

# **The Intangible Globalization: Explaining the Patterns of International Trade and FDI in Services**

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## **Abstract:**

Although international trade in services represent more than 20% of worldwide trade, and trade liberalization within this sector plays a key role in the ongoing WTO negotiations, economists have devoted surprisingly little attention to the empirical modeling of service trade. In this paper, we model service trade using a gravity model, based on recently collected bilateral trade and FDI data as well as indicators for trade barriers, both on macro and more disaggregated levels. We particularly emphasize the strong links between FDI and international trade in services, since a large proportion of service trade relates to local supply (Mode 3 trade in the GATS classification).

We provide evidence showing that service trade and FDI are strongly driven by the size and the similarity in size of the trading partners. The effect of similarity is larger for FDI than for trade, indicating that multinational enterprises benefit the most when the income of countries converges. This is consistent with recently developed theoretical models (see e.g. Markusen and Venables, 1998). Our data on trade barriers and public corruption also contributes to reduce service trade and FDI. However, when we run regressions based on a more disaggregated data set, the sector specific trade barriers become less significant. We find that service trade and FDI are complements. We show that an exporting country fixed effect specification of the gravity model improves the model fit, implying that there are significant unexplained country specific effects determining service trade. Finally, we predict the volume of service trade and FDI when barriers are eliminated. The results reveal that there are large gains from continuing further liberalization efforts, for example via the GATS agreement, but that the gains from trade are unevenly distributed among countries.

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## **1. Introduction**

The composition of global production and trade has changed dramatically over the last decades. Primary and secondary sectors account for a declining share, while the relative importance of the tertiary service sectors is growing fast. The rapid development and deployment of new technology have contributed to strengthen the importance and volume of international service trade. Communications and information processing activities have opened new opportunities for cross border service trade through the Internet and e-commerce. Heavy deregulation of previously state-controlled service sectors, such as telecommunication and land transport, has enabled companies to enter new markets outside their home country. Also, multilateral efforts to liberalize service trade are now taking form through the GATS and other extensive regional agreements like NATFA and the EU.

Although international trade in services clearly plays an increasingly important role in the global economy, there is a lack of empirical studies that map the determinants driving such trade. This comes as no surprise since data availability has been strongly limited. However, this problem has recently been alleviated as the OECD has started to publish detailed bilateral service trade figures for its member countries, see OECD (2002). A second problem that has strong relevance for the empirical study of cross border service trade is the fact that a large proportion of such trade is mediated through foreign affiliate sales. According to Karsenty (2000), approximately 40% of all service trade relates to the activities of foreign subsidiaries, which again requires some form of service sector FDI. Consequently, the traditional methods for collection of data on cross border trade in goods are not well suited for mapping trade in services. To deal with this problem, the UN in cooperation with the EU, IMF, WTO and the OECD has now published a manual on statistics of international trade in services (UN, 2002), which describes in detail how countries should collect service trade data. Unfortunately, only a few countries have initiated programs to follow up the procedures outlined in the manual.

Impediments to international commodity trade can easily be measured in terms of trade barriers like tariffs and quotas, but impediments to international trade in services

are more complex and harder to quantify. Here, more diffuse measures like license requirements, national contents requirements, policies that hinder the movement of core personnel or the repatriation of profits earned by foreign companies are all examples of impediments that are hard to quantify, yet strongly relevant for the service sectors. Nevertheless, a few institutions have recently constructed databases that contain quantitative indicators mapping impediments to service trade in a large number of countries. An excellent example is the project administered by the Australian Productivity Commission<sup>1</sup>, which is documented by Findlay and Warren (2000). Furthermore, the World Bank is now finalizing a database on measures affecting trade in services.

In this paper, we estimate a gravity model that identifies the determinants of international service trade. We employ recently released data on international trade and FDI in services, as well as data on the impediments to such trade. We estimate two models: The first is a gravity model for bilateral exports from the OECD countries to their trading partners. Here, we find a clear home market effect in service trade, as the GDP of the exporting country has a stronger impact than the GDP of the importing country. This is in line with the results derived by Feenstra, Markusen and Rose (2001) and is consistent with the idea that services are of a highly heterogeneous nature. Results based on an exporting country fixed effects model show that trade barriers are detrimental to service trade, but we find no such effect when we look at service FDI. This is often believed to indicate that impediments to traditional service trade provide incentives to establish foreign affiliates that supply the foreign market. However, our study finds that service trade and FDI are complements, which is not consistent with this story. Moreover, corruption in the importing countries tends to discourage service trade and FDI, whereas a common membership in a regional free trade agreement has no significant effect on service trade. This may reflect that many regional free trade agreements as of today do not emphasize the liberalization of service trade. Geographical distance is consistently more important for traditional service exports than for service FDI. Our study shows that the full removal of barriers to international service trade may increase trade by as much as 50%. Japan, Korea and the UK will be the largest winners while Northern European countries like Sweden,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.pc.gov.au/research/memoranda/servicesrestriction/index.html#book>

Norway and Belgium will experience more moderate gains from liberalization (closer to 30%). However, there are no losers from service liberalization in our sample.

The second model is a gravity model where we employ a 4 year panel of sector specific Norwegian data on service exports. This data material allows us to take full advantage of the information contained in the sector specific data on impediments to service trade. Furthermore, we estimate a 2-stage Heckman model in order to also take into account observations where there is no export in the data material. This is important since such observations may indicate a stronger elasticity of trade with respect to distance, economy size as well as impediments to trade. A standard OLS regression gives once again support to the negative effect of service trade barriers, however, when we allow for sector specific fixed effects, the effect of trade barriers becomes insignificant. This is also the case when we run the 2-stage Heckman model, and this may indicate that the first and more aggregated model hides important sector specific information that may alter the empirical results. As outlined above, we find evidence of significant selection problems in the data set. Moreover, the 2-stage Heckman model assigns a much stronger effect of both geographical distance and the size of the importing country. This suggests that future studies of international trade in service as well as commodities should adjust for selection biases.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 gives a brief introduction to the size, composition and importance of international trade in services. In section 3, we discuss the gravity model and its relevance for service trade. Here, we briefly review the earlier literature using gravity models and relate this work to theoretical models. Section 4 presents data and the model specifications. In section 5 we discuss the results, while section 6 concludes.

## **2. The patterns of international service trade**

There are two important characteristics of services that clearly distinguish trade in services from trade in goods. First, production and consumption of a service must appear simultaneously. Communication services are good examples here. Once you call someone on the phone, the telephone company must instantaneously respond by producing the requested line connection. One may claim that such services are non-

storable. However, a considerable amount of services, like R&D, business consulting, literature, film and video services are easily stored and do not demand the outlined production-consumption simultaneity. Hence, the simultaneity condition is not a necessary condition for an activity to be characterized as a service. Second, services have an intangible or non-material nature. That is, services cannot be measured in traditional volume or metric terms. In his seminal paper «On goods and services», Hill (1977) defined services as the transformation of already existing goods and consumers. Here, the production of a movie may serve as a good example. In physical terms, a movie is only a transformation of an existing, yet empty roll of film. Also, health services clearly contribute to transform a consumer (patient) by improving her health condition.

Both the simultaneity condition and the intangible nature of services often require that suppliers and consumers are physically located at the same place. This is especially so if the provision of a service rests on the participation of both producers and consumers, as is the case in education, most kinds of personnel transportation, hair dressing, restaurant services, retail trade, etc. Furthermore, due to the intangible nature, the simultaneity condition and the question of geographic proximity, services are easily differentiable. The same service provided in Oslo and Tokyo is still different due to location. Moreover, even taxi services provided along the same route may differ dramatically due to the way it is driven, the way the driver acts and the quality of the car. Hence, there is a strong element of product heterogeneity in the supply of services.

