Opponering

Ask about things that are unclear

Constructive comments and suggestions

5 questions / suggestions

Follow up questions

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Aim of study

Analyze the relationship between tariff rates in ACP and their import from European countries, thereby the impact of the implementation of the EPA is being assessed.

Does the discontinuation of tariff rates due to the introduction of the EPAs cause that the import increases?

**1. Introduction**

**-** Some more background on the EPA and Free Trade Agreement between unequal partners would be nice.

- Problem formulation should be condensed to one section instead of separated throughout the introduction – it becomes clearer this way.

- What is the Lomé convention? Description needed.

- Figure 1 clearly has outliers. Adjusting for these would likely yield the inverse relation.

* Also would be interesting to discuss about these outliers

- What is the gravity model?

This part probabily could be baked in the background/methodoly and data without loss of generality or information. This part is quite confusing to be frank. Alternatively be a shorter section with more general explanation of the subject with clear content on what the problem is without going into the facts and models.

**2. Background**

**2.1 History**

+ This section clears a lot of the question arised in introduction section.

**2.2 Previous Research**

- Partial or general equilibrium analyses need explanation

- gravity model need explanation

+ Otherwise good concise and to the point

**3. Methodology and data**

**3.1 Descriptive statistics**

**-** The importance of EU28 should be put in relation to other important parties. (also what is EU28)

- Is the model correct looking at Wikipedia it should be log(Y) which convert the multiplication to addition.

- Your suggestion to improvements of the model will likely lead to multicollinearity because GDP is a function of population and size of land. If you want to use indication of purchasing power it would be better to take for example GDP/capita.

- Also would it be better to add your variables after taking log of initial formula?

**3.3 Data**

+ Good motivation to why data was chosen

**4. Results**

**Also good conclusion and good with suggesting future resaearch**

Presenentation

Time line and short summary of what is going on – all the conventions

Interesting to have reference EU with other contries

Logging of tariff => e^0.33 🡺 negative