CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS

I Joint ISEAS-Pacific Forum CSIS
Conference on Economic Interdependence and Challenges to the Nation State: The Emergence of Natural Economic Territories in the Asia-Pacific

This two-day conference was jointly organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) and the Honolulu-based Asia-Pacific Forum CSIS on 27–28 October 1994 in Singapore. Since natural economic territories in the Asia-Pacific involve two or more countries and parts of them, issues such as differences in degree of political will and self-interests of the participating independent nation states, differences in the central and local governments, conflicts of national priorities and regional priorities, unequal distribution of benefits among the participants, and environmental problems, among others, were discussed at the conference. The programme of the conference was as follows:

27 October 1994
Opening Remarks
Professor Chan Heng Chee
Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Professor James A. Kelly
President, Pacific Forum CSIS, USA

Chairperson
Professor Chan Heng Chee
Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

SESSION I Patterns of Economic Interdependence in SIJORI

Paperwriter
Associate Professor Chia Siow Yue
Acting Head, Department of Economics & Statistics, National University of Singapore

Commentators
Mr Patrick Daniel
Editor, Business Times, Singapore
Professor Florian A. Albuco
School of Economics, University of the Philippines

SESSION II Integrating Business Opportunities in SIJORI — “From the Perspectives of Some Theoretical Concepts”

Paperwriter
Dr Reza Yamora Siregar
Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Commentator
Associate Professor Toh Thian Ser
Director, Entrepreneurship Development Centre, Division of Economics & Statistics, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Lunch Speaker
Mr Barry Desker
Chief Executive Officer, Trade Development Board, Singapore
SESSION III  Government Approaches to SIJORI

Paperwriter
Dr Linda Low
Senior Lecturer, Department of Business Policy, National University of Singapore

Commentator
Mr Daniel Selvaretnam
Director (Planning), Economic Development Board, Singapore

SESSION IV  SIJORI: Social and Distributional Issues in Borderland Integration

Paperwriter
Dr Ho Kong Chong
Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore

Commentators
Dr Mari E. Pangestu
Head, Economics Department, Centre for Strategic & International Studies, Indonesia
Dr Sharon Siddique
Sreekumar Siddique & Co Pte Ltd, Singapore

28 October 1994

Chairperson
Professor Robert Scalapino
Robson Research Professor of Government Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley, USA

SESSION V  Growth-Triangles in ASEAN: A Testing Ground for a Greater Regional Cooperation?

Paperwriters
Professor Mohammad Sadli
Vice Chairman, Governing Board, Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Dr Bilveer Singh
Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore

Commentator
Mr Nayan Chanda
Deputy Editor, Far Eastern Economic Review, Hong Kong

SESSION VI  IMT-GT: Economic and Political Incentives

Paperwriter
Dr Wisarn Pupphavesa
Director, International Economic Relations, Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)

SESSION VII  IMT-GT: Outlook and Obstacles

Paperwriter
Dr Kosim Gandataruna
Assistant IV to Coordinating Minister for Trade & Industry, Office of the Coordinating Minister for Industry & Trade, Indonesia

Commentator
Dr Ralph Cossa
Executive Director, Pacific Forum CSIS, USA

SESSION VIII  Impact of NETs on Relations among the National Actors

Paperwriters
Dr Ismail Md. Saleh
Chief Executive Officer, Land & General Bhd, Malaysia
Dr Donald Weatherbee
Institute of International Studies, University of South Carolina
Commentator
Dr Cornelis P.F. Luhulima
Senior Research Specialist, Indonesian Institute of Sciences

SESSION IX  Conclusion and Wrap-Up
The Emergence of Natural Economic Territories in the Asia-Pacific: Comparison of NETs in Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia

Professor Robert Scalapino
Robson Research Professor of Government Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley, USA

II  International Conference on Asian Transitional Economies: Challenges and Prospects for Reform and Transformation

Four academic organizations including the U.S.-based International Center for Economic Growth (ICEG), Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) of Singapore, Osaka International University, and the International Development Centre of Japan organized the above conference in Osaka, Japan from 29–31 October 1994. The problems and prospects of four Asian transitional economies — Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar and Vietnam — were presented and discussed at the conference. The conference programme was as follows:

30 October 1994

Introduction
Seiji Naya, Senior Adviser, ICEG and Chair, Department of Economics, University of Hawaii

Opening Remarks
Shinich Ichimura, Vice Chancellor, Osaka International University
Chan Heng Chee, Director, ISEAS

SESSION I  “The East Asian Economic Miracle and its Implications for Transitional Economies”

Chair
Seiji Naya

Speaker
Peter Petri, Professor of Economics, Brandeis University, Massachusetts

Discussant
Ulrich Hiemenz, Director, OECD Development Centre, Paris

Speaker
Stanley Katz, former Vice President, Asian Development Bank and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
“Some Key Development Issues for Transitional Economies — East and West”

Open Discussion

SESSION II  Country Presentations on “Asian Transitional Economies — Progress and Challenges”

