

# 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. Albuero  
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

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Chairperson  
Professor James A. Kelly  
President, Pacific Forum CSIS, USA

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

*SESSION III Government Approaches to SIJORI*

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

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

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

*SESSION VI IMT-GT: Economic and Political  
Incentives*

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

*SESSION IV SIJORI: Social and Distributional  
Issues in Borderland Integration*

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

Commentator  
Mr Imran Lim  
Senior Economist, Institute of Strategic and  
International Studies, Malaysia

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

*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

28 October 1994

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

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

Chairperson  
Professor James A. Kelly  
President, Pacific Forum CSIS, 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

*SESSION VIII Impact of NETs on Relations  
among the National Actors*

Paperwriters  
Dr Ismail Md. Salleh  
Chief Executive Officer, Land & General Bhd,  
Malaysia  
Dr Donald Weatherbee  
Institute of International Studies, University of  
South Carolina

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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  
Shinichi 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

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

D. Myanmar  
Speaker  
Mya Than, Fellow, Indochina Unit, ISEAS,  
Singapore

Discussants  
Pearl Imada Iboshi, Research Fellow, East-West  
Center  
Shigeyuki Abe, Professor of Economics, 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

B. Bulgaria and Romania  
Speaker  
Yasuo Uchida, Professor, Kobe University

Discussants  
Katalin Ferber, Visiting Professor, Hosei  
University  
Shelley Mark, Emeritus Professor and Adviser,  
ICEG

Open Discussion

*SESSION IV "Japan's Perspectives on  
Transitional Economies"*

Chair  
Shinichi Ichimura

Speakers  
Yoshihiko Kono, Deputy Director, Research  
Dept., Japan Overseas Economic Cooperation  
(OECF)  
Tsuneaki 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 McCleery, Associate Professor, Kobe  
University

Open Discussion

*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"

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

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*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 International Seminar on EU — Trade Policy between Liberalization and Global Social and Environmental Policies in Brussels, 21–22 September 1994*

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*  
1. Paper: "Environmental Issues"  
Dr Margareta Kulesa, University of Mainz, Germany

2. Paper: "Social Issues"  
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 Yii Tan  
Philippines: Magareta Kulesa  
Singapore: Amina Tyabji  
Thailand: Sungsidh Piriyanangsan  
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

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**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 Alburo

*Macroeconomics 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

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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 Ranmordnung und Entwicklungsplanung  
Universitat Stuttgart, Germany

Liberal Discussion

Report to the triparty about the Triparty  
Evaluation

Concluding Speech by Leaders of Triparty

Leader from UNDP

Leader from CICETE

Leader from DRC

**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

*Opening Remarks*

Leader of the ISEAS Singapore Group

Leader of the DRC Beijing Group

*SESSION I*

Chairman: V.P. Dutt

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