

SECOND DRAFT

PAFTAD 32 Hanoi Conference Program, 17-19 December 2007

The Impact of International Arrangements and Organizations on Development in Asia and the Pacific

17 December 2007

Issues and Background

8.30-9.00am

Opening

Dr Dinh Van An and Hugh Patrick

9.00-10.30am

Chair: Peter Drysdale

1. International public goods and national economic development objectives: the theory and the issues

This paper will explore the theory of international public goods in the context of their capacity to assist pursuit of national economic development objectives. It will undertake this review of the issues from the perspective of its application in Asia and the Pacific.

Paperwriter: Richard Cooper

Presenter: Hugh Patrick

Discussants: Sherry Kong (ANU) and Miaojie Yu (CCER)

10.30-11.00am

Coffee

11.00am-12.30pm

Chair: Narongchai Akrasanee

2. *The international economic order and the Asia Pacific economy: then and now*

This paper will provide a history of the landmark developments and changes in international economic arrangements and institutions from the establishment of the great postwar multilateral institutions through to the post Cold War era and assess how they have affected Asia and the Pacific over the last sixty years.

Paperwriter: Ross Garnaut

Discussants: Edward Chen (Lingnan) and Bob Lawrence (Harvard)

12.30-1.30pm

Lunch

Institutions and Their Impact

1.30-3.00pm

Chair: Hugh Patrick

3. *How has the GATT/WTO affected Asia's trade and growth performance?*

This paper will assess the impact of the GATT/WTO system upon the trade performance of the East Asia economies and the Americas and review the role of the trade institutions on the ability of Asia Pacific economies to achieve economic growth through openness.

Paperwriters: Will Martin (World Bank) and Kym Anderson (World Bank)

Discussants: Peter Drysdale (ANU) and Judith Goldstein (Stanford)

3.00-3.30pm

Coffee

3.30-5.00pm

Chair: Steve Grenville

4. *The IMF: its achievements, failures and future as a agent for Asia Pacific economic stability and growth*

This paper will review the role and record of the Fund in the Asian and Pacific theatre of its operations. It will examine the region's experience of Fund's role in building capacities for economic management and change as well as its experience with interventions in periods of instability and crisis. It will assess the

debate about the governance of the Fund and its prospects from the perspective both of economies inside and outside the region.

Paperwriter: Prof. Shinji Takagi
Discussant: Mike Kooymans

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9.00-10.30am

Chair: Yung Chul Park

5. The World Bank: legacy and lessons in Asia and the Pacific

This paper will examine the major activities of the IBRD's in the region, focusing shifts in strategy that affected its role, cases in which it made a difference (Indonesia, India, China) and problems in the mode its involvement in national development (PNG).

Paperwriter: Amar Bhattacharya
Discussant: Akira Kohsaka (Osaka)

10.30-11.00am

Coffee

11.00am-12.30pm

Chair: Gary Hawke

6. The Asian Development Bank: its achievements, challenges and major contributions to regional development

This panel will examine the role and influence of the ADB from its inception, paying particular attention to the differences between it and the World Bank in its impact, its influence on policy direction in regional economies, shifts in strategy and their impact on regional economies, its potential for enhancing the efficiency of regional capital markets and policy efficiency it developing economy members.

Panelists: David Vines, Peter McCawley, Mahani Zainal Abidin, David Hong

12.30-1.30pm

Lunch

1.30-3.30pm

Chair: Josef Yap

7. *Asia Pacific and East Asian arrangements*

a. *APEC: its rationale and impact*

Paperwriter: Hadi Soesastro and Andrew Elek

Discussants: Christopher Findlay and Tran Thi Thu Hang

b. *East Asian arrangements: their rationale and impact*

Paperwriter: Young Soo Gil

Discussants: Somkiat Tangkitvanich (TDRI) and Phan Thanh Ha

These papers will provide a brief outline of the nature and rationale of these regional cooperation arrangements in East Asia and the Pacific and attempt a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the effects of participation in the arrangements on member economies.

3.30-4.00pm

Coffee

4.00-5.30pm

Chair: Shujiro Urata

Experience in East Asian and Pacific Economies

8. *China's accession to the WTO five years on and its impact on economic reform and performance*

This paper will examine the experience of China in its accession to the WTO and the impact the process and aftermath of accession has had on China's reform agenda and economic performance.

Paperwriter: Hai Wen

Discussants: Supachai Panitchpakdi (Thailand) and Rong I Wu (Taipei)

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9.00-10.30am

Chair: Juan Palacios

9. Vietnam's commitment to openness and accession to the WTO.

This paper will look at Vietnam's circumstance on opening its economy to the international economy without engagement in international arrangements and it will attempt to measure the benefits expected from the prosecution of its accession to the WTO both quantitatively and qualitatively.

Paperwriters: Vo Tri Tran and Quang Doan

Discussants: Peter Petri (Brandeis) and Masahiro Kawai (ADBRI)

10.30-11.00am

Coffee

11.00am-12.30pm

Chair: Peter Drysdale

10. Is the international architecture adequate?

This panel will invite a critical review of all aspects of international institutions and arrangements as they affect economic development and prosperity for Asian and Pacific economies ideas about innovation in the institutional architecture.

Panelists: Bob Lawrence; Choong-Yong Ahn; Narongchai Akrasanee; Hadi Soesastro; Masahiro Kawai; Christopher Findlay; Rajiv Kumar

12.30-2.00pm

Lunch and Close