

## Class Topic: Database Assignment

<b>Topic:</b>	Global trade policy makers should balance the interests of agriculture in developing nations with the economic interests of liberalized world trade.		
<b>Major Concepts</b>	agriculture in developing nations	international trade	world trade policy
<b>Keywords</b>	-sustainable farming -natural resources -environment	-corporate profit -local economies -fair trade	UN WTO FAO GATT NAFTA
<b>Subject Headings (use the big red LCSH books)</b>	Sustainable agriculture	International trade	Developing countries
<b>Three best academic disciplines with LC Class Letters</b>	Agriculture (S)	Economics (HC - HF)	Cultural Geography GF - GK

**Databases that seem to be most effective for class topic:** Library Catalog, ProQuest, and *Alt-Press Watch*

**Topic analysis:** We used keywords to explore relevant databases and identified a few useful subject headings. The subject headings led us to more relevant material. This exercise has helped give the class topic a sharper focus. The concepts of 'sustainable agriculture' and 'fair trade' address the issues of how developing nations can develop and maintain sufficient food supplies for their own needs, and begin to contribute to 'international trade' for their own benefit. Global trade organizations appear to represent the interests of developed nations and should be challenged to balance the interests of developing nations for the long-term goals of developing peace and prosperity among all nations. Organizations like "Fair Trade" are trying to accomplish this.