According to Tirole (1988), the quality or properties of a good cannot always be identified before it is purchased or consumed. Tirole labels such goods as *experience goods* (quality can only be ascertained after consumption) or *credence goods* (it is not possible to identify the level of quality). Apparently, most services are experience goods, both because production and consumption is performed simultaneously and because services often are highly differentiated. Consequently, consumers face a problem of asymmetric information and become the uninformed principal in a *moral hazard* situation. In such situation, the service supplier has less incentive to provide a high quality product. However, if the supplier operates in a market where *repeated* purchases are common, the consumer can monitor the service quality over time.

Alternatively, to avoid some of the information disadvantages, consumers can cooperate by generating systems of *reputation* regarding service providers. Hence, reputation becomes one of the most important factors of competition in the service segment. As Sapir (1991) points out, service producers often become multinational to be able to follow consumers wherever they have a reputation advantage.

The WTO/GATS classification of service trade modes has now become the ruling approach to the analysis of international service trade. Four possible modes are identified:

**Mode 1:** Cross-border supply of services. Buyer and seller are separated geographically. Transportation of the service occurs through an electronic network, for example via phone or email, or, if the service can be embodied in a physical good, via traditional means of transportation.

**Mode 2:** Consumers travelling abroad. Here, international tourism and education services may serve as good examples.

**Mode 3:** Firms establish a foreign affiliate. This is the traditional way of supplying business consulting services and financial services. Such trade requires some form of foreign direct investment (FDI).

**Mode 4:** The presence of natural persons. In other words, producers travel abroad to provide the service.

According to Karsenty (2000), mode 1 and mode 3 trade dominate the pattern of international service trade, where each category represents approximately 40% of total service trade (see Table 1). Mode 4 trade plays a marginal role and according to the schedules of the GATS, it is also here we find the strongest barriers to trade.

**Table 1: International trade in services by GATS mode classification: 1997**

Mode	bnUSD	%
Mode 1	890	41.0%
Mode 2	430	19.8%
Mode 3	820	37.8%
Mode 4	30	1.4%
Total	2170	100%

Source: Karsenty (2000)

In Figure 1, we plot the service share of GDP and the share of service exports in total exports for the OECD countries over the period 1974 to 2000. The share of services in GDP has increased steadily over the whole period and now represents 2/3 of all economic activity in the OECD area. For the world as a whole, the World Bank (2001) estimates that service industries contribute to 60 per cent of world GDP. The share of services in total OECD export rose from 17% in 1974 to 26% in 2001. Similarly.

**Insert Figure 1 here**

It is important to recognize that these figures miss a crucial element of overall service trade, since they only to a limited extent include mode 3 trade through foreign affiliate sales. Thus, there is reason to claim that that the share of services in total exports is considerably higher than what is reported in the official statistics. One way to approach this deficiency is to use FDI as a proxy for foreign affiliate sales. There have been several studies measuring the aggregate relationship between FDI stocks and affiliate sales. UNCTAD (1996) estimates that a \$1 FDI stock produced \$3 in goods and services in 1993. Petri (97) finds that \$1 FDI stock invested in the service sector generates \$1 in service production. USITC (95), which has the most extensive database on US affiliate sales, finds that, on aggregate, \$1 FDI stock in the US service sector generated \$0.6 in sales in the US domestic service market in 1992, however, their numbers vary considerably when examining the relationship sector by sector. Figure 2 shows the evolution of the ratio of FDI outflows to exports from 1980 to 1994. Except for a minor decline in 1992, FDI outflows have increased relative to trade in the whole period. A large share of these FDI flows are related to service trade. The service share in outward FDI stocks for OECD countries in 1999 was 59.6 % (OECD International Direct Investment Statistics Yearbook). This indicates that mode 3 trade plays a central role in the overall trade in services and that its role is becoming ever more important.

**Insert figure 2 here.**

International statistics clearly show that the relative size of the service sector in a country is strongly linked to its GDP per capita. Richer countries both have a larger service sector and a higher share of services in overall exports. This pattern is illustrated in Figure 3 and is well documented in the earlier literature. The patterns described in Figure 4 are more surprising. Here, we regress the share of services in overall imports on services as percent of GDP. The significant negative relationship illustrates that richer countries have a competitive advantage in service production and trade, i.e. they export more and import less. This could be a direct consequence of the fact that these countries have a larger and more developed service sector, providing services of higher quality.

**Insert Figures 3 and 4 here.**

### **3. The gravity model and its relevance for service trade**

The gravity equation first appeared in the empirical literature with the contributions of Tinbergen (1962) and Pöyhönen (1963). The standard model is usually specified as follows:

$$T_{ij} = D_{ij}^{\beta_1} Y_i^{\beta_2} Y_j^{\beta_3} E_{ij},$$

where  $T_{ij}$  is trade between country  $i$  to  $j$ ,  $Y_i$  is GDP in country  $i$ ,  $D_{ij}$  represents distance between the two countries and  $E_{ij}$  is a regular error term. Distance is usually interpreted as a proxy for transaction costs. Estimated on a log linear form, the model often displays an extremely good fit, with a  $R^2$  often exceeding 0.80. The income elasticities are usually found to be in the area around one, while the distance elasticity is found to be somewhere between  $-0.9$  and  $-1.5$ , see e.g. Frankel, 1991 and Learner 1993.

The gravity model for international trade has long been criticized for not having a clear theoretical basis. Although the model first appeared as a pure empirical relationship, several theoretical explanations have later appeared in the literature. Helpman (1987) used the good fit from gravity models as an argument supporting the new trade theory. Deardorff (1995) showed that the model is consistent with standard Heckscher-Ohlin-Samuelson (HOS) theory. Moreover, Anderson (1979) developed a general equilibrium model, assuming differentiated products and CES preferences,

where a reduced-form gravity relationship appears. Thus, economic theory can justify the gravity model from a multitude of economic perspectives.

On the other hand, there have been no formal attempts to provide a theory that justify the use of gravity models to predict FDI. Markusen & Venables (1998) however, have constructed a theory explaining national and foreign affiliate activity as a function of country income and transport costs. Some of their results are in line with the predictions of the gravity model. For example, the theory predicts that affiliate sales increase with income in both the foreign and domestic market, which is also a feature of the gravity model. Furthermore, the model only considers horizontal FDI. This feature of the model makes it appealing in relationship to service trade: Vertical FDI is probably not important in the service segment. In later papers (Carr, Markusen and Maskus, 2001, Blonigen, 2002), the theories of horizontal and vertical FDI and the knowledge-capital theory are tested empirically, trying to assess which regime is consistent with data, and their results give strong support for the horizontal model.

As discussed above, international service trade has some unique properties that make the gravity modeling appealing. First, the importance of physical proximity between producer and consumer should give the distance effect a strong boost. Marshall (1987) examines three geographical regions in the UK and finds that 80% of services purchased by a local manufacturer are supplied by a firm located in the same region.

Second, service products are often differentiated by quality and location, which may give rise to monopolistic competition. In a Helpman-Krugman-style “new trade theory”-model (NTT), these attributes are the driving force behind intra-industry trade. In the gravity model trade is maximized when  $Y_i = Y_j$  which is highly consistent with the predictions of the NTT-model. Helpman (1987) constructed an econometric specification of the NTT model, quite similar to a gravity specification. His results gave positive but weak support for the NTT model. Notice however, that other models such as a HOS-style model or any model with an “Armington” demand side is compatible with the fact that large income differences produce low trade (Leamer and Levinsohn, 1995).

Third, we know that the market for services is often characterized by asymmetric information where reputation and signaling e.g. through marketing play a central role. Melchior (2002) has expanded the traditional intra industry trade model to include a mechanism which links market investments (advertising, etc) to trade. The author assumes that each firm can invest in endogenous sunk costs that will increase demand for their product. The model predicts that firms will be more export-oriented if their market investments are not very efficient (does not increase demand much) and if trade costs are low. If investments are efficient, the presence of transport costs will increase the total payoff to local investments relative to foreign investments and trade will decline. In other words, firms become more home market oriented when the efficiency of the sunk costs increase. How does this result affect the gravity model? If trade costs increase with distance, the elasticity of exports with respect to distance is higher in sectors in which fixed market investments are important, such as service sectors.

