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# Asia's economic challenges and policy choices

Wednesday 6 November 2013 12:45 - 6pm, followed by reception

**Molonglo Theatre** Level 2, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU



Asia is the global economy's engine of growth. Yet each Asian economy is facing a range of challenges in furthering domestic reforms and deepening economic integration to lift incomes and prosperity. Regional institutions are underdeveloped, regional and global architecture is in a state of transition, and the United States is having trouble sustaining its rebalance towards Asia.

The first session in this public forum, on 'Regional trade choices', focuses on the regional economic agreements of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Regional

Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), as well as other forums for economic cooperation. The second session, on 'Asia and the global trading system', discusses how Asian arrangements relate to the G20 and the global trading system. The third session, on 'Asian growth: Prospects and risks', looks at the likely trajectory of Asia's growth and its implications, as well as the risks and fragility within the global trading system and critical issues such as climate change.

**Dr David Gruen**, Executive Director of Macroeconomic Group at Australian Treasury will deliver the keynote speech. This public forum will be chaired by Professor Peter Drysdale and Dr Shiro Armstrong from the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research, Crawford School of Public Policy, and Mr Naoyuki Haraoka, Japan Economic Foundation.

Panellists include (for a full list, please refer to the Crawford website):

- > **Dr Biswajit Dhar** Director General, Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries, India
- > **Dr Chulsu Kim** Chairman, Institute for Trade & Investment (ITI), Lee International; Former Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, Korea
- > **Professor Kazumasa Kusaka** Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic Foundation, Japan
- > **Professor Djisman Simandjuntak** Professor of Business Economics, Prasetya Mulya Business School, Indonesia; Chairman, CSIS Foundation
- > **Professor Yunling Zhang** Academy Member and Director of International Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), China

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