CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

I ASEAN Roundtable: 25 Years of ASEAN

This meeting, organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore to discuss the issues related to the proposed ASEAN Free Trade Area, was held in Singapore from 3–5 September 1992. About 38 participants from the Asia-Pacific region and beyond participated in the meeting. (See Summary Record in Documentation Section of this issue. A volume including the four Roundtable papers mentioned below is being prepared for publication early in 1993). The programme of the Roundtable was as follows:

3 September 1992
Opening Address
Mr S Rajaratnam
Distinguished Senior Fellow
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

4 September 1992
Welcome and Opening Remarks
The ASEAN Free Trade Area: The Long and Winding Road Ahead
Seiji Naya and Pearl Imada
Discussant
Lee Tsao Yuan

Shaping Factors and Business Conditions in the Post-Fourth ASEAN Summit Period: Global and Regional Issues
Rolf J. Langhammer
Discussant
Tan Kong Yam

Institutional Requirements of ASEAN with Special Reference to AFTA
Jacques Pelkmans
Discussants
Chng Meng Kng and Paul Davidson

5 September 1992
ASEAN Free Trade Area: Issues for Policy
Sree Kumar
Discussant
Chia Siow Yue

II Economic Interdependence between North America, Asia, and Europe: New Challenges for the 1990s

The main objective of this Conference was to address some of the salient features of the “new international economic order” including economic interdependence, information revolution, economic and political transformation of Eastern Europe, new trade groupings and the emerging
complex multilateral trading environment. The Conference, organized by the East-West Center, was held from 25–27 August 1992 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The programme of the Conference was as follows:

25 August 1992

Welcoming Remarks
Michael G. Plummer
Research Associate
East-West Center

Panel 1: Multilateralism and Regionalism in World Trade
Alan Deardorf
Chair
Professor of Economics
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Presentations
Mordechai Kreinin
University Distinguished Professor
Michigan State University
Peter Lloyd
Professor of Economics
University of Melbourne

Panel 2: Deepening and Widening of Economic Integration in Europe
Michael G. Plummer
Chair

Presentations
Jacques Pelkmans
Senior Fellow
Centre for European Policy Studies
Rolf J. Langhammer
Professor
Kiel Institute of World Economics
Kiichiro Fukasaku
Senior Fellow

Panel 3: Deepening and Widening of Economic Integration in Europe
Mordechai Kreinin
Chair, OECD

Panel 4: Economic Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific
Wisarn Pupphavesa
Chair
Head, Asia-Pacific Cooperation Programme
TDRI

Presentations
Eric Ramstetter
Associate Professor
Kansai University
Nattapong Thongpakde
Assistant Professor
NIDA
Somsak Tambunlertchai
Senior Researcher
Asia-Pacific Development Center

Panel 5: The Future of Market-Oriented Transitional Economies in Asia
Michael G. Plummer
Chair

Presentations
Rolf J. Langhammer
Mya Than
Indochina Unit
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Panel 6: Roundtable on Economic Interdependence
Rolf J. Langhammer
Chair
Mordechai Kreinin
Jacques Pelkmans

III Symposium on Human Resource Development and Management in Asia-Pacific

The Symposium, organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, was held in Singapore from 30–31 July 1992. The Symposium brought
together experts from the countries of the Asia-Pacific region as well as from regional organizations. The programme of the Symposium was as follows:

30 July 1992

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Session I: Overview
Ng Chee Yuen and Wong Poh Kam

Session II: Human Resource Development and Management: The Korean Experience
Eul Yong Park

Section III: Human Resource Development and Management: The Singapore Experience
Soon Teck Wong

31 July 1992

Session IV: Human Resource Development and Management: The Malaysian Experience
Mohamed Ariff

Session V: Human Resource Development and Management: The Thai Experience
Tanasak Wahawisan

Session VI: Human Resource Development and Management: The Indonesian Experience
Mayling Oey-Gardiner

IV Meeting of Trading Enterprises of Developing Countries in the Pacific Rim on Mutual Trade Expansion