#### *Some earlier work*

Previous empirical studies have estimated the effects of liberalization on cross-border trade within a gravity equation framework, often with highly successful results, see for example Leamer and Levinsohn (1995).

At present, there have not been any previous attempts to use the gravity framework to estimate the determinants of service trade, measuring both cross-border trade (mode 1) and commercial presence (mode 3). However, there exist studies that examine total trade and FDI within a gravity framework. Brenton, Di Mauro and Lücke (1998) assess the impact on bilateral trade and FDI of the deepening integration between the EU and the CEECs. They apply a gravity model where also population size, income growth and policy are included. Using a fixed effects specification, they find that income growth and business-friendly government policies are key determinants of both FDI and trade. However, they do not find evidence supporting the hypothesis that the CEECs may increase their trade volume by further integration with the EU. Di Mauro (2000) contains an econometric study where she attempts to identify the impact of economic integration on FDI and trade. This is a fixed effects model that requires that the country specific GDP variables are substituted by a variable describing the degree of similarity between pairs of countries and a variable

representing the sum of GDP for the two countries. The paper shows that FDI is mainly horizontal in nature, in the sense that MNEs are motivated by the size and income similarity of the foreign market and not differences in factor endowments. Moreover, tariffs have no significant impact on FDI, which implies that tariff-jumping is not a motivation for MNEs. However, non-tariff barriers do have a negative and significant impact on FDI. Finally, distance has a significantly negative effect, both on exports and outgoing FDI stocks.

## 4. Data and model specification

### 4.1. The OECD service trade model

A main problem affecting all econometric research in the field of service trade is the lack of relevant data. However, the surge of increased interest in service trade in recent years has improved the conditions and our study takes advantage of newly available data on service trade flows as well as relevant statistics on barriers to such trade. We estimate the following baseline gravity equations:

$$(1) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} t_{ij} \\ fdi_{ij} \end{array} \right\} = \alpha + \beta_1 d_{ij} + \beta_2 y_i + \beta_3 y_j + \beta_4 cpi_j + \beta_5 FTA_{ij} + \beta_6 tri_j + \varepsilon_{ij}$$

where we use lower case letters since all variables are expressed in logs. The variables  $t_{ij}$  and  $fdi_{ij}$  represent bilateral service exports and outgoing FDI stocks from country  $i$  to country  $j$  in 1999 respectively. Data on bilateral service exports is taken from the recently published OECD statistics on international trade in services, OECD (2002), which covers service exports from 22 OECD countries to their trading partners (including non-OECD countries).<sup>2</sup> Data on bilateral outward FDI stocks are taken from the OECD International Direct Investment Statistics Yearbook (2002), covering approximately the same countries. Both variables constitute what is regarded as service trade by the WTO. Principally, it should be sufficient to only study the trade variable, however, as argued above there is reason to expect that the statistics on trade in services collected by the OECD severely underestimates actual service trade since trade sorting under mode 3 tends to fall out of the data. Since such trade is strongly

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<sup>2</sup> The data sources are described in detail in the appendix (A.2).

linked to the volume of FDI, we run separate regressions using outward FDI stocks. One may claim that we conduct separate regressions for mode 1 and 2 trade ( $t_{ij}$ ) and mode 3 trade ( $fdi_{ij}$ ). However, this is not completely correct since the two specifications may capture some activity that sorts under other modes. Nevertheless, the correspondence is rather clear.

The OECD database on FDI stocks does not include bilateral data on service FDI. Hence we are forced to assume that the ratio of service FDI inflows to total FDI inflows to a particular host country is identical with respect to every parent country. To give an example we assume that if 20% of incoming FDI to the US is service related, than 20% of FDI from Norway to the US is service related. This assumption is of course a rather crude approximation – obviously the service share might vary considerably between a particular host and its' trading partners. Nevertheless, in the absence of bilateral multi-sector FDI data, this approach is the best available.

The left hand side variables in (1) are as follows:  $d_{ij}$  represents the geographical distance between the capital of the exporting and the importing country,  $y_i$  is GDP in country  $i$  in 1999,  $cpi_j$  is a measure of the level of corruption in country  $j$ , based on the index developed by Transparency International<sup>3</sup>.  $FTA_{ij}$  is a dummy variable taking 1 if the two countries  $i$  and  $j$  are linked through a regional free trade agreement. The variable  $tri_j$  is a measure of the barriers to service trade in country  $j$ .

### ***More on the Trade Restrictiveness Index***

Our data on barriers to service trade cover all forms of service trade (i.e. mode 1 to mode 4 trade) and is taken from the Trade Restrictiveness Index (TRI) database, developed by the Australian Productivity Commission in cooperation with the Australian National University<sup>4</sup>. The database was originally developed by McGuire and Schuele (2000) for banking services and then applied by Kalirajan (2000), McGuire et al.(2000) and Nguyen-Hong (2000) for other service sectors. Presently, the index covers the following sectors: Banking, telecom, maritime services, distribution (wholesale and retail), education and professional services (engineering, architectural and legal). The TRI is a pseudo-frequency ratio, which measures market

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<sup>3</sup> For more information on this index, see [www.transparency.org](http://www.transparency.org)

<sup>4</sup> For more information on the TRI index, see <http://www.pc.gov.au> and Findlay and Warren (2001).

regulations (market access both for domestic and foreign firms, in what is labeled the ‘domestic index’) and protection (exemptions from national treatment, in what is labeled the ‘foreign index’) for a wide variety of services and countries. The index contains separate measures for NTBs affecting ongoing operations and NTBs affecting new establishment of activity. The data is gathered from several different sources, not just the GATS schedules. Information is taken from APEC, WTO, ITU, OECD, Tradeport and USTR (Dee, 2001). A TRI listing is constructed as follows: First, all NTBs affecting a particular sector are counted, then, the different impediments are assigned weights according to the researchers’ assessment of the economic impact of the particular NTB.

There are several features and limitations of the index that are worth noting: First, the TRI is a pseudo-frequency measure, not a tariff equivalent. This means that the index does not provide information about likely impacts on prices, costs or rates of return in the economy. In principle, computable general equilibrium (CGE) models will benefit from using a tariff equivalent, first pioneered by Hockman’s “guessimate” (Hockman, 1995), instead of a frequency index. However, tariff equivalents are difficult to obtain for service trade, since there is a vast amount of NTBs for every country and each of them affects the economy differently for each sector.

Second, the TRI does not measure anti-competitive practices (establishment barriers), like price-fixing, market-sharing arrangements and cartels. These barriers may vary from country to country, for example, a natural monopoly in Norway might not appear in the US, due to market size, variable fixed costs, etc. Fink, Matoo and Neago (2002) argue that private anti-competitive practices in the maritime industry have a stronger influence on prices than public restrictions. These results suggest that the TRI might exclude some important aspects of impediments to trade. As noted by Nguyen-Hong (2000), a higher score may simply reflect a greater availability of information, rather than a more restrictive regime. This bias may arise when countries do not report all restrictions to relevant institutions. For example, in the GATS, areas and sectors that are left out of the schedules might have severe NTBs associated with them.

Third, the indices have only been computed for six industries, which represent approximately 35 per cent of the 155 sectors covered by Hockman (1995). This is an

important limitation, since our econometric specification examines the effects of *tri* on total service trade, not sector specific trade. In econometric terms, this means that our results might suffer from an omitted variable bias. However, compared to the Hockman index which is only based on the GATS schedules, the TRI index is much richer and more detailed, based on a large variety of data sources.

Fourth, we calculate the mean TRI for all countries, giving each industry for which a TRI is available equal weight. Obviously, this might generate biased results. For instance, if Austria predominantly imports telecom services, an extraordinarily high maritime-TRI should not affect trade to a great extent. Ideally, one should weight each sector specific TRI with an index reflecting the economic importance of imports for that particular sector, for example, by giving Austria's telecom TRI a higher weight than the maritime TRI. Our rationale for choosing the average-TRI approach is first of all that the sectors covered by the TRI are limited, and second, that the sector specific TRIs are highly correlated, i.e. a high telecom TRI is usually accompanied by a high maritime TRI. This means that the average TRI, to a certain extent, captures the general degree of protection in a country.

