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James Cook University, Singapore

5pm SGT (registration from 4.30pm)

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Distinguished Professor and
Dean of Business School,
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The World Economy Annual Asia Lecture: **MEASURING AGGREGATE TRADE RESTRICTIONS AND THEIR ECONOMIC EFFECTS**

We develop a new Measure of Aggregate Trade Restrictions (MATR) using data from the IMF's Annual Report on Exchange Arrangements and Exchange Restrictions. MATR is an empirical measure of how restrictive official government policy is towards the international flow of goods and services. MATR is simple, ad hoc, plausible, quantitative, easily updated, based solely on policy-relevant measures of trade policy, and

covers an unbalanced sample of up to 157 countries annually between 1949 and 2019. MATR is strongly correlated with, but more comprehensive than, existing measures of openness and trade policy existing measures. We use MATR to show that trade restrictions are harmful for the economy and lead to significant contractions in output.

AGENDA

5 PM



Welcome and Introduction
MR NEIL PAREKH

Advisory Board Member,
James Cook University, Singapore
Partner and Head of Asia, Australia
& New Zealand, Tikehau Capital

5.55 PM



Fireside Chat with Professor Andrew
Rose (30mins)

MS ANGELA ROBINSON

Deputy High Commissioner
Australian High Commission to Singapore

5.10 PM



Keynote Address (45 mins)

PROFESSOR ANDREW ROSE

Distinguished Professor and
Dean of Business School, National
University of Singapore

6.25 PM



Closing remarks

MR KHOON GOH

Head of Asia Research
ANZ Bank

6.30 PM

Refreshments will be served

Supporting Organisations:

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The World Economy