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Roundtable on Regional Trade Politics

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‘Regional Trade Politics in East Asia and the Indo-Pacific: The RCEP and TPP’

3:30 – 5:00 | Friday, 22nd March | Stretton Room, 4th floor Napier building

Professor Yoshimatsu’s paper will explain the political process towards the beginning of negotiations on the RCEP in 2013 and the influence of the TPP on this process. This presentation will give broad pictures of regional FTA formation highlighting politics among China, Japan, and the US.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSANTS

Mr Keith Wilson (Institute for International Trade, University of Adelaide)
Dr Maryanne Kelton (Flinders University)
Prof. Kanishka Jayasuriya (The University of Adelaide)

Hidetaka Yoshimatsu is Professor of Politics and International Relations at the College of Asia Pacific Studies in the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan. He is also a visiting scholar with the Centre of Asian Studies and a Research Associate with the IPGRC. Prof. Yoshimatsu earned his MA in international relations from the University of Warwick, UK and his PhD in international relations from the Australian National University (ANU). His current research areas include International Political Economy with special emphasis on Japan’s foreign economic policy, regionalism in East Asia, and Sino-Japanese relations. Prof. Yoshimatsu’s publications include The Political Economy of Regionalism in East Asia: Integrative Explanation for Dynamics and Challenges (Palgrave 2008) and Japan and East Asia in Transition: Trade Policy, Crisis and Evolution, and Regionalism (Palgrave 2003). Currently, he is on sabbatical with the Centre of Asian Studies from mid February until mid May- working on a book manuscript and also doing joint research with Prof. Purnendra Jain.

All Welcome