The objectives of the meeting were to provide the participants an opportunity to (1) review the present trade situation among developing countries of the Pacific Rim; (2) identify measures which could be adopted to facilitate mutual trade expansion and co-operation among trade enterprises of these countries; and (3) establish business contacts and negotiate trade contracts and representation agreements with various enterprises. The themes of the Seminar, which was held in Santiago, Chile from 2-4 November 1992, were as follows:

1. Trends, obstacles and potential for trade among developing countries in the Pacific Rim.

2. Mechanisms for trade expansion among developing countries of the Pacific Rim:
   a) Trade information;
   b) Trade financing;
   c) Transport and Communications;
   d) Joint ventures;
   e) Others

3. Co-operation between trading enterprises of the developing countries in the Pacific Rim.

4. Business discussions

V A Report on Rio: Its Implications and Follow-up

This public forum, organized by the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) and the National Council on the Environment and the Nature Society, Singapore was held in Singapore on 15 August 1992. The Forum, which attempted to assess the achievements of the Earth Summit, also discussed how Singapore intends to do its part in fulfilling the objectives of the Rio Conference. The programme of the Forum was as follows:

What Did Rio Achieve?
Professor Tommy Koh
Director
Institute of Policy Studies

What Did Rio Contribute To The Development of International Environmental Law?
Mr Foo Kim Boon
State Counsel
Attorney-General’s Chambers

The Follow-Up To Rio At The International Level
Ms Viji Menon
Deputy Director
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
VI Asia-Pacific Economic Modelling (27–28 August 1993)

This forthcoming annual conference on General Equilibrium Modelling and Macroeconometric Modelling organized by the Economic Modelling Bureau of Australia (EMBA), in association with the Economics Division of the Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, will be held in Port Douglas (north of Cairns in North Queensland, Australia. A special symposia on Patterns of Savings and Investment and their Impact on Trade and Growth in Asia-Pacific Economies has also been arranged. In addition, over the three days before the Conference (August 22–24), there will be a training course on Intertemporal Modelling taught by Colin Hargreaves, Warwick McKibbin and Stephen Turnovsky with additions from other invited speakers.

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VII PECC IX

Open Regionalism: A Pacific Model for Global Economic Cooperation was the theme of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council’s (PECC) Ninth General Meeting, jointly organized by the U.S. National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation and the PECC IX San Francisco Host Committee. The meeting included discussions of economic outlook for the Pacific Region, the emergence and role of regional trade agreements, the impact of the likely outcome of the GATT Uruguay Round, and the future opportunities for Pacific Economic Co-operation. A highlight of the conference was the presentation of the San Francisco Declaration (see full text in the Documentation Section of this issue), which would be used as a reference for future economic co-operation in the Pacific Basin. The programme of the Conference, from 23–25 September 1992, was as follows:

Wednesday, September 23

Session I  Opening of PECC IX  
Opening Remarks: Ambassador Richard Fairbanks, Chair, PECC Standing Committee and Chairman, PECC IX, U.S.A.  
Greetings: The Honorable George Bush, President of the United States of America (pre-recorded)  
Welcome: The Honorable Pete Wilson, Governor, State of California  
Message from President of the Philippines  
Read by Senator Leticia Ramos Shahani  
Statement From Past Chair: The Honorable Ker Sin Tze, Minister of State (Education, Information and Arts), Singapore  
Address: Mr. Kenneth T. Derr, CEO and Chairman of the Board, Chevron Corporation and Chairman, PECC IX San Francisco Host Committee

Session II: Global Cooperation in the Pacific  
Chair: Ambassador Li Luye, Chair, China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation  
APEC Greeting: Ambassador Vithhya Vejjajiva, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand  
Address: Ambassador Michael Moskow, Deputy United States Trade Representative
PECC and APEC Cooperation: Ambassador Richard Fairbanks

**Session III: Part I: Emerging Economic Areas: Building Blocks for Regional and Global Cooperation?**

Chair: Dr. Noordin Sopiee, Chair, Malaysia National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation
Address: ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) — His Excellency Hartarto, Minister of Industry, Indonesia
Address: North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) — Dr John Curtis, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, External Affairs and International Trade, Canada
Address: European Community '92 — Mr. Simon Broadbent, Chief Economic Advisor, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom

