

# **In Search of an Asia Pacific Community**

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# Background and History

- **Asia Pacific Community idea: the economics and the politics**
- **Ohira and the Japan-Australia initiative**
- **Pacific Community seminar and the rest**
- **APEC Ministers and the Summit in 1993**
- **East Asian financial crisis and the fracture of trans-Pacific consensus**
- **ASEAN+3, ASEAN+6 and the contest of regional communities**

# Nature of Asian Regionalism

- **Economic, political, institutional heterogeneity**
- **plurality of regional structures**
- **distraction of European model**
- **ASEAN+3 and ASEAN+6 or the East Asia Summit**
- **US and the region: APEC; EAS?**
- **impact of global financial crisis**
- **G20 and Asian G7 as regional brokers**

# **Need for Architectural Renovation**

- **global crisis: Asia missing in action**
- **Asia's global role and responsibilities**
- **shift in economic power and strategic weight towards China and India (3 of the 4)**
- **managing the challenge to American primacy**
- **filling the gap and connecting the dots on economics, politics and security**
- **Rudd's Asia Pacific Community idea**