### ***Alternative model specifications***

The simple gravity model outlined in (1) may suffer from omitted variable bias because unobservable or unknown country specific effects are left out of the equation. To deal with this problem, we construct an exporting country fixed-effects model. However it is not possible to simply apply such a fixed effects regression to model (1), since the income variables  $y_i$  and  $y_j$  are perfectly collinear with the fixed effects. We deal with this problem by following Egger (2000) and Di Mauro (2000) who construct the alternative models:

$$(2) \left. \begin{matrix} t_{ij} \\ fdi_{ij} \end{matrix} \right\} = \alpha + v_i + \beta_1 d_{ij} + \beta_2 (tgdpi_{ij}) + \beta_3 (sim_{ij}) + \beta_4 cpi_j + \beta_5 FTA_{ij} + \beta_6 \overline{tri}_j + \varepsilon_{ij}$$

$$\text{where } tgdpi_{ij} = \ln(Y_i + Y_j) \quad \text{and} \quad sim_{ij} = \ln \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{Y_i}{Y_i + Y_j} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{Y_j}{Y_i + Y_j} \right)^2 \right]$$

The variable  $sim_{ij}$  is bounded between 0 (absolute divergence in size) and 0.5 (equal country size). Note that we are not able to include an importing country fixed effect

$v_j$ , since this variable is collinear with  $\overline{tri_j}$ . We expect that income in both countries have the same impact on trade as in (1), i.e. economy size increases trade and trade is maximized when countries have similar income levels.

A closer look at our data reveals that a protectionist regime in the exporting country seems to reduce exports considerably. Why is this so? A possible explanation is that a protectionist regime might reduce service exports due to a third variable. For example, we know that high barriers to imports are correlated with a lower level of skilled employment and GDP per capita (Holmes and Hardin, 2000), which again is detrimental to service exports as discussed in section 2. In this context we are confronted with a spurious relationship between a country's TRI and exports. An alternative explanation is that a low exporting country TRI is associated with both higher exports and imports. We know that many small open economies (for example Norway) have lower domestic barriers to trade. The reason for this can be twofold: First, such countries might have a better understanding of the gains from trade. Second, in the process of bilateral or multilateral liberalization, countries are often forced to "give something to get something", i.e. lowering domestic barriers to acquire access to important foreign markets. This problem justifies an additional model specification (model 3) where we substitute  $tri_j$  with the sum of trade restrictions in the exporting and importing country ( $tri_i + tri_j$ ).<sup>5</sup>

One should expect that corruption in the importing country is detrimental to imports since it increases trading costs and complicates the distribution and sales of services. However, exporters that are accustomed to highly corrupt conditions at home should be less bothered by corruption among its trading partners. Thus, in model 4 we test a specification where we substitute the  $cpi$  index in (2) with the difference in CPI between the exporting and the importing country.

Finally, since there is a strong relationship between the share of services in total exports and the relative size of the service sector in the exporting country, one could claim that our models are miss-specified and that one should rather use service GDP

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<sup>5</sup> Notice that it is not possible to include a separate variable for exporting country  $tri$  in the fixed effects model since this will produce perfect colinearity.

instead of total GDP in the gravity equations.<sup>6</sup> This specification error may contribute to overestimate trade for low-income countries and underestimating trade for high-income countries. To avoid this problem we substitute the GDP related variables in (2) with variables based on service sector value added in model 5.

#### 4.2. The sector specific model

As opposed to the OECD statistics on service trade, Norwegian data on service trade mapping sector specific bilateral trade flows is now available. Statistics Norway (2002) has now started to collect such data on an annual basis, where exports and imports of 18 service categories are registered. Out of the 18 service categories, 9 correspond directly with the sector specific trade restrictiveness indexes discussed above. Hence, the data set allows us to model sector specific effects of barriers to service trade on a bilateral level. The baseline model takes the following form:

$$(3) \quad t_{js} = \alpha + \kappa_s + \beta_1 d_j + \beta_2 y_j + \beta_3 cpi_j + \beta_4 tri_{js} + \varepsilon_{js}$$

where,  $t_{js}$  is registered service exports of service category  $s$  from Norway to country  $j$ ,  $\kappa_s$  represent sector specific fixed effects,  $d_j$  is the distance from Norway to the importing country, while the remaining variables are as described above. Observations on trade and GDP are based on data from 2000. The trade data used in this exercise contains several observations where there are no exports. This is important information since it may tell us something about the necessary conditions for observing exports. In other words, if we disregard the existence of zero-observations, the econometric model may suffer from selection bias. Earlier contributions to the modeling of gravity equations rarely deal with this problem, however, as we shall see, selection bias problems are strongly present when we study the patterns of service trade. To deal with this problem, we apply a two-stage Heckman model where the probability of observing export of a service category to a specific country is estimated in the first stage using a Probit model. In the second

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<sup>6</sup> A simple example illustrates this specification error: If the “true” gravity relationship is  $t_{ij} = \beta_1 y_i^s + \beta_2 y_j^s$  (excluding distance, etc for simplicity), where  $y_k^s$  is service GDP for country  $k$ , and the share of service GDP to total GDP is related as follows:  $y_i^s / y_i = \alpha y_i$ , then estimation of  $t_{ij} = \beta_1 y_i + \beta_2 y_j$  is incorrect. The valid regression is  $t_{ij} = \beta_1 \alpha y_i^2 + \beta_2 \alpha y_j^2$ .

stage, we include the selection information from stage 1, by including the inverse Mill ratio as a so-called lambda parameter in the regression described above.

## **5. Econometric results**

### **5.1. Results based on the OECD service trade models**

Tables 2 and 3 report summary statistics and cross correlations for the variables that enter the OECD service trade models, respectively. Summary statistics are reported in two separate tables since the export sample differs from the FDI sample in our regressions. All economic variables are measured in bnUSD. The TRI indexes are bound between 0 and 1 with 1 representing prohibitive barriers. The corruption index varies between 0 and 10 where 10 represents the least possible corrupt regime. The cross correlation matrix displays only a few highly correlated variables. GDP and service GDP are strongly correlated, which gives reason to expect that models based on the two variables should provide similar results. FDI and exports are highly correlated (0.83) but this represents no significant problem since the variables are estimated in separate regressions. There is also a significant correlation between TRI and CPI (-0.62), indicating that we may have some multicollinearity problems in our model.

#### **Insert Table 2 and 3 here**

In Tables 4 and 5, we report the results based on the 5 models representing alternative econometric specifications under the OECD service trade model. In Table 4, we focus one service exports according to the OECD service trade figures, while Table 5 reports the results from the FDI regressions. The models based on export data (Table 4) report an adjusted  $R^2$  around 0.8, while the  $R^2$  in the models based on FDI data is slightly lower, but still highly satisfactory. Reported standard errors are adjusted for heteroskedastisity according to the robust estimation procedures of STATA version 7.

#### **Insert Tables 4 and 5 here**

Model 1 is based on OLS regressions where we distinguish between parent (exporting) and host (importing) country GDP. The GDP coefficients are highly

significant and show that there is a clear home market effect in both the export and FDI regressions (i.e. the parent GDP coefficient is larger than the host country GDP coefficient). Since services are regarded as highly differentiated products, the results are consistent with the predictions made by Feenstra, Markusen and Rose (2001), where they find both theoretical and empirical evidence stating that more heterogeneous products display a stronger home market effect. As expected, the pattern is also maintained if we use service GDP instead of total GDP as the explanatory variable. In our fixed effects models, both the total GDP and the similarity variables are highly significant for exports as well as FDI.

