



ADB-ISIS Book Launch-cum-Seminar

“New Global Economic Architecture: The Asian Perspective”

Wednesday, 6 January 2016, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Programme

- 8:30 am** **Registration**
- 9:00 am** **Welcome Remarks**
Ambassador Ong Keng Yong
Executive Deputy Chairman, RSIS
- 9:10 am** **Overview of the Book**
Dr Naoyuki Yoshino
Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute, ADBI
- 9:30 am** **Questions & Answers**
- 10:00 am** **Coffee Break**
- 10:30 am** **Seminar on “New Global Economic Architecture: The Asian Perspective”**
- Chairperson
Professor Euston Quah
President of the Economic Society of Singapore and
Head of Economics, Nanyang Technological University
- Multilateral and Regional Trade Agreements*
Dr Matthias Helble
Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute
- Development Finance: Relationships between World Bank, ADB, AIIB,
and NDB*
Dr Robert Wihtol
Adjunct Professor, Asian Institute of Management, Philippines
- ASEAN+3 Financial Safety Net and IMF*
Dr Pradumna B. Rana
Associate Professor, RSIS
- Regional Financial Regulation*
Dr Peter J. Morgan
Senior Consultant for Research, Asian Development Bank Institute
- 11:50 am** **Questions & Answers**
- 12:20 pm** **Closing Remarks**
Dr Guanghua Wan
Director of Research, Asian Development Bank Institute, ADBI
- 12:30 pm** **End**

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Biographies

Opening & Closing Speakers

Ambassador Ong Keng Yong

Executive Deputy Chairman, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

Ambassador ONG Keng Yong is Executive Deputy Chairman of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. Concurrently, he is Ambassador-at-Large at the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs, non-resident High Commissioner to Pakistan and non-resident Ambassador to Iran. Mr Ong also serves as Chairman of the Singapore International Foundation (SIF).

Mr Ong was High Commissioner of Singapore to Malaysia from 2011 to 2014. He served as Secretary-General of ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations), based in Jakarta, Indonesia from January 2003 to January 2008.

Mr Ong started his diplomatic career in 1979 and was posted to the Singapore Embassies in Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and the United States of America. He was Singapore's High Commissioner to India and concurrently Ambassador to Nepal from 1996 to 1998. From September 1998 to December 2002, he was Press Secretary to the then Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr Goh Chok Tong. At the same time, Mr Ong held senior appointments in the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts, and the People's Association in Singapore. From 2008 to 2011, he served as Director of the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) in the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore.

Mr Ong graduated from the then University of Singapore with a LLB (Hons) and the Georgetown University (Washington DC, USA) with a MA in Arab Studies.

Dr Naoyuki Yoshino

Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

Naoyuki Yoshino is Dean of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADB Institute); Professor Emeritus of Keio University, in Tokyo, Japan; and Senior Adviser at the Japan Financial Services Agency's (FSA) Financial Research Center (FSA Institute). He obtained his PhD from Johns Hopkins University in 1979, where his thesis supervisor was Sir Alan Walters (who was Margaret Thatcher's Economic Adviser). He was a visiting scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (United States) and has been a visiting professor at various universities including the University of New South Wales (Australia), Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (France), and University of Gothenburg (Sweden). He was an Assistant Professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo and an Economics Professor at Keio University from 1991 to 2014. He was appointed chair of the Financial Planning Standards Board in 2007, and also served as chairperson of the Japanese Ministry of Finance's Council on Foreign Exchange and its Fiscal System Council (Fiscal Investment and Loan Program Section). He was also a board member of the Deposit Insurance Corporation of Japan, chairperson of the Meeting of Japanese Government Bond Investors (Ministry of Finance), and was President of the Financial System Council of the Government of Japan. He was conferred honorary doctorates by the University of Gothenburg (Sweden) in 2004 and by Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg (Germany) in 2013; he also received the Fukuzawa Award for his contribution to academic research in 2013.

Dr Guanghua Wan

Director of Research, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

Guanghua Wan is Director of Research at ADBI. Previously, he was Principal Economist and Head of the Poverty/Inequality Group at the Asian Development Bank. Prior to ADB/ADBI, he was a senior economist in the United Nations and taught in a number of universities in Australia and the People's Republic of China. Trained in development economics and econometrics, Dr. Wan is a multi-award-winning scholar on the Chinese economy and an expert on Asia, with an outstanding publication record of more than 100 professional articles and a dozen books including two by Oxford University Press. According to RePEc, he is ranked top 10% in the world and top 5% in Asia.

Seminar Chairperson and Panellists

**in alphabetical sequence according to family name*

Dr Matthias Helble

Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

Dr Matthias Helble is a research fellow at ADBI and his research interests include international trade, health, environment, and urban economics. His work has been published in flagship reports of international organizations including WTO's *World Trade Report*, as well as in numerous books and scientific journals. Matthias began his professional career in the trade team of the Development Research Group of the World Bank in Washington, DC, before joining the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, where he was responsible for research on the intersection of trade and health. He then worked as an economist for the World Trade Organization in the areas of environment, climate change, and technical standards. Matthias holds degrees in international economics from the University of Tübingen (Germany), the University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA), as well as from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (PhD) in Geneva (Switzerland).

Dr Peter Morgan

Senior Consultant for Research, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

Peter Morgan is Senior Consultant for Research at the Asia Development Bank Institute. He has 23 years' experience in the financial sector in Asia, most recently serving in Hong Kong as Chief Asia Economist for HSBC, responsible for macroeconomic analysis and forecasting for Asia. Before that, he served in Tokyo as Chief Japan Economist for HSBC, and earlier held similar positions at Merrill Lynch, Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Jardine Fleming. He earned his MA and PhD degrees in economics from Yale University. His research interests are in macroeconomic policy; financial sector regulation, reform and development; and energy/environment issues.

