

Maps & trade flows

Did you know that the U.S. imported over **\$3 trillion** in goods and services in 2023? And that out of these \$3 trillion, 15.19% (or around \$450 billion) came from **China**? And that out of these \$450 billion, 7.64% (or around \$34 billion) were **computers**?

As another example, did you know that **Germany** is the largest buyer of Cuban **cigars and cigarettes**? As of 2023, it imported over **\$38 million** of the latter from the island.

Getting to these numbers was a walk in the park, thanks to the [Atlas of Economic Complexity](#) provided by Harvard's Growth Lab. In addition to other cool stuff, this tool allows us to explore several **international trade** and **economic growth** dynamics for different countries and regions using data visualization and profiling features.

For this assignment, you are invited to **explore** this tool and give more meaning to what we have studied in our lectures on **international trade**. You are asked to pick **one developing country** (see the United Nations' [list of developing countries here](#)) and investigate the profile of its **exports**, as well as the **growth opportunities** suggested by the Atlas.

You will work in groups of 4 (max.) and have your presentations on 10/01, in class.

For your presentations, you **do not** need to prepare any additional material. You will simply conduct your presentations navigating through the Atlas and pointing out what your research has shown. You should not spend more than **15–20 minutes** to do that.

On the next page, you may find additional **resources** to navigate this assignment.

Resources

Article:

- [Atlas of Economic Complexity *About* page](#)

Video:

- [Digging into data: Atlas of economic complexity \(Hinrich Foundation\)](#)
 - This is a comprehensive overview of the Atlas. If you would like to focus on the **visualization tools**, the section starting around minute 19 may be of higher interest.

Podcast:

- [Introducing the Atlas of Economic Complexity's Country Profiles \(Harvard Growth Lab\)](#)