Model 1 gives no support to the negative effect of trade barriers, as the coefficient comes out insignificant. However, the *tri* variable becomes highly significant in all export models when we estimate them using country fixed effects. On the other hand, the fixed effects models identify no negative effect of *tri* on service FDI, whether measured in terms of host country *tri* (Model 2) or the *tri* difference (Model 3). This may indicate that impediments to service trade do not bite as hard on trade mediated through foreign affiliates as compared to trade mediated through other channels. This is an interesting observation since our trade barrier data explicitly takes into account obstacles to service FDI.

The elasticity of service exports with respect to corruption (*cpi*) is strongly significant for all model versions, and carries the expected sign. When it comes to FDI however, the picture is less stable. The OLS regression fails to provide significant results and the *cpi* coefficient in the fixed effects model is sensitive to whether GDP is measured in terms of total GDP or service GDP. Hence, there our analysis gives no clear conclusions as to whether corruption in the host country discourages service trade through foreign affiliate sales. This indeterminate result is however, consistent with the theoretical prediction in a recent paper on FDI and endogenous bribes by Field, Sosa and Wu (2003).

Somewhat surprisingly, a common membership in a regional free trade area has no significant impact on service exports, nor FDI. This may reflect the fact that many of the free trade agreements fail to include services. Furthermore, those free trade areas

that have liberalized service trade, still struggle with strong impediments to service trade through national regulations etc.

Finally, the elasticities of service exports and FDI with respect to distance are highly significant. Although there are theoretical arguments supporting both a positive and a negative effect of distance on FDI and foreign affiliate sales, earlier evidence shows that distance and trade barriers have a negative, but less dampening effect on FDI than trade (Brainard (97), Eaton & Tamura (96)). These results have an intuitive explanation. Although multinational firms do not have positive variable transport costs, distance may play a key role because it is correlated with the costs of moving personnel to the host country, communication costs, cultural differences, etc. We are also interested in the absolute value of the distance elasticity. According to the endogenous sunk cost model by Melchior (2002) one should expect that distance is more detrimental to service trade than trade in goods (see section 2 for more on this). Compared to the results of Di Mauro (2000), the size of our elasticities is significantly larger. However, Di Mauro operates with a slightly different econometric specification and simple comparison of the estimated coefficients may yield incorrect conclusions.

## 5.2 Full service trade liberalization and predicted trade flows

Given that the TRI in fact captures all barriers to trade, we are now able to predict world service trade and FDI under a fully liberalized regime. We proceed as follows: Least squares estimation of model (II) allows us to calculate

$$(6) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \hat{t}_{ij} \\ \hat{fdi}_{ij} \end{array} \right\} = \alpha + \hat{\nu}_i + \hat{\beta}_1 d_{ij} + \hat{\beta}_2 (tgdp_{ij}) + \hat{\beta}_3 (sim_{ij}) + \hat{\beta}_5 tri_j + \hat{\beta}_6 cpi_j + \hat{\beta}_7 fta_{ij}$$

which is the predicted value of service exports and FDI from country  $i$  to  $j$ , and

$$(7) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \hat{t}_{ij}^{FT} \\ \hat{fdi}_{ij}^{FT} \end{array} \right\} = \alpha + \hat{\nu}_i + \hat{\beta}_1 d_{ij} + \hat{\beta}_2 (tgdp_{ij}) + \hat{\beta}_3 (sim_{ij}) + \hat{\beta}_5 tri_{FT} + \hat{\beta}_6 cpi_j + \hat{\beta}_7 fta_{ij}$$

which predicts trade when barriers to trade are low (FT = free trade). Here, we define free trade as a TRI value lower than  $\min(TRI)$ , implying  $TRI_{FT} = 0.1$ . Predicted total service exports and FDI from country  $i$  under the existing regime in 1999 is thus

$\hat{t}_i = \sum_j \hat{t}_{ij}$  and  $f\hat{d}i_i = \sum_j f\hat{d}i_{ij}$ , from (6), while free-trade regime trade yields  $\hat{t}_i^{FT} = \sum_j \hat{t}_{ij}^{FT}$  and  $f\hat{d}i_i^{FT} = \sum_j f\hat{d}i_{ij}^{FT}$ , from (7). These aggregate variables enable us to

examine the change in trade patterns before and after the service barriers are reduced. Figures 5 and 6 display the percentage change in predicted service exports and FDI if trade is fully liberalized. Notice that we take into account the exporting country fixed effects in (6) and (7) in order to adjust for unobserved variation in the sample.

### **Insert Figures 5 and 6 here**

The main message based on this exercise is that all countries increase their service exports and FDI considerably in response to service trade liberalization. It is also important to notice that the effect on patterns of trade is rather similar for all countries. Japan, Korea, The UK and Germany are the countries with the largest increase in exports, while Belgium, Norway, Sweden and Denmark face a more moderate increase. However, the strongest increase is less than 50% while the smallest increase is almost 35%. So the differences are small. The patterns for service FDI is rather similar to those found in the service exports exercise. Yet, Austria, Netherlands and Finland now climb up as winners from trade liberalization while the countries in the lower range are pretty much the same.

### **5.3. Are service exports and foreign affiliate sales complements or substitutes?**

Since the late 60s, the issue of whether trade and foreign direct investment are complements or substitutes has received much attention. Early studies of this kind are Reddaway et al. (1967) and Hufbauer & Adler (1968). They found that outward FDI stimulates exports (mostly capital and intermediate goods), without stimulating imports in an equal magnitude. Lipsey and Weiss (1981) used data of US outward FDI and exports, and their results also suggested that the relationship was complementary, even after controlling for firm size, expenditures on R&D, marketing, etc. Fontagné (1999) found that outward FDI stimulates growth of exports from the same country and that each dollar of outward FDI produces about two dollars' worth of increased exports.

However, a complementary relationship at the macro level does not necessarily imply complementarity at the firm-, sector- or product-level. Blonigen (2001) examined

product-level data for different Japanese automobile parts, and he found evidence for both a substitution and a complementarity effect between exports and affiliate sales for the US market.

Estimating the relationship between service exports and FDI in a regression a la  $fdi_{ij} = \alpha + \beta(trade_{ij}) + \varepsilon_{ij}$  is not very useful, because both FDI and trade might respond to a common element, for example income, thereby generating spurious correlations. We will follow the approach of Graham (1996). We assume that the gravity equations from model (2) remove all factors that might simultaneously determine exports and FDI, and we then examine the relationship between these variables with the source of the simultaneity bias removed. The model is

$$(i) \hat{v}_{ij} = \alpha + \beta \hat{u}_{ij}$$

where  $\hat{v}_{ij}$  and  $\hat{u}_{ij}$  represent the residuals from least squares regression of model (1) when the dependent variable is FDI and exports, respectively. A positive  $\hat{\beta}$  will then signify that unexplained variation in FDI is accompanied by unexplained variation in exports (in the same direction). In other words, that FDI and exports are complements. Note that this procedure crucially rests on the assumption that the gravity equation from model (2) actually removed all causal elements from the dependent variables – that the gravity equation is a “true” representation of reality, which is obviously a crude approximation. Hence, we interpret our results with caution.

**Insert Table 6 here**

Ordinary least squares on (i) yields results reported in the first column in Table 6.  $\hat{\beta}$  is positive and highly significant, suggesting that the relationship is complementary – if exports from country  $i$  to  $j$  are 1 unit above “normal” (above the predicted value), then FDI outstocks are 0.70 units above normal.

#### **5.4. Results based on the sector specific models**

Results based on the sector specific model are reported in Tables 7 and 8. In table 7, we report estimated coefficients without considering selection bias. Model 6a reports

OLS regressions without the TRI variable. Model 6b is a sector fixed effects model of the same sort. In model 6c and 6d, we only include the sectors where we have information on the sector specific TRIs. Consequently, the number of observations is cut from 346 to 152.

