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Special Seminar

Much Ado about Not Much? Asian Regionalism Today

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From AFTA, AICHR, ADMM, APA, APEC, APc, APT, ARF, ASEM, and an “Asian G20”; through CEPEA, CMI, EAC, EAS, and EAVG; to TAC, TPP, VAC, and VAP . . . the acronyms continue to proliferate. But what do they mean? Is Asian regionalism—in Southeast Asia, in East Asia, around the Pacific Rim—a juggernaut? Or a joke? And if it is neither, what is it, and why? What mix of identity and interest drives the process? Is it productive? Will ASEAN retain the driver's seat? Toward what destination? Along a spectrum from deep-rooted Asian *renaissance* to elitist talk-shop diplomacy, where does Asian regionalism lie?

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His publications in 2009-2010 include *Asian Regionalism and US Policy: The Case for Creative Adaptation* (Singapore), *Hard Choices: Security, Democracy, and Regionalism in Southeast Asia* (edited, Stanford / Singapore), *Islamism: Contested Perspectives on Political Islam* (co-authored, Stanford).

For recent research by Professor Emmerson on East Asian Regionalism please go to

<http://www.rsis.edu.sg/publications/workingpapers/wp193.pdf>

Week 4
Friday 21st May 2010
5.00 to 6.30 pm

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All are welcome

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