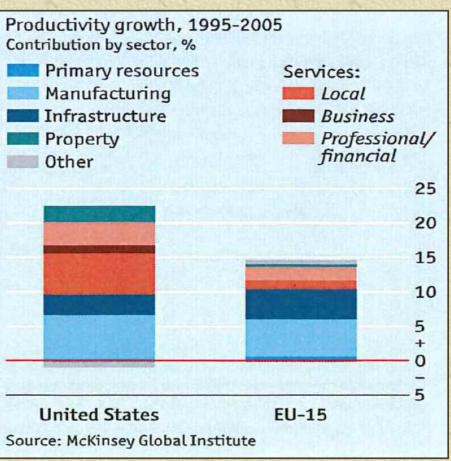




International Services Economy, continued . . .

Relative prodvty in services/manufacturing

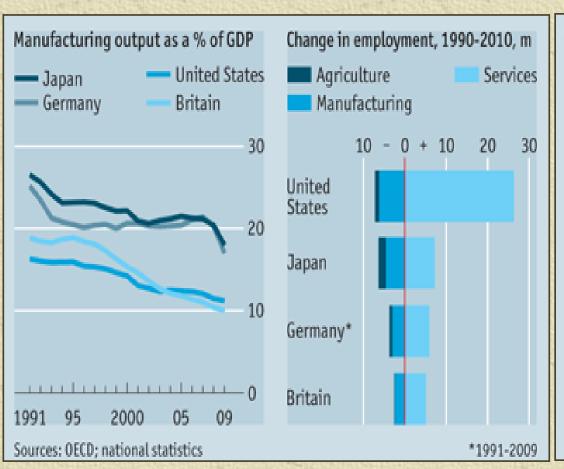


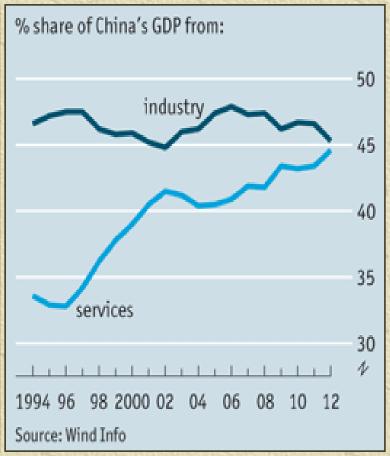


Economist, "German Services: Protected and Inefficient", 18 Feb 2012, p. 24; and "Smart work", special report on the World Economy, 9 Oct 2010, p. 13-16.

International Services Economy, continued . . .

- Manufacturing output and employment
- China: rise of the service sector





Economist, "Economics focus, Cash machines", 2 Apr 2011, p. 69; and "China's Economy: Served", 23 Feb 2013, p. 62.

2. Economics of Services Trade

Motivate:

- 2.1 Internalities asymmetric info-related problems
- * Nature of services affects
 - Quality assessment
 - Market participation/participant
- ★ Market failure asymmetric info by buyer/seller
 - Moral hazard
 - Adverse selection



- 2.2 Imperfect competition
- * Source of imperfect competition
 - Economies of scale
 - Economies of scope
- * Factors to consider on contestability
 - Barriers to entry/exit
 - Product differentiation, consumer loyalty
 - Tech Δ and regs or enforcement of competition rules
 - Other strategic factors



* Positive spillovers and network effects

- * Natural monopoly
 - Cost-related argument
 - Access to services argument

3. Multilateral Trade in Services

3.1 Trade in services under the WTO

GATS

Basic principles

Sectoral coverage

Obligations or commitments

	Rules/disciplines on services	
Basic principles	GATS	
Additional details	Agreements and Annexes	
Specific sectors or issues	Agreement on Telecom; Finance; Transport; tourism, etc.	
Market access commitments	Schedule of Commitments	
Country-specific requirements	Limits on MA and national treatment in schedules: Horizontal commitments Sector-specific commitments	

- How regs affect mkt access and national treatment
- Ensure regs are not more restrictive over time

***** Comparison with EU Treaty, Article 50:

"Services ... within the meaning of this Treaty are [activities] *provided for remuneration*, [and where it is] not governed by the provisions relating to freedom of movement for goods, capital and persons."