### **Insert Tables 7 and 8 here**

First of all, the estimates show that the model without sector fixed effects (6c) gives support to the importance of trade barriers. However, when we allow for fixed effects, the significance of the *tri* variable is removed, implying that sector characteristics may explain much of the claimed effect of trade barriers. Second, the elasticity of service exports with respect to distance and host country GDP is more than doubled when we take selection bias into consideration. This may indicate that previous estimates of these elasticities have been biased downwards. Finally, the selection bias model in 7b once again confirms that the trade barriers variable is not a significant factor in explaining Norwegian service exports.

## **6. Conclusions**

In this work we have examined aggregate service trade flows, studying both service supply through commercial presence and cross-border supply within the gravity framework. First, distance has a considerable negative impact on mode-1 and mode-3 supply from the parent country. Compared with Di Mauro's study (2000) of total trade - not just services - distance has a greater impact on service trade, which was predicted in our theoretical discussion. Income has significant positive effects and parent country GDP produces more exports than host country GDP. In other words, we observe a strong home market effect, which is in concordance with recent theory. Second, in the fixed-effects model specifications we observe that similar income levels have a much stronger impact on affiliate sales than exports, which suggest that a "Markusen-effect" is at play – the ratio of affiliate sales to exports is increasing when countries converge in income. The impact on exports is also positive, but less so, indicating that a Helpman-Krugman intra-industry trade "size effect" may be at work. Third, contrary to the predictions of the horizontal Markusen model, we find that aggregate exports and FDI from the same parent country are complements. This

result does not seem to crucially depend on the exact specification of the gravity model – alternative specifications (OLS and fixed effects) yield the same result. Nevertheless, we interpret this result with caution – if we have left out important variables which affect both export and FDI, we could get spurious results.

Fourth, barriers to trade are detrimental for aggregate cross-border service trade, but not for trade through FDI. Our analysis of Norwegian sector-specific panel data suggests that the issue is further complicated on a more disaggregated level, where sector-specific barriers are not significantly hampering trade in the fixed-effects model.

The service sector is interesting in many respects: Through technological progress, service production is becoming the most important economic activity in terms of volume and size, and international service trade seems to follow the same pattern. Also, service consumption and production have some unique characteristics compared to manufactured goods exchange, amplifying the need for separate studies covering this industry. However, the economic analysis in this field is still sparse, and the need for further theoretical and econometric studies is therefore greater than ever. We hope that this work has shed light on some important issues, and that it will contribute to inspire future research.

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## A.1. Tables and figures

### Table 2 : Descriptive statistics

Data from model (II), dependent variable: exports

	N	Mean	Median	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
Exports, bn USD	585	1.2	0.2	3.2	0.0	31.8
Parent GDP bn USD	585	949.6	395.4	1516.9	19.7	9228.0
Host GDP, bn USD	585	839.3	183.1	1844.5	8.7	9228.0
Parent service GDP, bn USD	543	637.8	345.4	770.9	25.2	3293.3
Host service GDP, bn USD	511	388.7	152.1	699.2	5.5	3293.3
Distance, miles	585	3818.8	3540.9	3086.9	106.0	12338.9
Parent TRI	585	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.5
Host TRI	585	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.8
CPI	585	6.1	6.0	2.5	1.6	10.0
FTA	585	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.0

### Descriptive statistics:

Data from model (II), dependent variable: FDI outstocks

	N	Mean	Median	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
FDI outstock, bn USD	660	3.3	0.3	12.9	0.0	156.2
Parent GDP bn USD	660	1189.5	259.8	2309.2	8.7	9228.0
Host GDP, bn USD	660	748.0	175.9	1667.7	8.7	9228.0
Parent service GDP, bn USD	572	459.8	184.9	528.1	5.5	1810.8
Host service GDP, bn USD	586	370.4	152.1	638.1	5.5	3293.3
Distance, miles	660	3701.6	3546.9	2954.8	148.6	12164.9
Parent TRI	660	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.7
Host TRI	660	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.9
CPI	660	6.1	6.6	2.4	1.7	10.0
FTA	660	0.3	0	0.5	0	1

### Table 3 : Correlations

Data from model (II), dependent variable: exports

	FDI	Exports	Parent GDP	Host GDP	Parent SGDP	Host SGDP	Distance	TRI parent	TRI host	CPI
FDI	1.00	0.83	0.45	0.39	0.16	0.14	-0.07	0.00	-0.17	0.18
Exports		1.00	0.49	0.47	0.20	0.33	-0.12	-0.08	-0.19	0.18
Parent GDP			1.00	-0.01	0.99	0.06	0.04	-0.09	-0.06	-0.01
Host GDP				1.00	-0.04	0.99	0.07	-0.01	-0.16	0.12
Parent SGDP					1.00	-0.04	0.02	-0.13	0.00	0.13
Host SGDP						1.00	0.05	-0.02	-0.23	-0.03
Distance							1.00	0.09	-0.14	-0.06
TRI parent								1.00	0.02	-0.05
TRI host									1.00	-0.62
CPI										1.00

SGDP = service GDP, TRI is TRI-foreign.

Table 4:  
Regression results when dependent variable is exports

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	Model 5
Constant	-2.31 *** (0.56)	0.98 (0.70)	1.03 (0.77)	2.41 *** (0.70)	-29.05 *** (2.20)
Distance	-0.81 *** (0.06)	-0.87 *** (0.06)	-0.88 *** (0.06)	-0.88 *** (0.06)	-0.89 *** (0.06)
Host TRI	-0.22 (0.16)	-0.36 ** (0.14)		-0.47 *** (0.15)	-0.30 * (0.16)
TRI sum			-0.73 *** (0.25)		
Host CPI	0.79 *** (0.17)	0.73 *** (0.14)	0.71 *** (0.15)		
CPI diff				-0.75 *** (0.14)	-0.42 *** (0.15)
Parent GDP	1.24 *** (0.04)				
Host GDP	0.81 *** (0.04)				
Total GDP		1.61 *** (0.06)	1.61 *** (0.07)	1.62 *** (0.06)	1.57 *** (0.08)
Similarity		0.57 *** (0.06)	0.53 *** (0.06)	0.54 *** (0.06)	0.55 *** (0.07)
FTA	0.10 (0.14)	-0.07 (0.16)	-0.27 (0.17)	-0.22 (0.16)	-0.25 (0.17)
Number of obs	585	585	512	557	475
F( 5, 579)	253.17	118.27	109.76	112.77	91.24
Prob > F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
R-squared	0.78	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.84
Root MSE	1.19	1.01	1.00	1.00	0.99

Heteroskedasticity robust standard errors in parenthesis.

\* = 10% significance level \*\* = 5% significance level \*\*\* = 1 % significance level

Table 5:

## Regression results when dependent variable is FDI outstocks

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	Model 5
Constant	-4.01 *** (1.28)	1.96 * (1.16)	2.48 * (1.27)	2.88 ** (1.14)	-15.01 *** (3.62)
Distance	-0.55 *** (0.13)	-0.73 *** (0.09)	-0.76 *** (0.09)	-0.73 *** (0.09)	-0.81 *** (0.11)
Host TRI	-0.46 * (0.27)	-0.34 (0.21)		-0.34 (0.21)	-0.03 (0.25)
TRI sum			-0.99 *** (0.33)		
Host CPI	0.26 (0.25)	0.43 ** (0.19)	0.32 * (0.19)		
CPI diff				-0.43 ** (0.19)	-0.25 (0.22)
Parent GDP	1.38 *** (0.05)				
Host GDP	0.73 *** (0.07)				
Total GDP		1.38 *** (0.11)	1.35 *** (0.11)	1.38 *** (0.11)	1.03 *** (0.13)
Similarity		0.95 *** (0.13)	0.91 *** (0.12)	0.95 *** (0.13)	0.85 *** (0.14)
FTA	0.62 * (0.32)	-0.20 (0.25)	-0.30 (0.25)	-0.20 (0.25)	-0.20 (0.29)
Number of obs	660	660	660	660	506
F( 5, 579)	176.47	88.08	87.36	88.08	74.15
Prob > F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
R-squared	0.55	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.72
Root MSE	2.04	1.58	1.57	1.58	1.60

Heteroskedasticity robust standard errors in parenthesis.

