

# Beyond the Credit Crunch: Regional Economic Integration in East Asia

Friday June 26th, 2009

10.00 - 16.45

Lipsius building, Room 203



Economic integration, both in terms of financial initiatives and Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), in the East Asian region has proceeded apace since the impact of the Asian Financial Crisis in 1997. This process of integration has accelerated with the advent of the current credit crisis as East Asian states weather the storm and seek to strengthen their economies over the long-term. Closer economic integration in East Asia has numerous ramifications beyond economics, such as China's improving relations with both Japan and Taiwan in spite of political differences and security tensions. These developments raise a myriad of questions for academics, policy-makers and business people alike. What are the limits of economic integration in the East Asian region? Which state or states are leading this process of economic integration and at what speed? What role do Multinational Corporations play in this process of integration? How has the current credit crunch transformed this process of economic integration in the East Asian region? Does the EU provide a model for East Asian economic integration to follow? What does economic integration in the East Asian region have to tell us about regionalism elsewhere? What are the ramifications of the economic rise of the East Asian region? Are existing theoretical frameworks adequate to conceptualize these developments?

## Program

10.00-10.15

Registration and Introduction

10.15-11.15

China-Taiwan relations and economic integration in East Asia  
Leng Tse-kang (National Chengchi University)

11.30-12.00

Cross Straits business relations and regional integration  
Lee Chun-yi (Nottingham University, MEARC writing up scholar)

12.00-12.30

Global production sharing and industrial value chains in East Asian regional integration, beyond the credit crisis  
Lurong Chen (UN University Bruges)

[Lunchbreak]

13.30-14.00

Taiwan in Japan's bid for East Asian regional leadership  
Lindsay Black (Leiden University)

14.00-14.30

The role of the US as an 'hegemonic' influence on East Asia at moments of crisis  
Mark Beeson (Birmingham University)

14.45-16.45

Panel Discussion and Roundtable Q&A

For more information and registration (no admission fee) please contact: [info@mearc.eu](mailto:info@mearc.eu) or visit: [www.mearc.eu](http://www.mearc.eu)

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