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Session 1: New Political Economy of the Pacific

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Robert Dekle is Professor of Economics at the University of Southern California. Professor Dekle studies international finance, open-economy and development, macroeconomics and the economies of Japan and East Asia. He is also studying studying the economic and political consequences of the large U.S. external debt held by countries in the Pacific.

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Vinod (Vinnie) Aggarwal is Professor in the Department of Political Science, Affiliated Professor in the Business and Public Policy group in the Haas School of Business, and Director of the Berkeley Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Study Center (BASC) at the University of California at Berkeley. He also serves as Editor-in-Chief of the journal Business and Politics, and Co-Chair of the U.S. Consortium of APEC Study Centers. Dr. Aggarwal received his B.A. from the University of Michigan and his M.A. and Ph.D. with a focus on international political economy from Stanford University. He has been a Visiting Professor at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, the University of Geneva’s IOMBA program, INSEAD, Yonsei University, NTU Singapore, and Bocconi University. Dr. Aggarwal consults regularly with multinational corporations, governments, and international organizations. He is the author or editor of 17 books including Winning in Asia: European Style, European Union Trade Strategies, Asia’s New Institutional Architecture. His newest book is East Asian Regionalism: Ideas, Interests, and Domestic Institutions. Dr. Aggarwal speaks five languages. He was born in Seattle, Washington.

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Gregory Chin is an Associate Professor at York University (Canada), where he teaches Chinese politics, global governance, and East Asian political economy. He is a Senior Fellow & Acting Director of Global Development Research at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), and an associate fellow of Chatham House. He is the author of *China’s Automotive Modernization: The Party-State and Multinational Corporations* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010). He has published recently in *China Security, International Affairs, International Journal, Journal of International Affairs, Politikon, Review of International Political Economy, The Washington Quarterly, Far Eastern Economic Review, Foreign Policy*, and has articles forthcoming in *The China Quarterly, Harvard Asia Quarterly and The Journal of Asian Studies*. Dr. Chin served as a diplomat in the Canadian Embassy in China from 2003-2006, and was responsible for Canadian foreign aid to China and North Korea. From 1999-2003, he worked in Canada’s foreign affairs ministry and the Canadian International Development Agency. He has held visiting fellowships at Peking University (1997-98) and University of Cambridge (2010). His current research is on China’s growing international financial influence and global governance reform.

**Discussant: Saori Katada, Associate Professor, USC**

Saori N. Katada is Associate Professor at School of International Relations, University of Southern California. She is the author of a book *Banking on Stability: Japan and the Cross-Pacific Dynamics of International Financial Crisis Management* (University of Michigan Press, 2001), which was awarded Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Book Award in 2002. She also has three co-edited books: *Global Governance: Germany and Japan in International System* (Ashgate, 2004), *Cross Regional Trade Agreements: Understanding Permeated Regionalism in East Asia* (Springer, 2008), and *Competitive Regionalism: FTA Diffusion in the Pacific Rim* (Palgrave Macmillan 2009). She has written numerous articles on international political economy including topics such as regional integration, foreign aid policy, financial politics and free trade agreements. Her current research focuses on the trade, financial and monetary cooperation in East Asia, and the impact of the global financial crisis on Japanese financial politics and regional integration efforts. For her research on regionalism, she was recently awarded the Japan Foundation Research grant, and National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship. She has her PhD from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Political Science) in 1994, and BA
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