**Session III: Part II: Emerging Economic Areas: Building Blocks for Regional and Global Cooperation? (cont.)**

Chair: Ms. Kerrin Vautier, Chair, New Zealand Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation
Floor Questions and Discussion

**Session IV: Pacific Economic Outlook for 1993 and Structural Issues**

Chair: Dr. Jeffrey Koo, Acting Chair, Chinese Taipei Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee
Address: Summary and Significance of the PECC 1992–1993 Pacific Economic Outlook — Dr. Lawrence Krause, Coordinator, Pacific Economic Outlook Project, U.S.A.
Address: Structural Issues and Foreign Direct Investment — Dr. Yasukichi Yasuba, Coordinator, Pacific Economic Outlook Project, Japan
Floor Questions and Discussion

**Thursday, September 24**

**Session V: Concurrent Sessions [pp. 273–76]**

**Session VI: The Evolution and Essence of Pacific Economic Cooperation Elements**

Chairman: Mr. Jusuf Wanandi, Chair, Indonesian National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation
Address: Pacific Economic Cooperation: Elements and Causal Influences in the 1980s — Mr. Richard Woolcott, former Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
Floor Questions and Discussion

**Session VII: PECC in 1990s: Challenges and Opportunities**

Chair: Mr. Russell Fynmore, Chair, Australian Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee
Address: Pacific Economic Cooperation: Outlook for the 1990s — Dr. Kim Kihwan, former Secretary General of the International Policy Council, Korea
Floor Questions and Discussion

**Session VIII: Widening the Pacific Rim Circle**

Chair: Dr. Luis Piazzone-Gallo, Peruvian National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation
Statement: Dr. Alexandre Granberg, Chair, Russian National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation, Russian Federation
Statement: Ambassador Carlos Portales, Director General, Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile
Floor Questions and Discussion

**Friday, September 25**

**Session IX: PECC IX Reports**

Chair: Ambassador Richard Fairbanks
Director General’s Report: Pacific Economic Development Report — Dr. Hank Lim, Director General, PECC Secretariat
Chairman’s Report: Concurrent Sessions Overview and PECC Task Force Priorities for 1993 — Ambassador Richard Fairbanks
Floor Questions and Discussion
Session X: Open Regionalism and the San Francisco Declaration
Chair: The Honorable Duck-Woo Nam, Chair, Korea National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation,
Address: Open Regionalism — The Honorable Koji Kakizawa, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan
Evolution of the San Francisco Declaration: Dean Earl F. Cheit, University of California at Berkeley
Presentation of the San Francisco Declaration: Dr. Noordin Sopiee, Chair, Malaysia National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation
Responses to the San Francisco Declaration:
- Asia: The Honorable See Chak Mun, Deputy Secretary (International), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
- Western Hemisphere: His Excellency Patricio Silva, Ambassador to the U.S., Chile
- Europe: The Honorable Frits H. Von Meijenfeldt, Director, Trade Policy, Economic Ministry, The Netherlands

Discussant
Mr. J.K. Loh, Chair, Dah An Commercial Bank, Chinese Taipei

Session II: Financial Needs and Growth
Speaker: The Case of the Newly Industrialized Economies — Dr. Young Chul Park, President, Korea Institute of Finance and former Secretary to the President for Economic Affairs, Korea
Discussants
Dr. Mohammad Sadli, Professor of Economics, Emeritus, University of Indonesia and former chair of the Board of Investments, Indonesia
Mr. Fernan Ibanez, Executive Vice President, Foreign Investment Commission, Chile

Session III: A Perspective on the People's Republic of China and Hong Kong
Speaker: Dr. Fanzhang Huang, Professor and Deputy Director of the Economic Research Center, People's Republic of China

Rapporteurs
Mr. Mark Earle, Jr., Asia-Pacific Affairs, U.S.A.
Dr. Stephen Guisinger, Professor of International Management, University of Texas at Dallas, U.S.A.

