

Asian Economic Panel

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Meeting at Sunway University, Kuala Lumpur

March 23 -24, 2015 (Monday-Tuesday)

Sponsors

Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia, Kuala Lumpur (co-host)
Earth Institute, Columbia University, New York (co-host)
Korea Institute for International Economic Policy, Seoul
Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, Jakarta
Institute for Economic Studies, Keio University, Tokyo
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Format

- *Presenter will have 23 minutes*
- *Each discussant will have 13 minutes*
- *Open discussion for rest of time period*

Monday, March 23, 2015

Moderator for Morning Session: Wing Thye Woo

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Panel on "Slower Growth in Southeast Asia; What is to be done

Chatib Basri (University of Indonesia) and Sjamsu Rahardja (World Bank), "The Middle-Income Trap Awaits Indonesia?"

Deunden Nikomborirak and Chalongphob Sussangkarn (Thailand Development Research Institute), "Thailand's Long-term Development: Aspiration, Reality and Challenges"

Mari Pangestu (Universitas Indonesia), "Regional Trade Reform as Growth Driver"

Discussants

- Lin See Yan (Sunway University)
- Barry Eichengreen (University of California, Berkeley)

11:00 – 11:15: Coffee

11:15 am – 12:45 pm

Prema-Chandra Athukorala (Australian National University) and Sisira Jayasuriya (Monash University), "Victory in War and Defeat in Peace: Politics and Economics of Post-conflict Sri Lanka"

Discussants

- Gamini Herath (Monash University Malaysia)
- Chia Siow Yue (Singapore Institute of International Affairs)
- Fredrik Sjöholm (Lund University)

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm: Lunch

Moderator for Afternoon Session: Sung Chun Jung

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Ilkka Korhonen (Bank of Finland), "Understanding the Economic Malaise of Russia"

Discussants

- Herbert Poenisch (Bank for International Settlements, retired)
- Maria Bautista (University of Philippines)
- Bhanupong Nidhiprabha (Thammasat University)

3:30pm – 3:45pm: Tea

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm

Mikyung Pai, Heeho Kim and Jaimin Lee (Kyungpook National University), "Technical Progress, Resilience and Competitiveness of the Korea Export Industries"

Discussants

- Sung Chun Jung (Korea Institute for International Economic Policy)
- Kadek Artha (Universitas Indonesia)
- Shigeyuki Abe (Doshisha University)

5:15 pm – 7:00 pm

Kiki Verico (University of Indonesia), "Are the Benefits from ASEAN Integration Sustainable?"

Discussants

- Tham Siew Yean (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and Jeffrey Cheah Institute)
- Phouphet Kyophilavong (National University of Lao)
- Wong Koi Nyen (Sunway University)
- Fukunari Kimura (Keio & Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia)

7:00 pm : end of Day 1 discussion

7:30 pm: Reception & Dinner (by invitation)

Dinner talk

Barry Eichengreen (University of California at Berkeley)

"Hall of Mirrors: The Great Depression, the Great Recession, and the Uses -- and Misuses -- of History"

Tuesday, March 24, 2014

Moderator for Morning Session: Fukunari Kimura

8:45 am – 10:30 am

Yiping Huang, Yuyan Tan (Peking University) and Wing Thye Woo (Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia), "What Did China's Growth Policy Achieve? Zombie firms, employment and economic growth"

Discussants

- Jane Golley (Australian National University)
- Teo Wing Leong (University of Nottingham Malaysia)
- Anwar Nasution (Universitas Indonesia)
- Suresh Narayanan (Universiti Sains Malaysia)

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Coffee

10:45 am – 12:30 am

Zhao Chen (Fudan University) and Tony Fang (Monash University), "The Determinants of Outward FDI by Chinese Firms: The Role of Chinese Returnees"

Discussants

- Xiaolan Fu (Oxford University)
- Quoc Huy Vu (Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences)
- Yan Zhang (Fudan University)
- Mahendhiran Sanggaran Nair (Monash University Malaysia)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunch

1:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Hooi Hooi Lean (Universiti Sains Malaysia) and Russell Smyth (Monash University), "Malaysia's Past Successes and Uncertain Future: Graduating from the Middle or Caught in the Middle?"

Discussants

- Wan Saiful (Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs)
- Somkiat Tangkitvanich (Thailand Development Research Institute),
- Donald Hanna (Roubini Associates)
- Jayant Menon (Asian Development Bank)

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Jeffrey D. Sachs (Columbia University) "The Age of Sustainable Development"

5:30 pm: AEP ends