- 'Services' shall in particular include:
 - (a) activities of an industrial character;
 - (b) activities of a commercial character;
 - (c) activities of craftsmen;
 - (d) activities of professionals.
- "Without prejudice to the provisions of the chapter relating to the right of establishment, the person providing a service may, in order to do so, temporarily pursue his activity in the State where the service is provided, under the same conditions as are imposed by that State on its own nationals."

EC case involving Latvia and Sweden



- 3.2 WTO definition of a tradable service
- * Mode 1. Cross border trade

- * Mode 2. Consumption abroad
- * Mode 3. Commercial presence

* Mode 4. Presence of natural persons



- 3.3 Scheduling MA and national treatment
- ***** Horizontal commitments
- ***** Sector-specific commitments

Commitments across service sectors and specified by mode of supply				
Sector or sub-	MA limitations	Limitations on	Additional	
sector		national treatment	commitments	
I. Horizontal com	mitments			
Regulations or	(1) None/unbound	(1) None/unbound	Pending regulation	
legislation that	(2) None/unbound	(2) None/unbound	or forthcoming	
affecting all/many	(3) None/unbound	(3) None/unbound	changes in	
service sectors	(4) None/unbound	(4) None/unbound	regulations	
II. Sector-specific commitments				
1. Business				
A. Professional				
a. Legal services	(1) - (4)	(1) - (4)		

Note: Schedules of services are in WTO documents beginning with symbols GATS/SC/

* MA restrictions: even if nat'al treatment is violated

MA limitation	Example of a limitation	
Number of service suppliers	Quota on number of firms, fixed number of licenses; exclusive service suppliers	
Value of transactions or assets	Value quota; specifies that a foreign firm (or subsidiary) maintains some % or share of the total assets of value of the domestic market	
Quantity of service output	Quota on number of operations or service output expressed in units	
Number of natural persons employed	Quota on number of foreign workers who are able to supply service; specify that foreign labour cannot exceed a certain % of work force or % of total wage bill	
Conditions on the legal entity	Limits form/degree in which foreign capital can participate in services provision, e.g., joint venture	
Conditions on participation of foreign capital	Value quota in terms of a maximum % of a foreigner's share-holding; volume quota on the total amount of an investment	



- ***** Limitations on national treatment
 - Nationality or residency requirement for executives and board members
 - Measures requiring an investment in a certain amount of assets in local currency
 - Restrictions on purchase of land by foreign service suppliers
 - Subsidies or tax exemptions granted only to local suppliers
 - Different capital requirements
 - Operational limits that apply only to foreign suppliers



- 3.4 Sample of service schedule commitments

* Horizontal commitments				
Norway -	Norway – Schedule of Commitments			
Sector or sub-sector	MA limitations	Limitations on national treatment	Add'al commit	
I. Horizon	tal commitments			
	I) Unbound, except for the temporary resence of natural persons providing ervices without being employed by a pridical person who has commercial resence in Norway. Access is subject the following conditions: Work permit must be obtained.	Unbound except for measures concerning the categories of natural persons referred to in the MA Column		
ne a sp	work permit must be issued to a atural person who is considered to be higher-level skilled worker or to have pecial qualifications. The competence of the natural person must be deemed bsolutely necessary for the recipient of the services.			

* Horizontal commitments, continued

Property and	Albania – S	nia – Schedule of commitments		
	Sector or sub-sector	Limitations on MA	Limitations on national treatment	Add'al commits
	Real estate		3) Foreigners are not permitted to own agricultural land. Non-Albanians are allowed only to lease ag land up to 99 years.	
	Privatization	3) The <i>privatization</i> process in several sectors <i>may restrict the total numbers of operators</i> (foreign and local) and may limit the shares owned by foreigners in the enterprise to be privatized.	3) The privatization of large-scale SOEs may exclude foreign participation in some sectors.	