Concurrent Session B: Trade And Investment In Minerals And Energy: Where Open Regionalism Works

Opening Remarks of Concurrent Session
Co-Chairs
Dr. Dennis O'Brien, Chief Economist, Caltex Corporation and U.S. Coordinator, PECC Minerals and Energy Forum, U.S.A.
Dr. Christopher Findlay, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Adelaide, Coordinator, PECC Minerals and Energy Forum, Australia

Keynote Topic: Global Energy and Open Regionalism
Chair: Dr. Mitsuru Miyata, Senior Managing Director, The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan
Speaker: The Honorable Jaume Yoshiyama, Special Assistant to the President for the Privatization of Public Enterprises and former Minister of State for Energy and Mines, Peru

Session I: Open Regionalism and Energy Issues
Chair: Dr. Fereidun Fesharaki, Director, Resources Programs, East-West Center, U.S.A.
Discussants
Dr. Chin-Lung Yeh, Vice President, Chinese Petroleum Corporation, Chinese Taipei
Dr. Pavel Minakir, First Deputy Head of Administration, Khabarovsk Region, Russia
Dr. J. Aung Khin, Editor, AP Energy Publications, Singapore

Session II: The PECC Minerals and Energy Forum and Global Activities
Chair: Dr. James Brooks, President, Institute for Earth & Man, Southern and Methodist University, U.S.A.
Speaker: Dr. Christopher Findlay, Australia
Discussants
Mr. Haroen al Rasjid, President and Chairman of the Managing Board, P.T Caltex Pacifica, Indonesia
Mr. Pedro Hass, Director General, P.M.I. Commercio International, S.A. de C.V., Mexico
Mr. Robert Price, Coordinator, APEC Energy Issues, Department of Energy, U.S.A.

Rapporteur
Dr. J. Aung Khin

Concurrent Session C: Food Markets In The Pacific: The Challenge Of Growth
Opening Remarks of Concurrent Session Co-Chairs
Ms. Carol Brookins, President and CEO, World Perspectives, Inc., and Coordinator, PECC Task Force on Food and Agriculture, U.S.A.
Mr. Harbinderjit Singh Dillon, Assistant to the Minister for Commodity Trade and Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia

Keynote Topic: Evolving Pacific Food Markets
Speaker: The Honorable Ann Veneman, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, U.S.A.
Speaker: The Honorable Luis Tellez, Under Secretary of Planning, Ministry of Agriculture, Mexico

Session I: A Roundtable Discussion — Balancing Consumer Demands with Agricultural and Aquatic Policies
Moderator: Mr. Harbinderjit Singh
Speaker: The Honorable Joemar Gerobi, Under Secretary of Agriculture, The Philippines
Discussants
Dr. Marshall J. Moffat, Principal Consultant, Agrodev Canada, Inc., Canada
Mr. Royce Elliot, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, New Zealand

Session II: A Roundtable Discussion — Impediments To Trade and Investment in Pacific Food Markets
Moderator: Ms. Carol Brookins
Speaker: The Honorable Maximiliano Cox Balmaceda, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Chile
Discussants
Dr. Brian Fisher, Executive Director, Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics, Australia
Dato’ Mohamed bin Sulaiman, Director, Sime Darby Plantations Division, Malaysia

Rapporteurs
Dr. Gordon Munro, Department of Economics, University of British Columbia & PECC Coordinator, Task Force on Fisheries, Canada
Mr. Robert Scollay, Lecturer, Economics Department, University of Auckland, New Zealand
Concurrent Session D  Science and Technology-Based Economic Growth

Opening Remarks of Concurrent Session Co-Chairs

Mr. Alan Bickell, Vice President, Hewlett-Packard Company, Co-ordinator, PECC Science & Technology Task Force, U.S.A.
Mr. Wu Yikang, Co-ordinator, PECC Science & Technology Task Force, People’s Republic of China

Session I:  U.S. Science and Technology Policy in the 1990s
Speaker:  Dr. D. Allan Bromley, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, U.S.A.

