

# ***Asian Economic Integration: Policy, Institutions and Structural Reform***

*East Asia Bureau of Economic Research (EABER) and South Asian Bureau of Economic Research (SABER) Conference: Economic Integration in South and East Asia, The Australian National University, Canberra, 11-12 February 2010*

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## **11 February 2010**

**9:30-10:00am** *Registration*

**10:00-10:15am** *Opening and Welcome*

Professor Andrew MacIntyre, Director, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

**10:15-10:30am** *Introduction and Background*

Professor Peter Drysdale, EABER, Crawford School, ANU

**10:30-12 noon** *Session 1 – Reform in India and Pakistan and the Challenges for South Asian Integration*

Chair: Professor Peter Drysdale, EABER, Crawford School, ANU

Presenters: Dr Rajiv Kumar (ICRIER, New Delhi) and Dr Ishrat Husain (IBA, Karachi), 'Reviewing Structural Reform in India and Pakistan'  
Dr Dipak Dasgupta (World Bank, New Delhi) and Dr Nihal Pitigala (Consultant to World Bank, Washington) 'South Asian Economic Integration'  
Dr Mohsin Khan (PIIE), 'India-Pakistan Trade: A Roadmap'

Discussants: Professor Stephen Howes (ANU)  
Professor Sisira Jayasuriya (La Trobe University)  
Suman Bery (NCAER, New Delhi)

**12.30-2.00pm** *Luncheon Address, Parliament House, Minister for Trade, Hon Simon Crean*

**2:30-4:00pm** *Session 2 – Institutions for Economic Reform in Asia*

Chair: Dr Gary Banks (Productivity Commission)

Presenters: Dr Philippa Dee (ANU), 'Institutions and Policy Efficiency'  
Dr Yongsheng Zhang (DRC, Beijing), 'Institutions and Economic Reform: The Chinese Experience'

Dr Gilberto O. Llanto (PIDS), 'Institutions and Economic Development'

Discussants: Dr Andrew Elek (ANU)  
Dr Dipak Dasgupta (World Bank)  
Professor Yiping Huang (Peking University)

**4.00-5.45pm Session 3 – *Experience with Structural Reform in South Asia: Trade and Investment Reform***

Chair: Professor Stephen Howes (ANU)

Presenters: Dr Pravakar Sahoo (IEG, Delhi), 'Foreign Direct Investment in India'  
Dr Geethanjali Nataraj (NCAER, Delhi), 'Trade Reform in India'  
Dr Zafar Mueen Nasir (PIDE, Islamabad), 'Reforms in Pakistan'  
Dr Mizanur Rahman (University of Dhaka), 'Trade Liberalisation and Growth in Bangladesh'

Discussants: Dr Pisit Leeahtam (Chiang Mai University)  
Emma Aisbett (ANU)  
Dr Jane Golley (ANU)  
Dr VoTri Thanh (CIEM, Vietnam)

**7.00pm-9:00pm *Banquet Dinner at Chairman and Yips Restaurant, 108 Bunda St, City ACT 2601***

## **12 February 2010**

**9:00-10:30am Session 4 – *Experience with Structural Reform in South Asia: Financial, Fiscal and Other Reform***

Chair: Dr Raghav Jha (ANU)

Presenters: Dr Rajendra Vaidya (IGIDR, Mumbai), 'Banking Sector Reforms in India'  
Dr JVM Sarma (Hyderabad) and Dr D. K. Srivastava (Madras School of Economics) 'Monitoring Fiscal Performance in India'  
Dr Dushni Weerakoon (IPS, Sri Lanka) 'Economic Reforms in Sri Lanka'

Discussants: Dr Kanit Sangsubhan (FPRI, Thailand)  
Timo Henckel (ANU)  
Mike Woods (Productivity Commission)  
Prasanna Gai (ANU)(TBC)

**10.30-11.00am** *Tea / Coffee Break*

**11.00am-12.30pm** *Session 5 – Open Panel Policy Dialogue: Regional Role in the Global Agenda*

Chair: Professor Ross Garnaut (University of Melbourne and ANU)

Panelists: Dr Gordon De Brouwer (PM&C, Australia)  
Professor Yiping Huang (Peking University)  
Professor Inchul Kim (Sungkyuankwan University)  
Dr Rajiv Kumar (ICRIER)  
Mr Mahendra Siregar (Vice Trade Minister, Indonesia)(TBC)  
Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin (ISIS, Malaysia)  
Dr Mitsuo Hosen (Cabinet Office, Japan)  
Dr Suman Bery (NCAER, India)

**12.30-1.30pm** *Farewell Reception*

*Hosted by Professor Tom Kompas, Director, Crawford School of Economics and Government, New Crawford Building*