***** Sector-specific commitments

Norway –	Schedule of commitments		
Sector or sub-sector	Limitations on MA	Limitations on national treatment	Add'al commits
Banking and other financial services (excl. insurance)	1) Active supply of services related to banking, financing, securities brokers and collective investment funds requires a commercial presence in Norway.	1) None	
msurance)	2) Registration of securities, as stated in the Act relating to the Registry of Securities regulating the book-entry registration system for paperless securities is subject to a monopoly.	2) None 3) <i>In domestically-owned banks</i> , ie, banks where	
	3) Commercial banks, securities firms and management companies for collective investment funds must be organized as joint-stock companies. The same restrictions applies to trading in products derivative to securities, etc.	Norwegian investors own 2/3 or more, the board of directors and committees must be Norwegian citizens residing in Norway.	19

***** Sector-specific commitments

Norway –	Norway – Schedule of commitments		
Sector or sub-sector	Limitations on MA	Limitations on national treatment	Add'al commit
9. Tourism and travel-related services			
A. Hotels	1) None	1) None	
and restaurants	2) None	2) None	
	3) None	3) None	
	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section	

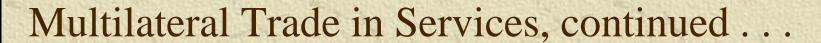


- 3.5 Sectoral coverage of specific commitments
- **X** Commitments by degree of liberalization

Sectors under which mos t commitments are taken	Reasons for scheduling	Sectors under which least commitments are taken	Reasons for not scheduling
Tourism services: most commitments most liberal	Not strategic and prudential nature of activity is low		
Business services: 2 nd in commitments not necessarily liberal	Covers a broad range of services + degree of sensitivity varies	Health and education sectors	Activities usually under the public sector domain
Financial services and telecomm services: Broad-based commitments	Multilateral sub- sectoral agreement was concluded after 1995		

***** Commitments by mode

Mode 1.	Mode 2.	Mode 3.	Mode 4.
	Share of to	tal value of TIS	
30%	20%	50%	0%
Regulatory precaution is greatest.	Most liberal, 50% of entries are "none"	Most commitments because it involves FDI but not nec liberal.	Most restrictive mode; stems
Mode under which gov't has little direct control over such activities	Mode under which gov't has the least direct	Strong control thru ownership + limits on number of participants. Limits thru licensing or on qualifications can → ↓ competition (mobility)	from horizontal commitments, i.e., immigration law; visa requirements and work permits
Gov'ts hesitate to allow MA over activities they cannot control.	control over private activity or behavior.	FDI (is good) hypothesis must be qualified as many sectors remain highly restrictive, e.g., telecomm, banking and insurance	22



3.6 GATS: trade policy/remedies and misconceptions

- * Trade remedies and policy responses
 - Regs are not trade policy
 - Subsidy, CVMs, SGs have no meaning

***** Misconceptions

- Members required to open all sectors to competition
- Members required to reduce public funding
- Members required to privatize sub-sectors in public domain
- Public services subject to competition

3.7 Doha Development Agenda - services negotiations

* DDA

- No a priori exclusion of any sector or mode of supply
- Proceed on a bilateral basis: request-offer
- Negotiations also pursued on a plurilateral basis
- Collective requests by co-sponsors on trade by sector or modes to facilitate negotiations
 - Air transport, architectural, engineering, audiovisual, etc.
 - Modes 1-4
 - MFN exemptions
- Special and differential treatment for LDCs

- * Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration, 18 Dec 2005
 - ◆ Para 25 27 "Services negotiation":

The negotiations on trade in services shall proceed to their conclusion with a *view to promoting the economic growth* of all trading partners and the development of developing and least-developed countries, and with due respect for the right of Members to regulate.....Negotiations shall have regard to the size of economies of individual Members, both overall and in individual sectors.