Session II:  Japanese Industrial Science and Technology Policy
Speaker:  The Honorable Noboru Hatakeyama, Vice Minister, International Affairs, MITI, Japan

Session III:  The People’s Republic of China’s Eighth Five-Year Plan — Science and Technology Initiatives
Speaker:  Dr. Zhu Lilan, Senior Representative for Science and Technology, People’s Republic of China

Session IV:  Transition to a Technology-Driven Economy — A Mexican Perspective
Speaker:  Dr. Fernando Sanchez Ugarte, Under Secretary for Industry and Foreign Investment, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Mexico

Panel Discussion
Dr. David Gardner, President, University of California, U.S.A.
Mr. Lam Chuan Leong, Chairman, National Science and Technology Board, Singapore
Dr. Raymond Ch’ien, Group Managing Director, Lam Soon Hong Kong Group, Hong Kong

Rapporteurs
Dr. Denis Simon, Associate Professor of International Business and Technology, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, U.S.A.
Dr. John Langford, Professor of Public Administration, University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
Mr. Wayne Robertson, Head, International Science, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Zealand

Concurrent Session E  Telecommunications: A Key To Dynamic Pacific Growth and Effective Global Integration

Concurrent Session Co-Chairs
Mr. John Whiteside, Vice President of Corporate Development, MCI Communications Corporation, U.S.A.
Yasuo Koseki, Managing Director, KDD Co., Ltd., and President, Pacific Telecommunications Council, Japan

Opening Statement:  Telecommunications Issues and the PECC: The Task at Hand
Dr. Ralph Thomson, President and CEO, International Business Catalyst, U.S.A.

Keynote Address:  Telecommunications in the Pacific Rim — Learning from Each Other’s Experiences and Building Upon Each Other’s Strengths
Mr. Safwan Natanagara, Executive Vice President for Corporate Planning and Development, PT INDOSAT, Indonesia

Session I:  Assessing What Consumers and Suppliers are Looking For: Perspectives on Appropriate Technologies, Investments, and Strategic Alliances
Chairman:  Mr. John Whiteside
Speaker:  Dr. Philip Burgess, President and Senior Fellow, Center for the New West, U.S.A.
Discussants

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Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee, Director, Thailand Development Research Institute, Thailand
Mr. Hu Daigang, Executive Officer, China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation, People’s Republic of China
Mr. John A. Spence, Former Director, Coopers & Lybrand W.D. Scott, Australia

Session I: Meeting the Challenge of Growth: Factors for Success
Speaker: Mr. Tung Hsiao-I, Senior Representative, Transportation and Communications, Chinese Taipei. (According to general PECC agreements, official titles are not used for representatives of CNPEC or CTPECC.)
Discussants
Mr. Roger Griffin, Senior Vice President, Operations and Planning, Pacific Air Travel Association, U.S.A.
Mr. John Meredith, Executive Director, Air Transport Action Group

Session II: Air Transportation and Tourism: Coordinating Development and Operation
Speaker: Mr. Tony Thirlwell, Director of Marketing Services, Qantas Airlines, Australia

Session III: Airport Operations in the Pacific Basin
Speaker: Mr. Gerry Bruno, Managing Director, Marketing, Vancouver International Airport Authority, Canada
Discussant
Mr. Vitaly Muha, Governor, Novosibirsk Region, Russia

Rapporteurs
Dr. Mark Borthwick, Executive Director, U.S. National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation
Tim Meskill, Manager, Industry Communications, Boeing Commercial Airplane Group

VIII Second Regional Conference of the Central and Balkan European Correspondent Institutes
This regional conference was jointly organized by the International Center for Economic Growth (ICEG) and Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education (CERGE), 30 September – 3 October 1992, Zvánovice, Czechoslovakia. Over
60 participants from academic institutes and other organizations in Central and Eastern Europe as well as Asia, Russia and some of the former Republics attended this conference. The conference programme was as follows:

**Wednesday, 30 September  Communication Seminar**

**Three Policy Successes: Effective Communication Strategies of Correspondent Institutes**
Nancy S. Truitt
ICEG Director of Communication and Development

