Description of Variables in the Dataset used in:


Variables:

country – country name

iso_code – 3 letter (ISO alpha) country code

uncode – United Nations country code

code – Correlates of War country code

ifscde – International Financial Statistics country code

year – year

lnFtrade – total national trade, taken from Correlates of War (COW) Trade Data Set 2.0 (see Barbieri, Keshk, and Pollins 2008).

lnFimports - total national imports, taken from Correlates of War (COW) Trade Data Set 2.0 (see Barbieri, Keshk, and Pollins 2008).

pop1 – country population, taken from Correlates of War (COW) National Material Capabilities dataset (see Singer, Bremer, and Stuckey 1972).

lnpop1 – log of pop1 (see above).

gled_gdppc – Gross Domestic Product (GDP), per capita (see Gleditsch 2002).

totalcont – total shared borders, or contiguity (see Stinnett et al. 2002).

polity – Net democracy measure (democracy – autocracy), taken from the Polity dataset (see Marshall and Jaggers 2005).

domestic1_9 – a weighted measure of domestic political conflict, which includes the number of general strikes, government crises, antigovernment demonstrations, riots, purges, revolutions, and acts of guerilla warfare. Taken from Banks 2008.

member – equals 1 if the country is a member of the GATT/WTO in the current year, and 0 otherwise.
rigorous – equals 1 if a current member joined the GATT/WTO via rigorous accession procedures, and 0 otherwise.

colonial – equals 1 if a current member joined the GATT/WTO via Article 26:5(c), or similar post-colonial accession norms, and 0 otherwise.

earlymem – equals 1 if a current member joined the GATT during the early years of the trade regime, and 0 otherwise.

memce – equals 1 if colonial=1 or earlymem=1, and 0 otherwise.

memre – equals 1 if rigorous=1 or earlymem=1, and 0 otherwise.

memce – equals 1 if rigorous=1 or colonial=1, and 0 otherwise.

rigorouscounter – number of years since a current rigorous-accession member joined the GATT/WTO via rigorous accession.

colonialcounter – number of years since a current colonial-accession member joined the GATT/WTO via colonial accession.

earlymemcounter – number of years since an early member joined the GATT/WTO.

rigacc – equals 1 if the country joined the GATT/WTO via rigorous accession, and 0 otherwise.

rigaccyears – length of accession, in years, for current GATT/WTO members that joined via rigorous accession.

rignumwpems_max – number of GATT/WTO members who served on the working party of a current member that joined via rigorous accession.

rigqatotalrounds – total rounds of questioning (from working party members) faced by a current member that joined via rigorous accession.

rigqatotalques – total number of questions (from working party members) asked of a current member that joined via rigorous accession.

rigdiffappacc1 – difference between average applied tariff rate in the year of application and the year after joining, for a current member that joined via rigorous accession.

rigcommit_pg – total number of commitment paragraphs in the accession protocol of a current member that joined via rigorous accession.

rigaccgatt – equals 1 if rigorous=1 and the country joined the GATT/WTO before 1995, and 0 otherwise.
rigacewto – equals 1 if rigorous=1 and the country joined the GATT/WTO in 1995 or later, and 0 otherwise.

yr* - yearly dummy variables for all years between 1947 and 2008, inclusive.