\* = 10% significance level \*\* = 5% significance level \*\*\* = 1 % significance level

Table 6: OLS residual regression

Dependent variab		FDI residual
Constant	0.03 (0.07)	
Exports residual	0.70 *** (0.08)	
Number of obs	354	
F( 23, 451)	74.72	
Prob > F	0.00	
R-squared	0.18	
Root MSE	1.3291	

Heteroskedasticity robust standard errors in parenthesis.

\* = 10% significance level \*\* = 5% significance level \*\*\* = 1 % significance level

## Table 7 : Sector specific bilateral service exports

Models	6a		6b		6c		6d	
$y_j$	0.512	(0.077) ***	0.654	(0.053) ***	0.532	(0.153) ***	0.623	(0.106) ***
$d_{ij}$	-0.614	(0.130) ***	-0.839	(0.086) ***	-0.776	(0.205) ***	-0.778	(0.128) ***
$TR_{ij}$					0.723	(0.214) ***	-0.265	(0.216)
Travel			1.684	(0.342) ***				
Construction			-1.671	(0.444) ***			-1.798	(0.465) ***
Insurance			0.170	(0.360)			0.093	(0.450)
Financials			-1.710	(0.393) ***			-1.738	(0.449) ***
IT services			-1.077	(0.557) *			-1.336	(0.669) **
Royalties & licences			-1.294	(0.432) ***				
Other business			2.105	(0.349)			2.329	(0.418) ***
Personal, cultural etc.			-1.003	(0.423) **			-0.845	(0.484) *
Government			-0.227	(0.386)				
Repairs on goods			-1.696	(0.373) ***				
Harbour			-1.153	(0.352) ***			-0.989	(0.436) **
Sea transport			3.212	(0.364) ***			3.399	(0.436) ***
Air transport			-0.404	(0.502)				
Rail transport			-2.207	(0.452) ***				
Road transport			-1.798	(0.417) ***				
Pipeline transport			3.875	(0.263) ***				
Other transport			0.432	(0.376)				
Constant	-5.902	(1.870) ***	-8.034	(1.317) ***	-3.734	(3.757)	-8.095	(2.763) ***
Number of obs	346		346		152		152	
F( 2, 368)	24.15		27.32		8.33		30.47	
Prob > F	0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000	
R-squared	0.1158		0.614		0.1454		0.6582	
Root MSE	2.0545		1.392		2.1049		1.3688	

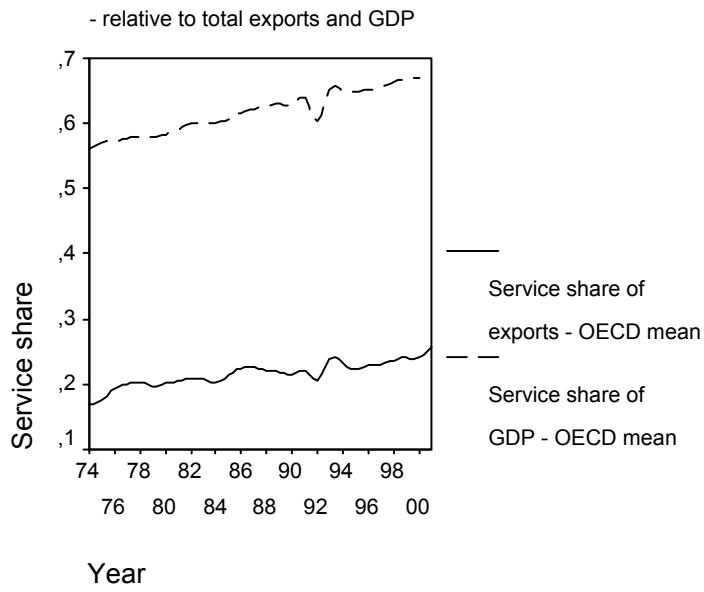
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\* = 10% significance level \*\* = 5% significance level \*\*\* = 1% significance level

Table 8 : 2 stage Heckman estimates  
Sector specific bilateral service exports

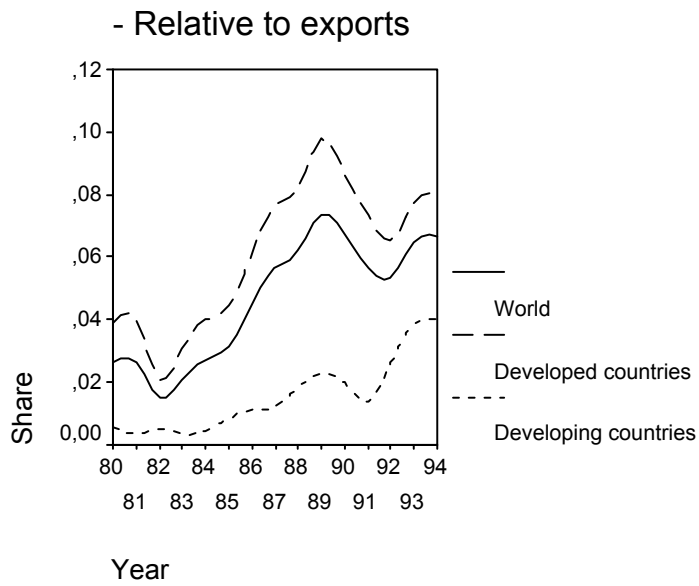
Models	7a		7b	
$y_j$	1.367	(0.304) ***	1.022	(0.312) ***
$d_j$	-1.965	(0.474) ***	-1.404	(0.474) ***
$TRIs$			-0.124	(0.235)
Travel	1.640	(0.342) ***		
Construction	-1.757	(0.465) ***	-1.879	(0.484) ***
Insurance	0.121	(0.359)	0.028	(0.455)
Financials	-1.728	(0.392) ***	-1.770	(0.441) ***
IT services	-1.123	(0.571) *	-1.357	(0.684) **
Royalties & licences	-1.322	(0.426) ***		
Other business	2.061	(0.350) ***	2.262	(0.416) ***
Personal, cultural etc.	-1.065	(0.426) **	-0.916	(0.497) *
Government	-0.244	(0.394)		
Repairs on goods	-1.777	(0.374) ***		
Harbour	-1.214	(0.348) ***	-1.070	(0.436) **
Sea transport	3.167	(0.359) ***	3.333	(0.438) ***
Air transport	-0.444	(0.507)		
Rail transport	-2.244	(0.452) ***		
Road transport	-1.818	(0.411) ***		
Constant	-21.251	(5.709) ***	-14.910	(5.808) **
Heckmans $\lambda$	5.103	(2.049) ***	2.420	(1.816)
Number of obs	346		152	
F( 18, 352)	26.63		29.68	
Prob > F	0.000		0.000	
R-squared	0.5977		0.6628	
Root MSE	1.3818		1.3644	

