

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM The Political Economy of Latin American Regionalism

Latin American regionalism is facing a period of transformation in the past few years. A changing global and regional context has led to a evolution of relatively old regional initiatives, such as the Southern Common Market (Mercosul/Mercosur) and the Central American Integration System (SICA), to a creation of new schemes such as the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of America (ALBA), the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), the Pacific Alliance and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC). These regional initiatives promote goals in diverse areas, such as trade, promotion of investment, infrastructure, financial and international cooperation, productive integration and social policy.

Regionalism and regional integration is perceived by political and economic circles in Latin America as a mechanism to deal with the changing international context. During this symposium famous academics and ambassadors from Latin American countries will treat the new aspects of Latin American regionalism. On the one hand, world-class scholars from Japan, Europe and Latin America will deal with the interactions between the new global context and the new stage of Latin American regionalism. Similarly, comparisons between the Asian and Latin American experiences on regional integration and international cooperation will be presented. On the other hand, ambassadors from some Latin American countries will talk about the present and future of regional integration in Latin America.

Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2014 from 9:50 to 17:30
Place: UNU Headquarters (Tokyo), Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall (5F)
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Co-organizers: Aoyama Gakuin University (AGU) Research Institute and WTO Research Center, United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS) and Inter-American Development Bank
Languages: Spanish - Japanese (simultaneous translation)

Program (prelim. version)

9:30 Registration
9:50 Opening Remarks
Philippe De Lombaerde (UNU-CRIS, Associate Director)
Toru Shikibu (Inter-American Development Bank, Representative in Asia)
10:00 PART I: Regional Integration in Latin America: History, Theory and Lessons from the Asia-Pacific
Moderator: Shigeru Kochi (AGU, Int'l Exchange Center Deputy Director)

1. What to Expect from Latin American Economies in the Current Global Context?
Alicia García Herrero (BBVA Research, Chief Economist for Emerging Markets)
2. The Political Economy of Latin American Regionalism and Free Trade Agreements
Philippe De Lombaerde (UNU-CRIS, Associate Director)
3. Latin American Regionalism in a New Global Context: Diverse Models, Diverse Strategies
José Briceño Ruiz (Universidad de Los Andes, Venezuela, Associated Lecturer)
4. Institutional Interplay: Regional Institutions in an Evolving Regional Architecture of the Asia-Pacific
Tsutomu Kikuchi (AGU, Department of International Politics, Professor)
5. Economic Integration and International Cooperation in Latin America and East Asia
Akio Hosono (JICA Research Institute, Senior Research Advisor)

12:45 Lunch (1h30m)

14:15 PART II: Present and Future of Regional Integration in Latin America

Moderator: Nobuto Iwata (AGU, Int'l Exchange Center and WTO Research Center Director) and Shigeru Kochi (AGU, Int'l Exchange Center Deputy Director)

H.E. Mr. André Corrêa do Lago
Ambassador of Brazil

H.E. Mr. Patricio Torres
Ambassador of Chile

H.E. Mr. Marcos Rodríguez
Ambassador of Cuba

H.E. Mr. Leonardo Carrión Eguiguren
Ambassador of Ecuador

H.E. Ms. Martha Zelayandía
Ambassador of El Salvador

H.E. Mr. Seiko Ishikawa
Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

17:15 Closing Remarks

17:30 End of symposium

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