• Para 58. Recently-Acceded Members:

We *recognize* the special situation of recently-acceded Members who have undertaken *extensive market access commitments* at the time of accession. This situation will be taken into account in the negotiations.

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4.1 IP protection under the WTO framework

- ***** TRIPs
 - WIPO creates rules on IP
 - IP offices are national not universal
 - TRIPs is min harmonization
 - Basic principles

Rules prot	tecting
intellectual	property

Basic principles	TRIPS	
Sector-specific issues	None	
Commitments	None	

Trade related in protection, continued			
4.2. Types of intellectual properties and instruments		Subject matter	Areas of application
	Patents	New, non-obvious industrial applicable inventions	All industries
	Utility models	Functional designs	Manufacturing
Industrial	Industrial design	Ornamental designs	Clothing, cars, etc
property	Trademarks	Sign or symbol to distinguish product of a firm from others	All industries
	Geographical indications	Identify place of origin to indicate (1) quality; (2) characteristics	Agricultural products, food/beverage industry (e.g., wine and spirits)
Literacy / artistic property	Copyrights	Original works of authorship, performers, producers of sound recording/broadcast	Printing, entertainment (audio, video, motion pictures), software
Sui generis protection	Breeders' rights	New, stable, homogeneous, distinctive variety	Agriculture; food and beverage industry; livestock; crops/plants
	Integrated circuits	Original layout designs	Micro-electronics
Trade secrets		Secret business information	All industries

Source: WTO



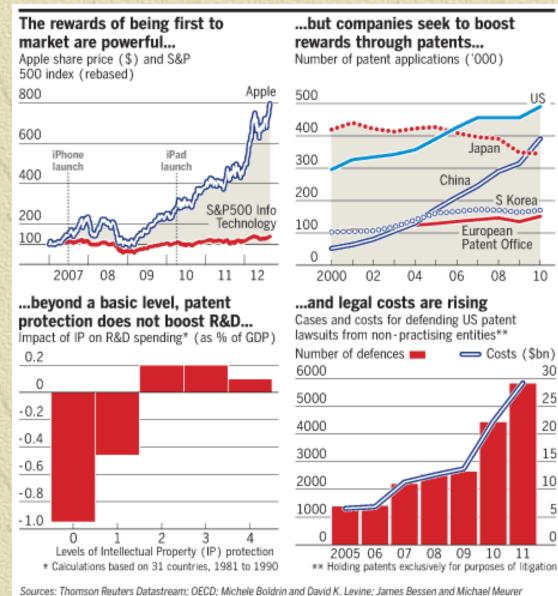
- 4.3 Economic, political, and legal issues with protection
- ***** Economics
 - Protection or absence of protection: mkt failure problems
 - Support industry, investment, new tech
 - Perverse Y-redistribution effects
 - Is mkt really improved with long-term protection?
 - IP-intensity a source of comparative advantage?



- * Political considerations
 - Freeware, share economy
 - Diversion of R+D
 - Traditional farming (seeds)
 - Traditional knowledge
- * Legal issues
 - Patenting genetic material
 - IP systems under challenge
 - Number and quality of patents
 - Tech Δ : scope of protection; sectoral disruptions
 - Knowledge-intensive economy competition

Rewards from IP protection

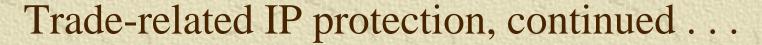
IP protection and R+D spending as % of GDP



No. of patent applications, (1000)

No. of cases and legal costs (\$bn)