Chair
Sumimaru Odano, Professor, Osaka International University

Presentations
A. Vietnam
Speaker
Le Dang Doanh, Director, Central Institute for Economic Management, Hanoi

B. Laos
Speaker
Chanthavong Saignasith, Director, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Vientienne Unit

Discussants
Adam McCarty, Australian National University, Canberra
Joseph L.H. Tan, Project Coordinator, ISEAS

Open Discussion
C. Mongolia
Speaker
Sahiya Lhagva, Deputy Director, Institute of Economics, Mongolian Academy of Sciences

SESSION IV  "Japan’s Perspectives on Transitional Economies"
Chair
Shinichi Ichimura
Speakers
Yoshihiko Kono, Deputy Director, Research Dept., Japan Overseas Economic Cooperation (OECF)
Tsubakui Sato, Professor of Economics, Nihon University
"Transition to a Market Economy: Lessons from East European Experiences"
Discussants
S.P. Gupta, Director, Indian Council for Research and International Relations, New Delhi
Robert Mc Cleery, Associate Professor, Kobe University
Open Discussion
Session Conclusion

31 October 1994
SESSION III  "Eastern European Transitional Economies"
Chair
Stanley Katz
A. Poland
Speaker
Jan Kulig, Professor, Institute of Economics, Polish Academy of Sciences

SESSION V  "Policy Issues of Asian Transitional Economies"
Chair
Ulrich Hiemenz
Speaker
Mohamed Ariff, Dean, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur
"Economic Dynamics of Reform Process and Performance"
Discussants
Katalin Ferber, Visiting Professor, Hosei University
Shelley Mark, Emeritus Professor and Adviser, ICEG
Comments from Officials
Makhval Davaa, Adviser to Minister of Finance, Mongolia
Panom Lathouly, Acting Director, Economic Research Department, Central Bank of Lao PDR
Open Discussion
SESSION VI  Round Table Discussion: “The International Outlook for Assistance to Transitional Economies”

Chair
Seji Naya

Speakers
Invited representatives of International Development Assistance Agencies

Open Discussion

Conference Evaluation Session

Chair
Seji Naya

III  Academic Conference on Free Trade and Social and Environmental Clauses: Europe and Southeast Asia

The Bonn-based Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung was the organizer of the above conference held in Singapore from 25–26 November 1994. Academics from Europe and Southeast Asia together with the officials from GATT and OECD participated in this conference. The programme of the conference was as follows:

25 November 1994

Welcome and Introduction into the Programme
Mr Norbert von Hofmann, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Bonn

Keynote Address
Free Trade — The Way to Advance the Well-being of People?
Mr Koo Tsai Kee, Assistant Secretary-General, National Trades Union Congress, Singapore

Report on the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

Dr Rajah Rasiah, National University of Malaysia

Political Economy of Free Trade
Paper: Dr Rudolf Adlung, Counsellor, Trade Policies Review Division, GATT, Geneva

Europe and the Policy of Social and Environmental Clauses in Trade
Dr Margareta Kulessa, University of Mainz, Germany

Mr Andreas Botsch, Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD, Paris

Discussion — Plenary Session

26 November 1994

Economic Policy, Environmental and Social Conditions in Southeast Asia
Presentation of Country Papers from
Indonesia: Lepi T. Tarmidi
Malaysia: Raja Rasiah and Chang Yee Tan
Philippines: Magareta Kulessa
Singapore: Amina Tyabji
Thailand: Sungsidh Piriyarangsan
Vietnam: Tran Minh Quoc et al.

In working groups on
1. Environmental issues
2. Social issues

Continuing of working groups
1. Towards a common stand on environmental issues in Southeast Asia
2. Towards a common stand on social issues in Southeast Asia

Report on working groups

Plenary discussion, recommendations

Summary
IV 19th Annual Conference of the Federation of ASEAN Economic Associations (FAEA) and 32nd Annual Conference of the Philippines Economic Society

Both annual conferences were concurrently organized by the Philippines Economic Society in Manila from 7–9 December 1994. The theme of the above gathering was International Capital Flows and Capital Markets in Southeast Asia. The conference was attended by all FAEA member associations, and its programme was as follows:

8 December 1994
Opening Ceremonies
Master of Ceremonies: Emmanuel de Dios

Welcome Address
Mr Victor B. Valdepeñas
President, Philippine Economic Society, and
Executive Vice-President/Chief Financial Officer,
Union Bank of the Philippines

Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Dr Benjamin Diokno
Professor, School of Economics, University of
the Philippines

Opening and Keynote Address
Hon. Edgardo J. Angara
Senate President, Republic of the Philippines

SESSION 1: Overview

Special Paper 1: Structural Changes and Policy Issues in ASEAN Financial Markets
Dr Vicente Valdepeñas
Director, The South-East Asian Central Banks (SEACEN) Research and Training Centre

Open Forum

Luncheon Speech: International Capital Flows: A Global Perspective
Hon. Cielito F. Habito
Secretary for Socioeconomic Planning, and

