IR 213: Paper Topics for Paper #1
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Topic 1:
Has the IMF finally gotten it right? Is the IMF bailout of Iceland a model for responding to future crises?

Topic 2:
What type of an agreement should the U.S. be championing in what is left of the Doha round of trade negotiations? Consider both what is in the interest of different constituencies in the U.S. and what is feasible.

Topic 3:
Should Greece abandon the Euro?

Topic 4: Pick either the FTA between the U.S. and Colombia or the U.S. and South Korea. Which country gained more from the agreement? Within each country, who benefits and who is hurt? Why?

Topic 5: Based on the lessons from past crises, what advice would you give Argentina today?
**Paper Requirements:**
The word limit on the paper is 750 words. Please place the word count at the top of the page, under your name.

You do not need to list the topic you are responding to. If we can't tell that from your first paragraph, there is already a large problem.

Several of the topics have multiple parts. You do not necessarily need to answer all parts of the question. Focus on making an interesting and convincing argument.

Expectations for this paper are very high. The word limit is meant to be restrictive. Take the amount of information that would normally be included in a 5-7 page paper and distill it to what is most essential. This is a life skill. No one has time to read long-winded prose.

You must submit the paper to turnitin.com before handing in a hard copy in class. These two versions must match.

Please double-space your paper, use 11 or 12-point font. You may use any standard citation and bibliography format (APA, MLA, etc), but be consistent.

**The papers will be graded according to the following rubric:**

Is there a clear and interesting thesis statement that answers the question: 10 pts

Is the thesis supported by convincing evidence and is the argument logically sound? 35 pts

Is the paper well organized and clearly written? 30 pts

Are there proper citations to appropriate sources and a bibliography? 20 pts
This bibliography must contain at least 3 sources
(Citing to lecture or to the textbook may be necessary, but these sources do not count toward your 3)

Is the author's analysis remarkably insightful?
Points at T'A's discretion

*Note: You may notice that the categories add up to 95 points (out of 100). It is not possible to get above a 95 on this paper without being remarkably insightful. It is difficult to get these points – I expect Kate will hand out points in this category on only a few papers. To earn these points, you must introduce a new idea that is neither from class nor another source, and Kate must say, “Wow. I hadn't thought of that. That's really insightful!”