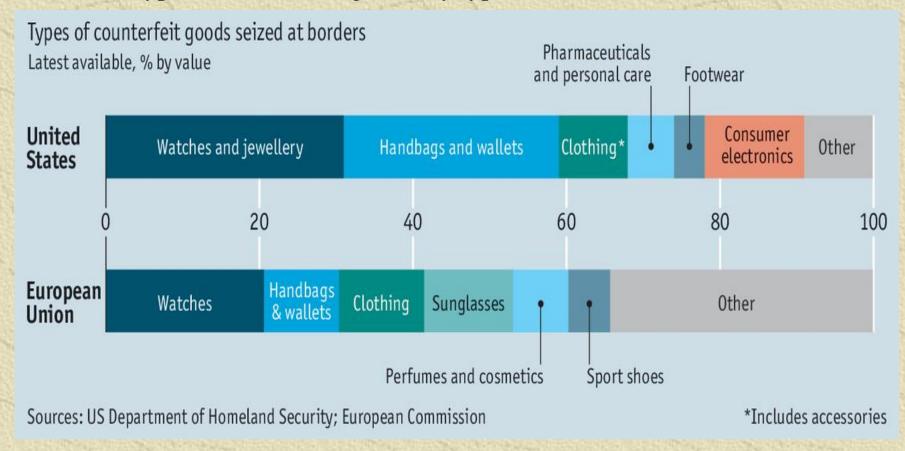
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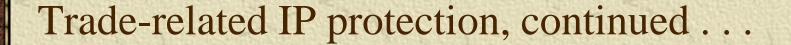


- 4.4 Multilateral issues on basic ground rules
- * Issue 1. Logic of IP protection
 - Depends on sector-specific characteristics

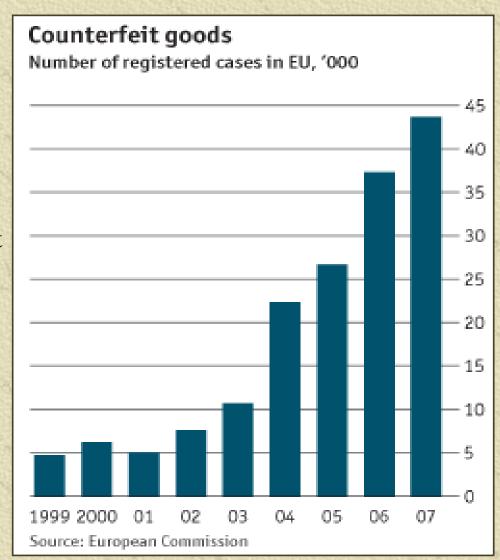
Type of good	R+D intensity	Cost of reg approval	Rival good	Duration of protection
Pharma				
Software/tech				
Luxury good Watch Handbag				
GI goods				

- Problem with counterfeiting
 - Types of counterfeit goods, by type and value

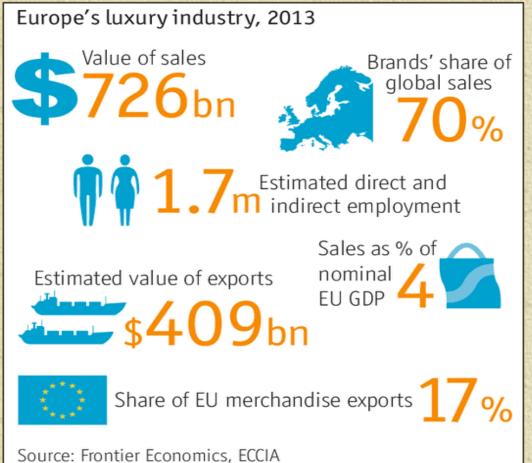




- Cases of piracy, 2000s
 - 70% of cases involved airexpress courier
 - Cigarettes and clothing accounted for 50% of total
 - China was the source of about 60% of fake goods
 - Switzerland and India made up about ¾ of pirated drugs trade cases



Cost of counterfeiting to EU



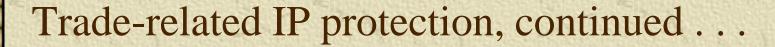
Europe is the pre-eminent maker of luxury goods; its brands account for 70% of the world's luxury consumption. Germany matters in cars and yachts, but the real powerhouse is Italy, which serves as the workshop for French fashion and leather goods as well as its own. Luxury is "one of the few industries where Europe has a sustainable competitive advantage".

