



***REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE:
LATIN AMERICA and THE CARIBBEAN AND ASIA-PACIFIC***

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1:30- 1:45

Opening Remarks

Nohra Rey de Marulanda
Manager, Integration and Regional Programs Department
Inter-American Development Bank

Robert Scollay
Coordinator PECC Trade Forum
University of Auckland, New Zealand

1:45 – 3:00

Session 1

Dynamics of Competitive Liberalization in RTA Negotiations: Comparative Perspectives on Hub and Spoke Patterns, Domino Effects and Prospects for Convergence or Amalgamation of RTAs

Moderator

Sidney Weintraub
Center for Strategic and International Studies

Background Presentation

Robert Scollay
Coordinator PECC Trade Forum
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Panelists

Pablo Rodas-Martini
Asociación de Investigación y Estudios Sociales (ASIES), Guatemala

Marcelo de Paiva Abreu
Integration and Regional Programs Department
Inter-American Development Bank

Richard Feinberg
APEC Study Center, University of California – San Diego

Hadi Soesastro
Center for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia

3:00- 4:15

Session 2

Institutional and Architectural Issues in RTAs: Coping with the Spaghetti Bowl and Innovative Approaches and Instruments in RTAs

Moderator

Peter Kalil
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Background Presentation

Antoni Estevadeordal
Integration and Regional Programs Department
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Kati Suominen
Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies
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Panelists

Felipe Lopeandia
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile

Raúl Urteaga
Embassy of Mexico
NAFTA Office in Washington

Anthony Halliday
Shannon and Associates, Canada

Linda Low
National University of Singapore, Singapore

Paul Brenton
World Bank

4:15-4:30

Coffee Break

4:30- 5:30

Session 3

Development Aspects of RTAs

Moderator

Jose Manuel Salazar
Trade Unit
Organization of American States

Background Presentation

Neanthro Saavedra
APEC Study Center, University of Tsukuba, Japan

Panelists

Fernando González Vigil
APEC Study Center, Universidad del Pacifico, Perú

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