### Fig. 1. Service exports and GDP



Source: OECD STAN database and OECD annual national accounts

### Fig. 2. FDI outflows



Source: UNCTAD Handbook of Statistics and FDI database

Fig. 3. GDP, service value added and service exports

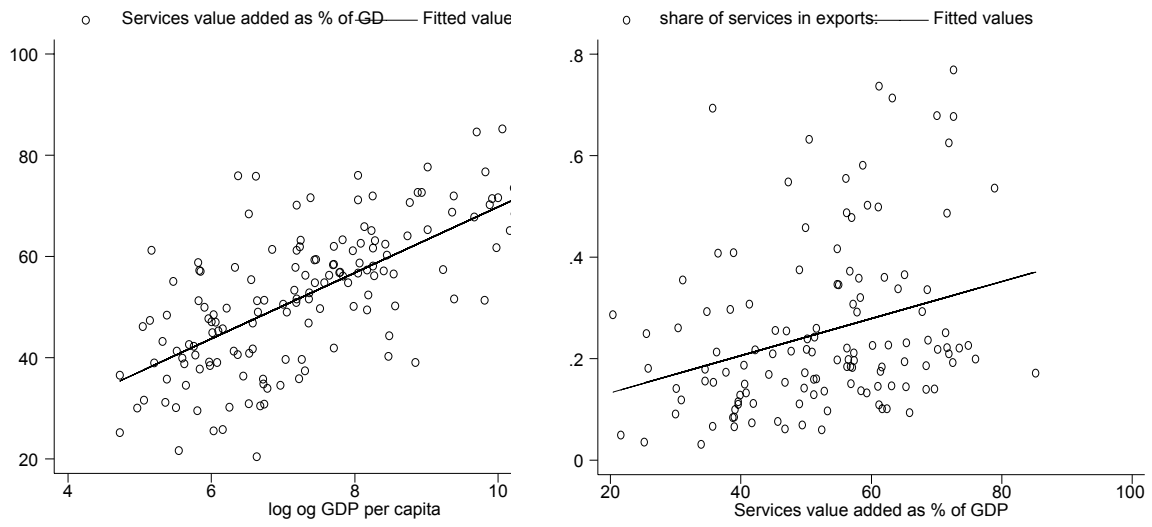


Figure 4: The service economy and imports

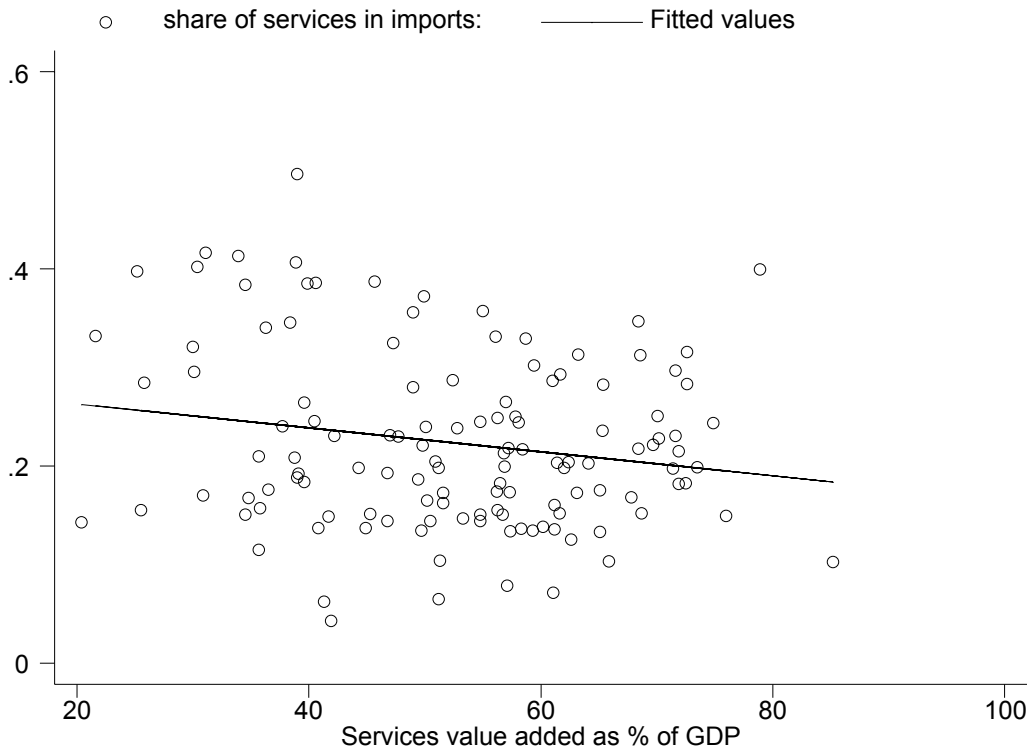
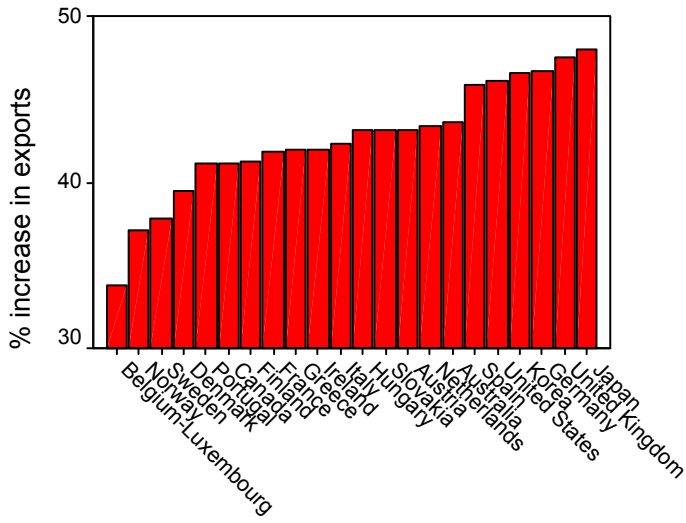


Fig. 5. Increase in exports

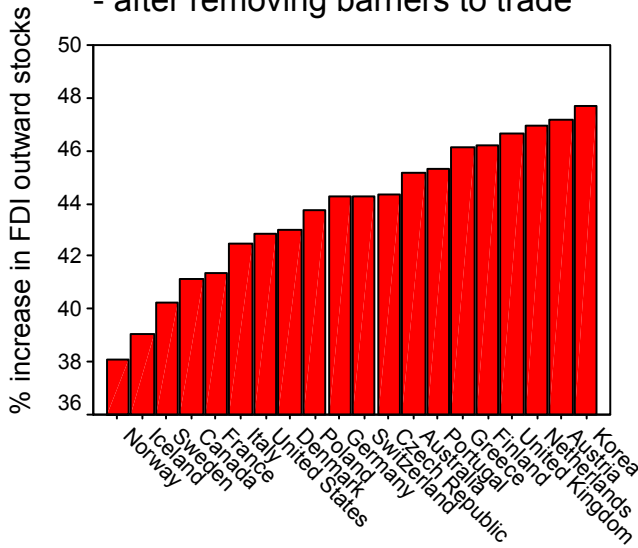
- after removing barriers to trade



Parent country

Fig. 6. Increase in FDI

- after removing barriers to trade



Parent country

## A.2. Data sources

Mode-1 service trade data is gathered from OECD's Statistics on International Trade in Services (2002), which includes multilateral imports and exports data for parent (22 OECD member countries) and host countries (55 OECD and non-OECD countries). These 22 OECD countries accounted for about 74 per cent of world service exports and 70 percent of world service imports. The data is provided for two years, 1999 and 2000, and is expressed in millions of US dollars. The full publication can be found at <http://www.oecd.org/pdf/M00032000/M00032981.pdf>.

FDI data is gathered from the OECD International Direct Investment Statistics Yearbook (2002). The database includes measures of multilateral FDI inflows, outflows, inward stock and outward stock, for 30 OECD parent countries as well as a multitude of OECD and non-OECD host countries. As described in Section 4, we have weighed these data with a calculated service share, compiled from OECD's "International direct investment by industrial sector *Vol 2001 release 02*". We have used 1999 data, expressed in millions of US dollars.

We have used 1999-GDP and the service sector's contribution to 1999-GDP data from the World Bank's World Development Indicators (WDI) database (<http://www.worldbank.org/data>). GDP figures are provided in billions current US dollars. Service GDP data is provided in billions of 1995 US dollars.

The 'trade restrictiveness index' (TRI), compiled by The Australian Productivity Commission and the Australian National University, measures the degree of impediments to trade in the following sectors: Banking, telecom, maritime services, distribution (wholesale and retail), education and professional services (engineering, architect, legal). The TRI covers all modes of supply and ranges from 0 to 1 (fully protected). The database can be found at <http://www.pc.gov.au/research/memoranda/servicesrestriction>.

The corruption perceptions index (CPI), 2002 edition, is constructed by Transparency International (<http://www.transparency.org>). The score is ranging from 0 to 10, 10 signifying a highly clean country. At present, 102 countries are covered.