Economist, Special report on luxury, "Exclusively for everybody", 13 Dec 2014, p. 3-5

Economist, Special report on luxury, "The business case: Beauty and the beasts", 13 Dec 2014, p. 6-8



- Protection of luxury goods: "Fact and Fiction about the Trade in Fakes", *Fin Times*, 24 Jan 06, p. 11
 - "... Complaints by French-based association of luxury goods makers that fake products were costing its members \$4.3 bn (€3.5bn) a year in lost sales in Japan."
 - "The figure turns out to be, if not fake, somewhat contrived. It was arrived at by multiplying the estimated unit sales of counterfeit products by the price of genuine ones, [...which] assumes that if ... consumers could not buy pirated copies, they would all buy the real thing."
 - "Does anyone really believe that? ... International studies [find] that the overwhelming majority of sales of counterfeit products are to people who would never have bought genuine ones, because they could not afford them."



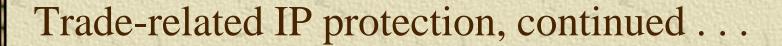
- "[It could be argued that. . .] some of the retail business that brand owners forfeit to fakes could be considered a long-term marketing investment. . . Owning a Picasso reproduction does not reduce the desire to possess an original; today's buyer of fakes are often tomorrow's eager customers."
- "In east Asia, the . . . newly rich flaunt the symbols of success more ostentatiously than anywhere else. Those who have made it . . . would never dream of wearing [fakes]. . . Chinese shoppers pour into Hong Kong to buy western luxury goods, when they could buy near-indistinguishable knock-offs for a fraction of the price on the other side of the border."



- "It is true that fake product sales often escape tax and help fund organised crime. But when producers also insist that their self-interest is identical to that of the consumer, scepticism is in order."
- There is a *clear social gain from banning counterfeits that pose health and safety risks*, but which consumers cannot easily identify as such, [e.g., pharmaceuticals] . . . Cigarette companies shelter behind the same argument. . .
- "[Luxury goods cannot use this argument.] If a product bearing a familiar brand name is unusually cheap, it is unlikely to be authentic. And if a fake is indistinguishable in quality and appearance from the real thing, where is the consumer harm?"



- "Claims that piracy deters innovation by reducing the incentive to invent are also sometimes overstated [, e.g. for 2 reasons]. . . products such as computers and software. Although, even there, [1] Linux and the growth of 'freeware' tell a different story."
- "However, relatively [2] few luxury goods take much research or capital to develop and produce. Those that sell on 'heritage' [e.g., GIs] almost none. Most of the investment is in advertising and marketing."
- "Of course producers are upset when pirates cash in. But whether society at large loses is far less clear. . . [The idea is] not condoning IP violations: free and prosperous economies require private property rights that are clear-cut and effectively enforced however, if [producers] want to rally society to the defence of their interests, they should do so with arguments that are genuine and reputable as their products."



- * Issue 2. Monopoly rights vs national emergency: Case of compulsory licensing of drugs
 - Case 1. US anthrax scare (bacteria)
 - Case 2. HIV-Aids drugs in Brazil and South Africa

What is the difference in the two cases?

- Covid vaccine and issues of access
 - Distribution (through exports)
 - Licensing and production

Trade-related IP protection, continued . . .

• How should access issues be resolved? Courts?

