

Moderators' Bio

1. Ms. Zulfia Karimova, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department (EARD), ADB

International development professional with diverse work experience, having worked with multilateral organizations like ADB, IMF, World Bank, UN; private sector and international NGOs, think tank/academia. Ms. Karimova has extensive experience in managing policy dialogue with senior government officials and complex programs in [sub]regional cooperation and integration (RCI), corporate finance and social sectors, as well as in strategic coordination and implementation of ADB-wide strategies and policies.

Ms. Karimova led and coordinated multi-stakeholder and cross-sectoral efforts in the conceptualization and design of innovative development initiatives for ADB operations. She coordinates diverse range of RCI, trade and investment, capacity development, and co-financing. She manages RCI projects in the People's Republic of China, Mongolia, and subregional trade initiatives in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC).

2. Mr. Jong Woo Kang, Principal Economist, Economic Research and Cooperation Department (ERCD), ADB

Mr. Jong Woo Kang is a seasoned economist with extensive knowledge and experiences on policy and strategic issues. He was senior advisor to the managing director general of ADB and senior economist at Strategy and Policy Department at ADB. He leads the annual publication of Asian Economic Integration Report. Areas of his research interest include regional integration, inclusive growth, macroeconomic and international trade policies, and aid effectiveness.

He has published research articles in academic journals such as Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Applied Economics, and Journal of World Trade, and wrote numerous blogs and opinion articles on global macroeconomy and international trade and finance. Before joining ADB, he was director at Ministry of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Korea.

He had got his BA in economics and MA in public administration from Seoul National University, and PhD in economics from University of Washington.

3. Ms. Pramila Crivelli, Economist, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD), ADB

Ms. Crivelli's main fields of specialization are applied econometrics in international trade policy, regional trade agreements, trade negotiations, rules of origin, non-tariff measures and geographical indications. At ADB, her portfolio also covers APEC and regional public goods.

Prior to joining ADB in November 2020, she was an Assistant Professor at the Goethe University Frankfurt leading the Chair of International Trade. Her work has been published in academic peer reviewed journals including the Journal of International Economics and the World Economy.

She accumulated extensive experience in applied economic policy and technical cooperation serving as an Economic Affairs Officer at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, researching at the European University Institute and the World Trade Organization, and carrying out consultancies for various clients in Asia and Africa. She has a strong expertise in delivering capacity

building and advisory services to governments, public and private institutions, and trade negotiators in multilateral and regional fora. She received her PhD from the University of Geneva, Switzerland.

Presenters' Bio

1. Dr. Jayant Menon, Ph.D, Senior Fellow at ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore

Jayant Menon joined the ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute as Senior Fellow to continue his work on trade and development in the Asian region, following his early retirement from the ADB in 2020. His last post at the ADB was Lead Economist in the Office of the Chief Economist.

He began work life as an academic in Australia, spending almost a decade at the Centre of Policy Studies at Monash University, one of the leading centers for computable general equilibrium modelling. He has worked at several academic institutions including the University of Melbourne, Victoria University, the American University in Washington, DC and the ADB Institute in Tokyo. He has served as a Board Director of CDRI, Cambodia, and on the Advisory Board of the University of Nottingham, Malaysia.

He holds adjunct appointments with the Australian National University, University of Nottingham, UK and IDEAS, Malaysia. He has authored/edited 15 books, 40 chapters in books and 80 articles in peer-reviewed journals.

2. Dr. Richard Pomfret, Professor of Economics Emeritus at the University of Adelaide and Adjunct Professor of International Economics at the Johns Hopkins University Bologna Center

In 1992-94 he was seconded to the United Nations for a year, advising the Central Asian republics of the former Soviet Union on macroeconomic policy. For many years he has acted as consultant to international organizations such as the Asian Development Bank, the OECD, the UNDP and the World Bank.

His research interests center on economic development and international economics. Three books on Central Asia were published by Princeton University Press in 1995, 2006, and most recently *The Central Asian Economies in the Twenty-first Century: Paving a new silk road* (2019).

3. Dr. David Wells Roland-Holst, Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resources Economics at the University of California, Berkeley

Dr. Roland-Holst is one of the world's leading authorities on economic forecasting, with extensive research experience in economics related to international trade, development, agriculture, and the environment, authoring six books and over 100 articles and chapters in professional journals and books.

Professor Roland-Holst has served in several academic posts in the United States, Europe, and Asia. He also conducted research in over 40 countries, working with public institutions including a variety of Federal and state agencies, the Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development bank, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), World Bank, and several United Nations agencies, as well as governments in Asia, Latin America, Europe, Africa, and the U.S.

Professor Roland-Holst holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley and is a US citizen.