**Lessons from the U.S. Experience**
Lawrence Chickering
ICEG Associate Director and Columnist, San Francisco Chronicle

Group discussion on Effective Strategies in Central and Balkan Europe

**Group Sessions: Defining the Message, Audience, and Method**

**Group Reports**

**Group Sessions: Development of a Communication Strategy**

**Group Reports, Analysis and Discussion**

**Thursday, 1 October  Regional Meeting**

Inauguration
Michal Mejstřík, Acting Director, CERGE

**ICEG Programs**
Nicholás Ardito-Barletta, General Director, ICEG

Discussion of ICEG Program in Europe

**Politics and Policymaking**
Gerald B. Meier, Stanford University

Discussion

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**Economic Policy of the Czech Republic**
Jozef Zieleńec, Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Country Reports**

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**Friday, 2 October**

Reports on Special Projects
Macroeconomic Policy and Private Enterprise in Central and Eastern Europe
Nevenka Cučković, IRMO, Croatia
Private Enterprises in Poland and Their Dynamics
Andrzej Kondratowicz, ASRC, Poland

**Reports on Reform Round Table Project**
George Truitt, ICEG
Janusz Golębiowski, WERI, Poland
Miklós Szanyi, IWE, Hungary
Michal Mejstřík, CERGE, Czechoslovakia

Discussion

**Intraregional Trade**
László Tóth
Institute for Economic/Market Research and Informatics, Hungary

Discussion

**Concurrent Working Groups**
A) Trade (Moderator: András Köves)
B) Privatization (Moderator: George Truitt)
c) Foreign Investment (Moderator: Gerald Meier)
Working Group Reports to Plenary

New Policy Research Projects
Albanian Translations of ICG Summaries
Kostandin Kristo
Direct Foreign Investment in the Transition Period: The Case of Bulgaria
Daniela Bobeva
Czech Parliamentary Counselling by Integrative Studies
František Petrášek
Volkswagen-Skoda Negotiation Case Study
Jiří Schwarz
Second Phase of Polish Transformation
Tadeusz Baczko
Romanian Edition of Privatization & Development
Sofia Andreoiu

General Discussion

Saturday, 3 October  Transitional Economies Consultation
Asian Collaboration with Reform Round Table
Shelley Mark, East-West Center

Presentations on Asian Transitional Economies
Laos: Mya Than
Mongolia: Tsedendambyn Batbayer
Vietnam: Joseph L.H. Tan
ASEAN: Pearl Imada

Discussion

Presentations by Representatives of Russian Correspondent Institutes
Russia: Ruben Evstigneev
    Sergey Lavrov
    V.F. Matveev, Sergei Y. Veselovsky
Ukraine: Andre Masiuk

Discussion

General Discussion on Project Planning

Closing Remarks
Nicolás Ardito-Barletta, General Director, ICG

IX Indochina Roundtable: Trends in Vietnam

This Roundtable was convened by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, on 5–6 October 1992 in Singapore. It was attended by about 35 participants and several observers from Vietnam, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the countries in ASEAN, Germany, United States, Canada and Australia.

The substantive papers of this conference were oriented toward economic development problems and prospects, reflecting the foremost priority of Vietnam. However, diverse issues of political economy were also addressed in the conference. The details of the programme were as below:

Monday, 5 October
Welcome and Opening Remarks

Session I  Recent Policy Reforms and Prospects for Growth and Development
Presenter
Vu Tuan Anh
Commentators
Bernhard Dahm
Harish Mehta
Discussion

Session II  Development and the Conditions for Success
Presenter
Adam McCarty
Commentators
Vo Dai Luoc
Lee Tsao Yuan
Discussion

Tuesday, 6 October
Session III  External Dimensions of Development: Vietnam's Integration into the Regional and Changing International Economic Matrix
Presenter  Mya Than
Commentators  Mohamed Ariff
Nguyen Ngoc Dien
Discussion

Session IV  Imperatives of Future Development
Presenter  Carl Thayer
Bernardo M. Villegas
General Discussion
Concluding Remarks