

APEC Study Centers Consortium Conference 2023
Draft Program: Timing and Panel Order Subject to Change

Date: November 15, 2023

Location: UC – Berkeley Institute of International Studies
223 Philosophy Hall (formerly Moses Hall)

Organizers: Meredith Kolsky Lewis and Jessie Poon (University at Buffalo APEC Study Center), Vinod Aggarwal (UC – Berkeley APEC Study Center)

Conference Registration: 8:30 am - 9:00 am

Conference opening: 9.00am-9.10am
Vinod Aggarwal, UC – Berkeley ASC

Opening remarks: 9:10 am - 9:40 am
Larry Greenwood, Senior Advisor, Bower Group Asia, former US ambassador to APEC

APEC Secretariat, 9:40 am- 10:00 am
Carlos Kuriyama, Director, Policy Support Unit, APEC Secretariat

Panel 1 Trade Dynamics, 10:00 am -11:30 am
Chair: Vinod Aggarwal, UC-Berkeley ASC

Asha Sundaram, University of Auckland, NZ APEC Study Centre
Co-authors: Yen Nguyen, Robert Scollay and Hien Thu Pham
Services Trade Liberalization and Manufacturing Firm Productivity: Evidence from Vietnam

Craig Emerson, The Australian APEC Study Centre
Non-speaker participant: **Briony Wood-Ingram**, Program Director at the Australian APEC Study Centre
Advancing a Free Trade Area of The Asia-Pacific

Seungrae Lee, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
Impact of temporary trade barriers in APEC: Evidence from South Korea

Meredith Kolsky Lewis, University at Buffalo, APEC Study Center
Where Does APEC fit within US Trade Policy?

Lunch, 11:30 am -12:30 pm

Japan METI, 12.30-1pm
Yasutoshi Nishimura, Minister at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Panel 2: Inclusion and Resilience, 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm
Chair: Meredith Kolsky Lewis, University at Buffalo ASC

Jean Clarisse Carlos, *Philippine APEC Study Center Network*

Co-authors: Jovito Jose Katigbak and Jill Angeli Bacasmas

Analysis of the Cross-Border E-Commerce Environment for Philippine Women-led MSMEs: Challenges and Opportunities

Chenxin Jin and *Jingjia Zhang*, *APEC Study Center of Nankai University*

The Assessment and Solutions for APEC Digital Inclusion

Lianne Angelico Depante, *University of the Philippines National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP NCPAG)*

Co-authors: Kristoffer Berse, Kirsten Lianne Mae Dedase

A Comparative Analysis of Business Continuity Standards in Select APEC Member-Economies: Enabling Business Resilience in the Asia-Pacific Landscape

Justin Kwan, *Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada*

Empowering MSMEs through International Development: Enhancing Inclusive Capacity Building in the Asia-Pacific Region

Sara Minkara, Special Advisor, US Department of State, 2:15pm -2:30pm

Disrupting the Narrative around Disability' and integrating disability rights and inclusion into our foreign policy

Short break, 2:30 pm - 3.00 pm

Panel 3: Sustainability and Environment, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Chair: Jessie Poon, University at Buffalo ASC

América Ivonne Zamora Torres, *Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, the Center of Studies APEC Michoacan*

Co-authors: René Augusto Marín-Leyva and Carlos Francisco Ortiz Paniagua, Impact of APEC environmental policies on economic growth and climate change by economies and degree of economic development

Ronald Sofe, *PNG APEC Study Centre / National Research Institute*

Co-author: Osborne Sanida

Energy access, security and reform in APEC – The case of Papua New Guinea

Hea-Jung Hyun, *Kyung Hee University, Korea National Center for APEC Studies*

Environmental Non-tariff Measures and Trade in APEC Member Economies

Mason Cheng, *Taiwan Institute of Economic Research, APEC Study Center*

Co-author: Shunyo Liao, National Chung Hsing University

Looking into the Occupational Safety and Health Issues Through a Green Lens: Opportunities and Challenges in APEC

Aqila Putri, *Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland, College Park*

Co-authors: Nabil Ryandiansyah and Eki Ramadhan (non-speaker participant)
"Conflict, Crime, and Critical Minerals: Evidence from Indonesia's Nickel Mining Communities

Closing remarks, 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Camille Dawson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, US Department of State

Closing announcement, Peru will be the next host.

Closing reception, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

We would like to thank UC Berkeley's Institute of International Studies, Berkeley ASC, UB ASC, UB Asia Research Institute, and Gnam Research Fund for their support.

Supplementary Information

Wifi:

There are two ways of accessing Wifi on campus:

1. Eduroam (this tends to be available for participants from US institutions)
2. Select Berkeley-Visitor network (no username or password is required)

Accommodation at Berkeley, CA

The following hotels are recommended for your stay:

Graduate Hotel

Bancroft Hotel

Residence Inn by Marriott

Hotel Shattuck Plaza

Getting from San Francisco International Airport to Berkeley

1. BART (60-80 mins), \$9-\$12
2. Line 292 bus (2hr 9 min), \$4-\$10
3. Shuttlefare, (30-45 min), \$90-\$140,
<https://www.shuttlefare.com/from-san-francisco-sfo/berkeley>
4. Taxi (32min), \$140-\$170

Other ways, check out: [San Francisco Airport \(SFO\) to Berkeley - 5 ways to travel via , and BART \(rome2rio.com\)](#)

Campus Map

The conference venue may be located here (please note that Philosophy Hall where the conference will be held was formerly called Moses Hall).

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