Director General, National Economic and Development Authority

SESSION 2: Country Papers

Group 1: Workshop Chairperson
Florian Alburow

Macroeconomic of International Capital Flows and Capital Market Development
Case of Malaysia
Zeti Akhtar Aziz
Case of Indonesia
Reza Siregar
Miranda Goeltom
Mas’ud Machfoedz
Case of Singapore
Francisco Nadal de Simone

Group 2: Workshop Chairperson
Gilberto Llanto

Development of the Equities and Bond Markets: History and Regulatory Framework
Case of Malaysia
Khairil Anuar Abdullah
Case of Indonesia
I Putu Gede Ary Suta
Case of Singapore
Kee-Jin Ngiam

FAEA Council Meeting

Dinner Speech: Recent BSP Experience on Capital Flows
Hon. Gabriel Singson
Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

9 December 1994
SESSION 3

Special Paper 2: The Stock Market as Source of Finance
Mr James McCarthy
(Singapore)

Open Forum

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Continuation of Country Papers

Group 1: Workshop Chairperson
Cayetano Paderanga, Jr.

Macroeconomics of International Capital Flows and Capital Market Development
Case of Thailand
Charl Kengchon
Case of the Philippines
Mario Lamberte
Maria Claret Mapalad

Group 2: Workshop Chairperson
Felipe Medalla

Development of the Equities and Bond Markets: History and Regulatory Framework
Case of Thailand
Pakorn Vichyanond
Case of the Philippines
Roman Azanza, Jr.

Luncheon Speech: The Impact of Financial Liberalization on Financial Markets
Mr Rafael Buenaventura
President, Philippine Commercial and International Bank, and President, Bankers Association of the Philippines

SESSION 4: Closing Session
Presentation of Highlights of Discussion on Country Papers

Open Forum

Summation and Closing Statements
Hon. Margarito B. Teves
Representative, Congress of the Republic of the Philippines, and Vice-President, Philippine Economic Society

Business Meeting of the Philippine Economic Society

V International Conference on Integrated Economic Development Policies and Planning

This international conference was organized by UNDP and the Development Research Center of the State Council of People's Republic of China. Economic development, reform and regional development were the main themes of the conference, which was held in Beijing, China from 15–17 December 1994. The programme of the conference was as follows:

15 December 1994

Opening Ceremony
1. Opening Remarks: Mr Sun Shangqing, President of DRC
2. Opening Remarks: Mr Arthur Holcombe, Resident Representative of UNDP
3. Opening Remarks: Representative from CICETE

Introduction
1. Subproject I Madman Li Boxi
2. Subproject II Mr Hu Ji
3. Subproject III Mr Wang Huijiong

Economic Development
Dr Ng Chee Yuen, Senior Fellow, ISEAS
Dr Eul Yon Park, Director IDEP, KDI
Dr M.C. McCracken, President, Informetrics Limited, Canada

16 December 1994

Economic Development and Reform
Dr Wuu-Long Lin, UN
Dr Geoffrey Oldham, Adviser, IDRC
Dr E.C. Hwa, Principal Economist, World Bank Residence Mission

Professor Juro Teramishi, Hitotsubashi University
Dr Zsolt Kohalmi, Director, Institute of International Technology, Hungary

Liberal Discussion
17 December 1994

Reform and Regional Development
Professor Pavel A. Minakir, Russian Academy of Science, Far Eastern Division, Russia
Professor Peter Treuner, Director des instituts fur Rammordnung und Entwicklungsplanung
Universitat Stuttgart, Germany
Liberal Discussion
Report to the triparty about the Triarty
Evaluation
Concluding Speech by Leaders of Triparty
   Leader from UNDP
   Leader from CICETE
   Leader from DRC

Opening Remarks
Leader of the ISEAS Singapore Group
Leader of the DRC Beijing Group

SESSION I
Chairman: V.P. Datt
Former Pro-Vice-Chancellor
Delhi University
Overview of the Project
S.P. Gupta

Presentation of Papers by ICRIER

On Open Coastal Cities/Economic and Technological Development Zones
S.K. Bahl

On Special Economic Zones
Shahul Hameed

Discussion

SESSION II
Chairman: C.V. Ranganathan
Former Ambassador to China

Presentation of Papers by DRC: On SEZs and ETDZs

On India's Export Processing Zones
A.K. Kundra

Open Discussion
Conclusion
Vote of Thanks
S.P. Gupta

VI ICRIER/DRC/ISEAS Seminar on China's Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and Economic and Technical Development Zones (ETZs)
The Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), the Development Research Center of the State Council of People's Republic of China (DRC) and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) were the organizers of the above seminar held in New Delhi, India on 20 December 1994. The reports on SEZs and ETZs were presented by the members of the research teams. Scholars and policy makers from India, China and Singapore actively participated in discussion sessions. The programme of the seminar was as follows:

20 December 1994

Inaugural Session
Chairman: R.N. Malhotra
Chairman, ICRIER

Welcome Address
S.P. Gupta, Director, ICRIER

Inaugural Address
A.P. Venkateswaran
Former Foreign Secretary

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