International Conference on
Asian Regionalism: Responding to Globalisation and China

Leverhulme Centre for Research on Globalisation and Economic Policy (GEP), University of Nottingham

16th and 17th January, 2008

at the Kuala Lumpur Teaching Centre, the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus,
2nd Floor, Chulan Tower, Jalan Chulan, Kuala Lumpur

Wednesday, 16th January, 2008

09.00 – 09.30 Opening addresses

Session 1 (Chair: David Greenaway)

09.30 – 10.50 Proliferating RTAs in East Asia: why and whither
Innwon Park, Korea University
Discussant: Richard Pomfret

Endogenous Regionalism and its Consequences on Interdependent Economies
Peter Egger, University of Munich
Discussant: Zhihong Yu

10.50 – 11.10 Coffee

Session 2 (Chair: Cassey Lee)

11.10 – 12.30 What Kind of Currency and Financial Cooperation will emerge in Asian Economic Integration?
Wing Thye Woo, University of California at Davis
Discussant: Eduard Bomhoff

Ownership and Technical Efficiency in Malaysia’s Automobile Industry: A Stochastic Frontier Analysis
Noor Aini Khalifah, Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia
Discussant: Hui-Boon Tan
Session 3 (Chair: Zhihong Yu)

13.30 – 14.50 Economic Growth and Environmental Sustainability: Some Key Challenges for Asian Governments
Euston Quah, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Discussant: Subramanian Pillay

Foreign Direct Investment, Pollution and Economic Growth: Evidence from Malaysia
Lee Chew Ging, Nottingham University Business School, Malaysia
Discussant: Wai-Mun Chia

14.50 – 15.10 Coffee

Session 4 (Chair: Chris Milner)

15.10 – 17.10 China and Asian regionalism
Richard Pomfret, University of Adelaide
Discussant: A.K.M. Azhar

Economic Convergence of Greater China
Shujie Yao, GEP, University of Nottingham
Discussant: Yothin Jinjarak

The issue of balance or imbalance of China's economy versus the world
Eden Yu, City University Hong Kong
Discussant: Lina Song

17.10 – 18.30 Break

Session 5 (Chair: Brian Atkin)

18.30 – 19.30 Boustead Annual Globalisation Lecture:
The WTO and Developing Countries’ Policy Space
Chris Milner, GEP, University of Nottingham

19.30 – 20.30 Reception, sponsored by Boustead
Thursday, 17th January, 2008

Session 6 (Chair: Subramaniam Pillay)

08.30 – 10.30 Structural breaks in the opening up of Japan: evidence from 19th century micro level price data (with Laura Bernhofen and John Brown)
Daniel Bernhofen, GEP, University of Nottingham
Discussant: Toshiyuki Matsuura

Import Competition and Employment Growth: Evidence from Japanese Establishment Data (with Toshiyuki Matsuura and Kazuma Edamura)
Tomohiko Inui, Nihon University
Discussant: Cassey Lee

Globalisation and the Euro Area
Bob Anderton, European Central Bank
Discussant: David Greenaway

10.30 – 10.50 Coffee

Session 7 (Chair: Shujie Yao)

10.50 – 12.50 Does China Displace Exports of Other Asian Economies?
Chris Milner, GEP University of Nottingham
Discussant: Bob Anderton

The Quality of Chinese Exports
Zhihong Yu, GEP, University of Nottingham
Discussant: Richard Baldwin

Gravitating with Free Trade Agreements in Singapore
Shandre Thangavelu, National University of Singapore
Discussant: Chris Milner

12.50 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 Transfer to the University of Nottingham campus at Semenyih

15.00 – 15.45 Tour of campus

15.45 – 16.00 Refreshments
Session 8 (Chair: David Greenaway)

16.00 – 17.00  The World Economy Asia Lecture sponsored by Blackwell Publishing:
               Agricultural Policies and Economic Development
               Kym Anderson, University of Adelaide and World Bank

17.30  Return to Kuala Lumpur

19.30  Conference dinner at JW Marriott Hotel, Jalan Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur, sponsored by YTL