

## International Symposium

### LATIN AMERICA IN THE PACIFIC RIM

This symposium aims at analyzing the logic of regionalism and trans-Pacific (Latin America - Asia-Pacific) economic relations in the Pacific Rim emphasizing the role played by the Latin American side. This implies the examination of the interactions within the Pacific Rim, in particular the evaluation of the dynamics of institutionalized regionalism and the so-called “open regionalism” in Asia-Pacific, such as TPP and APEC, as well as the participation of Latin American countries in these trans-regional integration schemes. Similarly, the creation and development of the Pacific Alliance, a dynamic regional integration initiative whose member states are Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru, is also a topic of this symposium.

Another goal of this event is a study of bilateral trade agreements subscribed between Latin American countries and their counterparts in East Asia and Oceania. Ambassadors from Latin American Countries will treat respectively the approaches to bilateral free trade agreements (FTAs) and economic partnership agreements (EPAs) currently existing (or under negotiation) in the Pacific Rim, the economic reasons that have led to the signing of these agreements and the results of those initiatives.

The Japan’s foreign policy toward Latin America and views of inter-regional and trans-regional processes taking place in the Pacific Rim will be also accounted for. The presence of Latin American countries in this processes, and the influence that such participation has on the current evolution of other regional initiatives developing in the Western Hemisphere, are topics of paramount importance in the study on the world’s most dynamic region within the context of international economic relations.

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 9:45 to 17:30

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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM\*

- 9:30 Registration
- 9:45 Opening Remarks
- Ken-ichi Semba (President, AGU)
- Kazuhiko Takemoto (Director, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability)
- 10:00 SESSION 1: Latin America and Asia-Pacific: Interactions in the Pacific Rim  
Moderator: Shigeru Kochi (Deputy Director, International Exchange Center, AGU)
1. Latin America in the Pacific Rim: Trends and Agenda  
Antoni Estevadeordal (Manager, Integration and Trade Sector, IDB) and Juan Blyde (Lead Trade Economist, Integration and Trade Sector, IDB)
  2. Opportunities and Challenges in Trade Relations between Asia and Latin America  
Keiji Inoue (Deputy Director, International Trade and Integration Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean)
  3. Macroeconomics of Trade Diversification: The Case of Latin America's Trade with Asia-Pacific  
Won-Ho Kim (Dean and Professor, Graduate School of International and Area Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Korea)
- (Intermission)
- 11:30 SESSION 2: Global trends inside and outside of the Pacific Rim  
Moderator: Shigeru Kochi (Deputy Director, International Exchange Center, AGU)
1. Latin America - Asia Economic Relations: What to Expect Next?  
Alicia García Herrero (Chief Economist for Emerging Markets, BBVA Research)
  2. Reshaping World Trade Agenda: Mega-FTAs in Asia-Pacific and the Japan-EU Economic Partnership  
Yorizumi Watanabe (Professor, Keio University SFC)
  3. The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership: Implications for Latin America and Asia  
Philippe De Lombaerde (Associate Director, UNU-CRIS)
- 12:55 Lunch Break

14:10 SESSION 3: Trade Policies in the Pacific Rim: Latin American Strategies

Moderator: Shigeru Kochi (Deputy Director, International Exchange Center, AGU) and Nobuto Iwata (Director, International Exchange Center and WTO Center, AGU)

1. The Case of Chile

H.E. Mr. Patricio Torres, Ambassador of Chile

2. The Case of Colombia

H.E. Mr. Roberto Vélez, Ambassador of Colombia

3. The Case of Peru

H.E. Mr. Elard Escala, Ambassador of Peru

4. The Case of Mexico

Mr. Armando Arriaga, Embassy of Mexico, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

(Coffee Break)

15:45 SESSION 4: Japan and Latin America in the Pacific Rim

Moderator: Shigeru Kochi (Deputy Director, International Exchange Center, AGU) and Nobuto Iwata (Director, International Exchange Center and WTO Center, AGU)

1. Japan and Latin America

Yasushi Takase (Director General, Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan)

2. Beyond Free Trade: Trade, Investment and International Cooperation

Akio Hosono (Senior Research Advisor, JICA Research Institute)

3. Official Development Assistance Programs and Projects through JICA in Latin America and the Caribbean

Takeshi Takano (Director General, Latin America and the Caribbean Department, JICA)

17:15 Closing Remarks

Philippe De Lombaerde (Associate Director, UNU-CRIS)

Toru Shikibu, (Representative in Asia, IDB)

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