Professor Euston Quah

President, Economics Society of Singapore, and Head of Economics, Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

Professor Euston Quah is presently Head, Division of Economics; Vice- Chair, Sustainable Earth Office and immediate Past Chairman of the Senate Committee on University Policy Matters at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. He was formerly Chair, School of Humanities and Social Sciences at NTU. Prior to joining NTU, Professor Quah was at the National University of Singapore (NUS) where he was Vice-Dean , Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; Deputy Director of the Public Policy Program(now called the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy); and headed the economics department there. A prolific writer, Professor Quah had published over 100 articles including journals such as *World Development*; *Environment and Planning*; *Applied Economics*; *Journal of Economics* ;*Journal of Public Economic Theory*; *Journal of Environmental Management*; *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*; *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*; *Bulletin of Economic Research*; *Education Economics*; *European Journal of Law and Economics*; *Theoretical Economics Letters*; and *International Review of Law and Economics*, among others . His most recent work is a paper in an international publication on cost-benefit analysis by Oxford University Press, 2013, and a forthcoming paper in the journal, *World Economy*. Two books on Cost-Benefit Analysis were published by Routledge, UK in 2007(with E.J. Mishan) and 2012. His work on Cost-Benefit Analysis was made a reference reading by the US White House and Office of Management and Budget in their circulars for US Government agencies applying for research and project funds. He was

also co-author of an Asian Edition of the best-selling Principles of Economics Text with Harvard Professor Gregory Mankiw (former Chairman, US Presidential Council of Economic Advisors) published by Cengage (formerly Thomson, USA), now a second edition in 2013. He has books published by McGraw-Hill, Edward Elgar (UK), and Longmans. He has a forthcoming book (written with Jinhua Zhao) on the Economics of Transboundary Pollution to be published by Edward Elgar, UK, and was recently invited by Springer Verlag to be a Series Editor (with Parkash Chander) for books on Sustainable Development.

Professor Quah advises the Singapore Government in various Ministries and was a Member of the recent Prime Minister's Economic Strategies Sub-Committee on Energy and the Environment, and served on the Committee of the Fare Review Mechanism of the Ministry of Transport. He presently sits on the Boards of Energy Market Authority, the Energy Studies Institute at NUS; and the Complaints Committee of the Singapore Medical Council. He is also a Review Panel Member for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation project hosted by the Overseas Development Institute, London; and a Technical Reviewer for the National Research Foundation (Singapore), Humanities and Social Sciences Research Council (Canada), and the Australian Research Council. He has been a referee for many economics and interdisciplinary journals including the Journal of Political Economy, Environment and Planning (Series C and A), Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, among others. Professor Quah is Editor of the ISI (SSCI) journal, The Singapore Economic Review (since 2002), and the President of the Economic Society of Singapore (since 2009). In 2014, Professor Quah was elected as President of the Asian Law and Economics Association. He has been invited by Stanford University, Princeton University, the USA Inter-Pacific Bar Association, and WWF for Asia, UNESCAP, Earth Institute of Columbia University (Asian Meetings), ADBI and ADB to speak at their functions and conferences. He was awarded the First Komai Fellowship by the Hitachi Scholarship Foundation in 1989. In 2014, Professor Quah was invited to give the World Economy Annual Asia Lecture at the international conference invited by the University of Nottingham, and sponsored by Wiley-Blackwell. Professor Quah has consulted for PricewaterhouseCoopers; Economica (Canada); Gentings International; Singapore Government; IDRC Canada; World Bank and Asian Development Bank. In January 2015, Professor Quah was formally elected to be a fellow member of the prestigious learned society, the European Academy of Sciences and Arts. Professor Quah is often cited and interviewed by the local and foreign media on news, and documentary shows including CNA, Channel 5, BBC, Straits Times, Business Times, and foreign presses in France, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, and Denmark. He is one of the most highly cited and influential university economists in Singapore.

Dr Pradumna B. Rana

Associate Professor, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

Dr Pradumna B. Rana is Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Master of Science in International Political Economy Programme at the Centre for Multilateralism Studies of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) in Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. Prior to this, he worked for 25 years at the Asian Development Bank. His last appointment at the ADB was Senior Director of the Office of Regional Economic Integration which spearheads the ADB's support for Asian economic integration. He also has teaching and research experience at the National University of Singapore. He obtained his PhD from Vanderbilt University where he was a Fulbright Scholar and a Masters in Economics from Michigan State University and Tribhuvan University. He has authored/edited 15 books, and published over 55 articles in peer-reviewed international academic journals. He is presently co-authoring a book on *Jump-starting South Asia: Round Two of Reforms and Look East Policies*. Most recently, he co-authored books on *Asia and the Global Economic Crisis* (Palgrave Macmillan 2010) and *South Asia: Rising to the Challenge of Globalization* (World Scientific Publishers 2009), edited a book entitled *The Renaissance of Asia:*

Evolving Economic Relations between South Asia and East Asia (World Scientific Publishers 2012), and co-edited a book on *New Global Economic Architecture: The Asian Perspective* (Edward Elgar 2014). He has also co-edited books on *Pan-Asian Integration: Linking East and South Asia* (Palgrave Macmillan) and *National Strategies for Regional Integration: South and East Asian Case Studies* (Anthem Press, UK).

Dr Robert Wihtol

Adjunct Professor, Asian Institute of Management, Philippines

Robert Wihtol is an international development banking consultant and Adjunct Faculty at the Asian Institute of Management. He worked for the Asian Development Bank for 20 years, including as Director General for East Asia, Director General for the Pacific, and Country Director for China. He holds an MA from the University of Helsinki and a DPhil from the University of Oxford.