John Stuart Mill on International Trade

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Abstract

In Chapter 17 of Book 2 of his *Principles of Political Economy with Some of their Applications to Social Philosophy* (1848), John Stuart Mill neatly explains the advantages of international trade and emphasizes that "the economic advantages of commerce are surpassed in importance by those of its effect which are intellectual and moral." In this wider perspective I attempt in this paper to review or summarise J. S. Mill's arguments about international trade taking into account of what he says in relation to international trade, theory and policy, in various places of his *Principles*.