Want a patent? Be patient

Western drug firms and their legal problems in India, recent cases

Company	Drug	Issue	Now
Bayer	Nexavar (kidney cancer)	Patent office ordered Bayer to license its drug to an Indian firm for a song	Bayer's challenge began on Sep 3rd before IPAB*
Bayer	Nexavar (kidney cancer)	Sued Cipla, an Indian firm, for patent infringement	Hearing in Dec 2012
Novartis	Glivec (leukaemia)	India refused to grant Swiss firm a patent in 2006	Decision challenged. Hearing on Sep 11th 2012
Roche	Tarceva (cancer)	Sued Indian companies for infringing its patent	Awaiting decision
Roche	Valcyte (AIDS)	Patent office revoked Roche's patent	Appeal pending to IPAB*
Gilead	Viread (HIV)	Patent office rejected two patents	Appealed; the case is still pending
Source: The Ed	conomist		*Intellectual Property Appellate Board

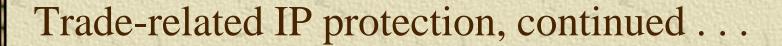
Economist, "Indian Drug Patents: Taking Pains", 8 Sep 2012, p. 54



- Illustration of a creative solution
 "Plan for Cheap Vaccine to Fight TB Worldwide", FT, 23 Mar 2006, p 3
 - "A US-based charity . . . begins work on becoming a manufacturer of a tuberculosis vaccine, in a pioneering effort to give affordable and accessible protection . . ."
 - "...the *first time that a charity has taken direct responsibility for production of a vaccine* with full control of a process that is currently scattered across a range of privately held factories around the world."
 - "Recent *public-private partnerships* between companies, donors and charities *have taken the lead in intensifying research* + *distribution of vaccines/medicines* for . . . LDCs."
 - "... The plant supplies vaccine using a 'Robin Hood model', charge higher prices in richer countries to subsidise the poor."

Trade-related IP protection, continued . . . Economist, "Pharmaceuticals", 16 Nov 2013, p. 60 The US and UK pharma firms are leaders in producing

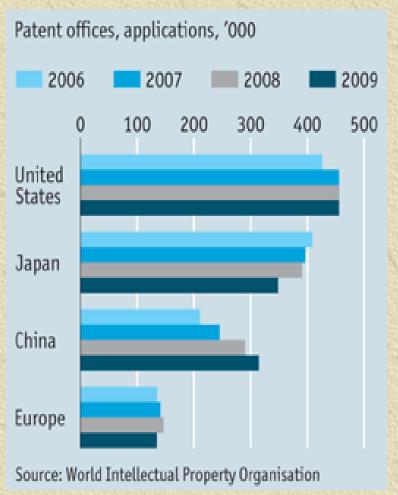
- The US and UK pharma firms are leaders in producing new medicines; their record on healing the diseases of the poor is not so good.
- Criticism of pharma firms for restricting low-income countries' access to drugs reached a head around 2000, when makers of life-saving HIV treatments refused to provide them at affordable prices to patients in Africa.
- Global Health Innovative Technology (GHIT) fund announced grants to advance treatments for malaria, tuberculosis and Chagas disease. The fund is a public-private partnership that includes 5 Japanese drug makers.
- This means donating medicines, licensing tech to makers of generic drugs, or collaborating to develop a new vaccine or treatment.



- * Issue 3. How should the least developed be treated?
 - Differential treatment
 - Longer phase-in periods
 - Temporary exemptions
 - Lack of enforcement delays economic development
 - Corruption, tax avoidance, underground economy, smuggling
 - Health and safety risks, regulatory failure (food safety)

Trade-related IP protection, continued . . .

• Evidence of graduation: growth in patents in China



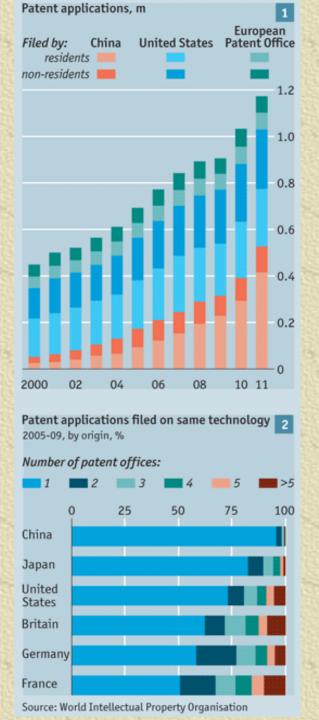
Economist, "Innovation in Asia: Trading Places", 2 Oct 2010, p. 62-3



