

The Law and Politics of Antitrust in Open Economies

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PTA Dataset:

Antitrust/Competition Provisions in a Sample of 182 Trade Agreements, 1945-2010

The PTA Dataset consists of the main data file ([ButheBradford-NSF-AntitrustProject_PTAs-DataSet.csv](#)) and two supporting files (in addition to this README file):

[ButheBradford-NSF-AntitrustProject_PTAs_Codebook.docx](#) provides additional information about the NSF-funded research project that allowed us to code these 182 preferential trade agreements (PTAs), the coding work through which we generated the data, and the data itself. For each variable, it shows the wording of the specific question coders were asked to answer, additional coding instructions shown to coders as part of the online coding survey, and the substantive meaning of the numerical encoding of the resulting variable.

[QualtricsQuestionnaireForPTATexts1.pdf](#) is a PDF printout of the online survey that we used to encode the PTA texts (from the edit view in the survey software Qualtrics). It shows, in addition to the question and response options wording, survey-flow information such as conditional display options (which allowed us to skip questions made clearly superfluous by prior answers for a given PTA).

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