

DIE Conference

Regional Economic Integration Beyond Europe

19-20 December 2007 in Bonn, Germany

PROGRAMME

Day 1 (Wednesday)

9.30 – 10.00 Registration/Coffee

10.00 – 10.05 Welcome Address: Peter Wolff, DIE

10.05 – 10.20 “Introductory Remarks – New Trends in Regional Economic Integration”:
Ulrich Volz, DIE

10.20 – 14.45 **Integration Experiences in Different Regions**

Chair: Jeffrey J. Schott, Peterson Institute for International Economics

- Rajiv Kumar, ICRIER: “SAARC: Changing Realities, Opportunities and Challenges”
Discussant: Vijaya Katti, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

- Renato Baumann, CEPAL: “Integration in Latin America. Trends and Challenges”
Discussant: Laurissa Mühlich, Free University of Berlin

- Davie Malungisa, tralac (on behalf of Trudi Hartzenberg): “Integration in the SADC Region”
Discussant: Mareike Meyn, ODI

12.35 – 14.00 Lunch

- Zhang Yongsheng, DRC of the State Council, PRC and Renmin University: “East Asian Economic Integration and its Impact on China’s Economy”
Discussant: Doris Fischer, DIE

14.45 – 16.15 **Regional Integration and the Multilateral Trading System**

Chair: Peter Nunnenkamp, IfW

- Jeffrey J. Schott, Peterson Institute for International Economics: “The Future of the Multilateral Trading System in a Multipolar World”

Discussant: Klaus Liebig, DIE

- Peter Draper, South African Institute of International Affairs (with Mzukisi Qobo): “Rabbits Caught in the Headlight? Africa and the ‘Multilateralising Regionalism’ Paradigm”

Discussant: Regine Qualmann, GTZ

16.15 – 16.45 Coffee Break

16.45 – 18.15 **Topics in Monetary Integration I**

Chair: Eiji Ogawa, Hitotsubashi University

- Volker Nitsch, ETH Zurich and Free University of Berlin: “Monetary Integration and Trade: What Do We Know?”

Discussant: J. James Reade, University of Oxford

- J. James Reade, University of Oxford and Ulrich Volz, DIE: “Measuring Monetary Policy Independence Across Regions”

Discussant: Zhang Yongsheng, DRC of the State Council, PRC and Renmin University

18.30 Reception and Dinner

Day 2 (Thursday)

9.15 – 10.45 **Regional Trade-FDI Linkages I**

Chair: Biswanath Bhattacharyay, ADBI

- Ram Upendra Das, RIS: “The Effects of Regional Trade-FDI Linkages on Poverty Alleviation – With Illustrations from South Asia”

Discussant: Renato Baumann, CEPAL

- Julia Kubny, DIE, Florian Mölders, DIE and Bonn University & Peter Nunnenkamp, IfW: “Regional Integration and FDI in Emerging Markets”

Discussant: NN

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30 **Topics in Monetary Integration II**

Chair: Waltraud Schelkle, LSE

- Laurissa Mühlich, Free University of Berlin: “South-South Monetary Integration – Potential Gains for Developing and Emerging Market Economies”

Discussant: Julie McKay, ECB

- Eiji Ogawa, Hitotsubashi University: “Currency Baskets for East Asia”

Discussant: Gunther Schnabl, University of Leipzig and CESifo

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 **Regional Trade and FDI Linkages II**

Chair: Tatjana Chahoud, DIE

- Peter Nunnenkamp, IfW (with Matthias Busse and Jens Königer): “FDI Promotion through Bilateral Investment Treaties: More Than a Bit?”

Discussant: Megha Mukim, LSE

- Biswanath Bhattacharyay, ADBI: “Understanding the Emerging Pattern of Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation in Asia”

Discussant: Ram Upendra Das, RIS

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee Break

15.45 – 17.15 **Regional Financial Integration**

Chair: Gunther Schnabl, University of Leipzig and CESifo

- Michael Pomerleano, BIS: “Developing Regional Financial Markets – The Case of East Asia”

Discussant: Biswanath Bhattacharyay, ADBI

- Julie McKay, ECB (with Regine Wölfinger): “Regional Pooling Arrangements and the IMF”

Discussant: Waltraud Schelkle, LSE

17.15 – 18.00 General Discussion: The Way Forward – Research Questions and Research Partnerships

18.00 End of Conference

18.20 Dinner and Glühwein at Bonn Christmas market

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