Economist, Economic and financial indicators, "Patent applications", 15 Dec 2012, p. 81



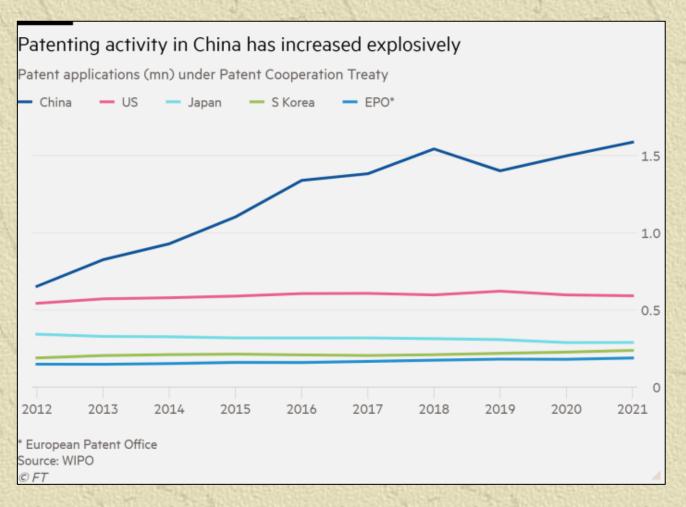
- China is a leader in patent application / innovation
- In US & EU: 50% of applications are filed by foreigners
- A proxy for a patent's value is in how many countries it is filed
- Patents filed abroad by:
 - ➤ China: < 5% of all Chinese patents
 - > US: 27% of total filed abroad
 - \triangleright EU: > 40% of total



Economist, "How innovative is China?", 5 Jan 2013, p. 47

Trade-related IP protection,

• China's patenting



Fin Times, "We should not call 'peak China' just yet", M. Wolf, 20 Sep 2023, p.17



- An illustration of graduation: "Microsoft Scores China Piracy Win", WSJ, 6 Apr 2006, p. 3
 - "China's top three makers of personal computers agreed to ship their products loaded with legitimate copies of Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system, a step that addresses some of the piracy concerns straining commercial ties with the US."
 - "Illegal copies of Microsoft's products could be bought... for just a few dollars, ... Most computer users [unwilling] to pay full price for the official versions."



- "... The *Chinese government* pressured computer manufacturers into *new measures to curb piracy*... the timing reflected international pressure ... to toughen up on piracy and counterfeiting, which US officials blame for its ballooning trade deficit. But *China's* recent *progress on piracy* also *reflects a* feeling in officialdom that the *problem* could be *hurting domestic companies as well*."
- "The government has often tolerated IP rights violations . . ., and has sought ways to avoid paying for international technologies."
- "... with China spending more than 1% of its GDP on research, better [IP] protection . . . of inventions . . . is now 'a matter of self-interest'"
- "The Chinese manufacturers' new willingness to do deals with Microsoft also *reflects the changed dynamics in the domestic industry* since *market leader Lenovo transformed itself into a global player* with the purchase of IBM Corp.'s PC business in 2005."



- 5.1 Comparing int'al stds/regs for labor, environmental and IP protection
- * Harmonization: regulatory failure or market functioning?
- Wiolation of a std/reg: appropriate policy response?
- 5.2 Case for multilateral trade rules
- Do different stds/regs:
 - Distort trade/investment?
 - Result in a cross-border externality?
- * Are trade sanctions a means to correct problem?

The Case for Multilateral IP Protection, continued . . .

WTO issues	Labor	Environment	IP		
	Do different standards/regulations distort trade?				
Trade flows and foreign investment					
distortions	Do different standards/regulations distort foreign investment?				
	Does trade under different standards/regulations result in an externality?				
Cross-border externality and/or mkt failure					
T 1 1'	Does a trade sanction (trade ban or tariff) correct the problem?				
Trade policy effectiveness (sanctions)					