

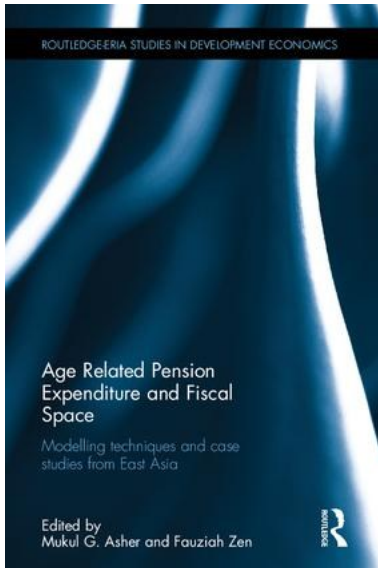
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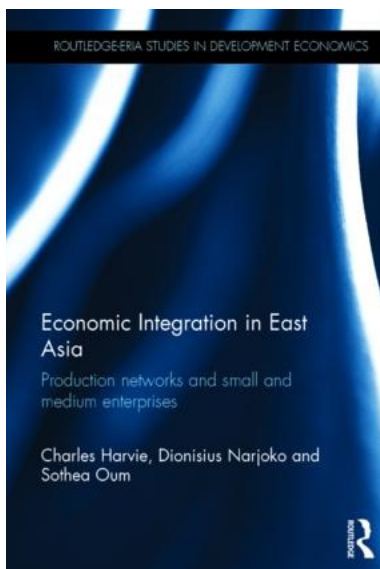
Age Related Pension Expenditure and Fiscal Space: Modelling techniques and case studies from East Asia

Edited by Mukul G. Asher and Fauziah Zen

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This book explores the linkages between age-related pension expenditures and the fiscal space needed to fund them, as well as to organise the mix of financing methods with different risk-sharing arrangements. After critically assessing the existing models projecting age-related expenditure in the literature, the book focuses on the case studies of these interlinkages in four highly populated East Asian countries—China, Indonesia, India, and Japan—where nearly two-fifths of the global population live. Therefore, how these interlinkages manifest themselves and the initiatives in these countries for finding fiscal space will have an impact on how the ageing issues are addressed globally.

This book has several distinguishing characteristics, including exploration of interlinkages between age-related expenditure and fiscal space as well as application of country-specific methods to explore these linkages, rather than relying on standard macroeconomic models. In the process, the studies also bring out the limitations of standardised models used in the literature. Scholars and policymakers interested in the subject will definitely find the book valuable.



Economic Integration in East Asia: Production networks and small and medium enterprises

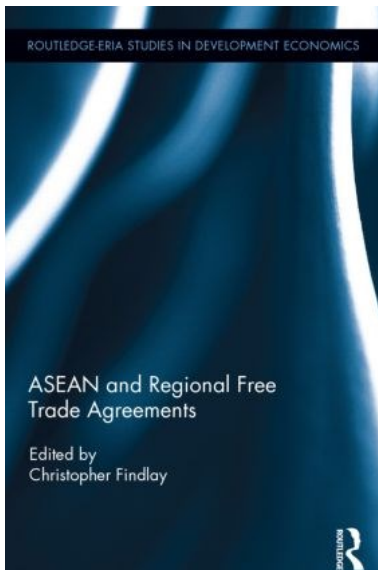
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International production networks in manufacturing, particularly in the machinery industries, have rapidly developed over the last two decades, resulting in dramatic increases in intra-regional and intra-industry trade, providing a key source of regional growth, integration, and development in East Asia. This book provides a better understanding on how to effectively further increase participation of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in East Asian production networks and, in doing so, identifies key challenges and issues that they need to address. This book aims to fill the theory-practice gap and to lay solid foundations for designing national arrangements and a regional institutional framework to further encourage and support SME engagement and participation in regional and global production networks.

The book contains several country case studies and, by drawing upon individual country experiences at various stages of economic development, demonstrates the difficulties of SMEs in ASEAN member countries attempting to participate in regional production networks and highlighting differences in needs and policy priorities.

This book offers both a more focused theme on the assessment of globalisation and a rather unique approach by focusing on the particular importance of SMEs, and by utilising micro-level data at the firm or plant level. The policy insights and the richness and uniqueness of the empirical findings make it an invaluable contribution to understanding East Asian production networks.

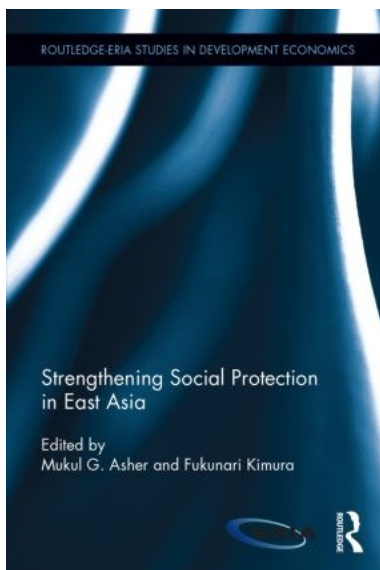


ASEAN and Regional Free Trade Agreements

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Efforts to use existing trade agreements to build a larger regional agreement face many challenges. This book considers this problem with reference to ASEAN's current agreements with key partners and the interest to build the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). The analysis of the options is framed by a focus on the use of supply chains in international business. Issues considered include those related to reductions in tariffs, trade facilitation, the treatment of investment and of services, and the definition of rules of origin. The work is informed by case studies of supply chains in automobile and electronics, and in a professional service sector. The book provides a set of priority actions for better progress in taking a bottom-up approach to building RCEP.



Strengthening Social Protection in East Asia

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This publication focuses on relatively unexplored areas in pension and healthcare arrangements, including financing, in East Asia. It aims to fill the literature gap on social protection in East Asia by covering issues such as pension and healthcare arrangements in the depopulating high-income countries of Japan and Korea; the challenges of the payout phase in Defined Contribution arrangements in Australia, New Zealand, and Singapore; and the extension of coverage of social protection schemes in China, India, and Indonesia. It reviews social protection from a much wider perspective and extends its coverage in terms of both the proportion of the population with access to the social protection scheme and the types of risks faced by households and by society as a whole. The book also gives attention to reforms of civil service pensions.