

# Competitive Regionalism

May 30 (Friday) and 31 (Sat), 2008  
At Ibuka International Conference Center, 3F Room #No.3, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan

**The Competitive Regionalism project assesses the causes and implications of the explosive growth of free trade agreements (FTAs). FTAs are rapidly spreading due to the dual forces of competition and emulation with very important implications for the nature of regional integration. FTAs can work for or against the emergence of coherent regional blocs, and we explore which conditions favor one outcome over the other.**

## May 30 (Friday)

### Opening Remarks

1:30-1:45pm  
Satoshi AMAKO (Waseda University)

### Session 1: Thematic Dynamics

1:45-2:30 pm  
"Framework: Competitive Regionalism: Explaining the Diffusion of FTAs in the Pacific Rim"  
Saori N. KATADA (University of Southern California)  
Discussant: Gregory NOBLE (University of Tokyo)

2:30-3:15pm  
"Competitive Regionalism in East Asia: Legal Context"  
Junji NAKAGAWA (University of Tokyo)  
Discussant: Akira KOTERA (University of Tokyo)

3:30-4:15pm  
"Political Competition and the FTA Movement: Political-Security Motivations and Consequences"  
Mike MOCHIZUKI (George Washington University)  
Discussant: Jimbo KEN (Keio University)

4:15-5:00pm  
"Competitive Regionalism in East Asia; An Economic Analysis"  
Shujiro URATA (Waseda University)  
Discussant: Masahiro KAWAI (Asian Development Bank Institute)

## May 31 (Saturday)

### Session 2: FTA Powers: The United States, Japan, and China

10:00-10:45am  
"A Coalition of the Willing? U.S. Bilateralism as a Route to the 'Regionalization' of Hemispheric Trade"  
Cintia QUILICONI (University of Southern California) and Carol WISE (University of Southern California)  
Discussant Noriyuki MITA (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)

11:00-11:45pm  
"Japan's Competitive FTA Strategy: Tradeoffs between economic and political competition"  
Mireya SOLIS (American University)  
Discussant: Yorizumi WATANABE (Keio University)

11:45am-12:30pm  
"China's Competitive FTA Strategy: Realism in a Liberal Slide"  
Jian YANG (University of Auckland)  
Discussant: Long KE (Fujitsu Research Center)

### Session 3: FTA Hubs: Singapore (ASEAN) and Chile

2:00-2:45pm  
"Competitive Regionalism in Southeast Asia"  
Takashi TERADA (Waseda University)  
Discussant: Susumu YAMAKAGE (University of Tokyo)

2:45-3:30pm  
"Chile: A Pioneer in Trade Policy"  
Barbara STALLINGS (Brown University)  
Discussant: Neantro SAAVEDRA-RIVANO (University of Tsukuba)

### Session 4: FTA Ascendent: Mexico and South Korea

3:45-4:30pm  
"Competitive Regionalism and Mexico's FTA Strategy"  
Aldo FLORES-QUIROGA (Claremont Graduate University)  
Discussant: Keiichi TSUNEKAWA (the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS))

4:30-5:15pm  
"South Korea's Pursuit of "Embedded Liberal" Free Trade Agreements"  
Min Gyo KOO (Yonsei University)  
Discussant: Yukiko FUKAGAWA (Waseda University)

### Closing Remarks

5:15-5:30pm



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