

**PAFTAD 33**  
**The 24<sup>th</sup> Pacific Economic Community Seminar**

**“The Politics and the Economics of Integration in Asia and the Pacific”**

October 6-8, 2009  
Grand Formosa Regent, Taipei

Agenda

5 October	Arrival
6 October	<p><b><i>Global Dimensions</i></b></p> <p>Registration 8.30-8.50 am</p> <p>Welcome Remarks: David Hong 8.50-8.55 am</p> <p>Opening Remarks: Hadi Soesastro 8.55-9.00 am</p> <p><b>Session 1: The political choice and the global trading system</b></p> <p>9.00-10.30 am</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">This paper will examine the political conditions that underpin the present global trading system and the political forces that have promoted the liberalisation and trade under the GATT/WTO. It will explore tensions in the system in assessing its impact on the prospects for continued trade growth in Asia and the Pacific after the style of the last 60 years.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Session Chair: David Hong</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Paperwriter: Peter Petri (Brandeis University)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Discussant: Chyuan-Jenq Shiau (Taiwan) and Wendy Dobson (Canada)</p> <p><i>Coffee Break</i> 10.30-11.00 am</p> <p><b>Session 2: The influence of economics and politics on the structure of world trade and investment flows</b></p> <p>11.00 am-12.30 pm</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">This paper will provide a statistical analysis of the influence of economic and political forces in shaping trade and investment flows and realising their potential. It will specifically focus on the structure of trade and investment flows in Asia and the Pacific and contrast it with the trade flows in other parts of the world, such as Europe.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Session Chair: Wendy Dobson</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Paperwriters: Shiro Armstrong and Peter Drysdale (Australia National University)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Discussants: Miaojie Yu (China) and Rob Scollay (New Zealand)</p> <p><i>Lunch</i> 12.30-1.30 pm</p> <p><b><i>Asia Pacific integration in practice</i></b></p> <p><b>Session 3: The architecture for integration in Asia and the Pacific: the</b></p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>economics and the politics</b></p> <p>1.30-3.00 pm</p> <p>This paper will examine the arrangements that have developed in Asia and the Pacific to promote regional economic integration and how they compare with the arrangements that there are to promote economic integration elsewhere. A key interest is in the political drivers of economic integration and their character. An important question that the paper will address is what forces are shaping the future of integration in Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>Session Chair: Hadi Soesastro</p> <p>Paperwriter: Razeem Sally (LSE)</p> <p>Discussants: Hugh Patrick (USA) and Ippei Yamazawa (Japan)</p> <p><i>Coffee Break</i> 3.00-3.30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 4: Regional trade arrangements in Asia and the Pacific: an analysis of their impact</b></p> <p>3.30-5.00 pm</p> <p>This paper will review the development of regional and bilateral trade arrangements in Asia and the Pacific. It will statistically analyse the effects of regional trade arrangements in Asia and the Pacific with a particular focus on assessing the extent to which they generate new trade or divert trade and investment flows and judging the importance of political considerations compared with economic considerations in their negotiation. It will review the analysis of ROOs and other aspects of the bilateral arrangements that are being put in place as obstacles and facilitators of broader regional integration.</p> <p>Session Chair: Narongchai Akrasanee</p> <p>Paperwriter: Shandre Thangavelu (Singapore)</p> <p>Discussants: Johnny C. Chiang (Taiwan) and Philippa Dee (Australia)</p> <p><i>Welcome Dinner</i> 6.00-8.00 pm</p>
7 October	<p><b>Session 5: Investment, production and trade networks as drivers of Asian integration</b></p> <p>9.00-10.30 am</p> <p>This paper will examine the role of foreign investment, production and trade networks as a principal driver of East Asian and Pacific integration. What policy conditions favoured the entrenchment of these systems of production and what circumstances will allow there continuing development? What influence are they having on policies towards regional cooperation and integration and how are integration policies frustrating their development?</p> <p>Session Chair: Mahani Zainal Abidin</p> <p>Paperwriters: Ralph Paprzycki (Hitotsubashi University) and Keiko Ito (Senshu University)</p>

	<p>Discussants: Juan Palacios (Mexico) and Edward Chen (Hong Kong)</p> <p><i>Coffee Break</i> 10.30-11.00 am</p> <p><b>Session 6: ASEAN integration</b> 11.00 am – 12.30 pm</p> <p>This paper will review the evolution of ASEAN and the rationale of, and progress towards an ASEAN Economic Community. It will examine the political processes and principles that have been important to critical steps in the development of ASEAN in the past and progress and difficulties in proceeding with deeper integration in Southeast Asia.</p> <p>Session Chair: Julius Caesar Parreñas Paperwriter: Helen Nasadurai (Malaysia)</p> <p>Discussant: Hadi Soesastro and Josef Yap (Philippines)</p> <p><i>Lunch</i> 12.30-1.30 pm</p> <p><b>Session 7: China-Taiwan trade in global and regional context</b> 1.30-3.30 pm</p> <p>This paper will analyse statistically the development of China-Taiwan trade since accession to the WTO. It will assess econometrically how well the trade and economic potential of the relationship has been utilised and what overall and bilateral trade and economic policy strategies might be important to the development of the relationship.</p> <p>Session Chair: Shujiro Urata Paperwriters: Xunpeng Xu (Hong Kong), Yau-Jr Liu (Taiwan)</p> <p>Discussants: Zhang Yuyan (China) and Wook Chae (Korea)</p> <p><i>Coffee Break</i> 3.30-4.00 pm</p> <p><b>Session 8: Managing Deeper Integration in Asia and the Pacific</b> 4.00-5.30 pm</p> <p>This paper will examine the challenges of deeper integration in Asia and the Pacific and strategies for institutional and regulatory reform the objective of which is to make markets in the region more contestable and competitive. The focus is on structural reform beyond-the-border and managing the domestic politics of structural reform and how regional arrangements might be directed to assisting structural reform.</p> <p>Session Chair: Hugh Patrick Paperwriter: Haryo Aswicahyono (Indonesia)</p> <p>Discussants: Mahani Zainal Abidin (Malaysia) and Thanh Vo Tri (Vietnam)</p> <p><i>International Steering Committee Dinner</i> 6.00-8.00 pm</p>
8 October	<p><b>Other Issues</b></p> <p><b>Session 9: Roundtable on the future of Asia Pacific economic integration</b> 9.00-10.30 am</p> <p>The panel will include discussion of the trade, investment and structural issues raised in the earlier sessions but will also pay particular attention</p>

to the macro and financial economic context in which these issues are set and examine trends that could derail or protect the development of regional integration, such as a significant downturn in the US and other developed countries or effective de-coupling from that.

Session Chair: Peter Drysdale

Panelists: China (Zhang Yuyan, CASS), Canada (Wendy Dobson), Park Yung-Chul (Korea), Thailand (Narongchai Akrasanee), Taiwan (David Hong), Indonesia (Hadi Soesastro), Vo Tri Thanh (Vietnam) and Chia Seow Yue (Singapore)

*Coffee Break* 10.30-11.00 am

**Discussion and Conclusion**

11.00-12.00 noon

Session Chairs: Hadi Soesastro and David Hong

*Lunch* 12.00-1.30 pm