Information on Topic Choice for the Term Paper

In the spirit of the second homework (mini#2), please do spend some time thinking about possible topics for your term paper. A good starting point is to review the preliminary notes in the syllabus. Then you may want to do the following.

1. Review the articles in the reader King and King
2. Visit the reading room in the Schaffer library and scan through the popular press publications.

Suggested Sources:

Info about Schaffer Library:

--All the newspapers are in the racks that are in the center of the reading room. There are two large racks. Past copies of newspapers are also available (up to a couple of weeks or so).

--All magazines (such as the Economist and Business Week) are in the racks that are located on the sides of the reading room. On each rack, the latest copy is on display. If you lift the rack up, you will have access to past issues.

3. The top academic journal in this field is the "Journal of International Economics". Latest copies are in the reading room, past volumes are in the basement. Feel free to go over them.

4. For latest working papers (that is unpublished for now but will probably be published in the future) visit www.nber.org. The college has subscription (must be connected through Union). Check out the abstracts of the latest working papers. For your information, it takes at least 3-4 years for a journal article to be published. NBER working papers allow for immediate circulation of papers, and most of them are of very high quality. Here is a more specific link

http://www.nber.org/jel/F_index.html

5. You can also use some other internet tools: google, newspaper sites and etc. But in my view, the 4 methods above are the most efficient ways to go.

Just go over the abstracts, do not spend time in reading the papers.

Regards,

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