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Research objectives

The APRU DSC has always been a major international academic event. For more than a decade, doctoral students from APRU universities gather every year to explore a range of issues, share their insights address regional and global challenges. Since its inception, APRU DSC has provided inspiring and fascinating experience to students due to the dynamic academic exchange among diverse talents and various social activities that enable participants to personally savor the national culture of the host university.

The main theme of the 12th DSC is "Innovation: Fostering Sustainable Development and Harmony among Pacific Rim communities". To promote better understanding of the theme, we have suggested 6 sub-themes which cover a span of disciplines: 1) promoting human development through inclusive growth; 2) innovation of science and technology; 3) globalization and international cooperation; 4) maintaining sustainable development through education, culture and art; 5) life sciences and health; 6) youth's responsibilities and leadership.

Research project

For the past few years, regionalism has been progressing in East Asia with the likes of China, Japan and Korea (CJK) as the most prominent actors. Unfortunately, with the absence of trade arrangement amongst the CJK, the present regional trade scheme is not sufficient to reach sustainability. Thus, the study aims to give the solution to the problem. **Approach:** This study found the inefficient trade scheme through Engle-Granger Cointegration and Error Correction Mechanism. Two Stage Least Squares in a static panel fixed effect model were also employed to proof the spill-over effect. **Conclusion/Recommendations:** the study underlines the importance of triangular trade agreement for accelerating the phase of growth in CJK which eventually created a spillover effect to East Asia as a whole. Moreover, the study argued that the spillover effect would function as an impetus for creating region-wide FTA. Furthermore, the study also identified a number of economic and political factors that can support the formation of East Asian Regionalism

Achievement

The paper was presented in the "12th APRU Doctoral Students Conference (APRU DSC)" at Tsinghua University, Beijing. I had some fruitful comments from Professors and colleagues in order to enhance my research. An intense discussion happened with regards the factors that will make regionalism in East Asia happen in the future. Some socio political variables are subject to a deeper investigation.

Finally, my utmost gratitude for GIARI's generous financial support and valuable guidance from Professor Shujiro Urata that gave me the opportunity to disseminate my paper.

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