

# 2020 Asian Development Bank Institute Annual Conference: The Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic and its Policy Implications

1-3 December 2020, Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo, Japan  
[Virtual conference; JST time zone, local time in Tokyo]

## AGENDA

Day One: 1 December	
9:00 – 9:10	<b>Introduction (technical guidance and speakers' group photo)</b>
9:10 – 9:20	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean and CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
9:20 – 9:30	<b>Keynote Speech</b> [video-recorded] <i>ADB's Policy Response to COVID-19 and Priorities Going Forward</i> Masatsugu Asakawa, President, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
9:30 – 10:00	<b>Keynote Speech</b> [20 minutes speech, 10 minutes for Q&A] <i>Dealing with Corporate Distress, Repair, and Reallocation</i> Raghuram Rajan, Professor of Finance, Chicago Booth
10:00 – 10:45	<b>Session I. Macroeconomic Overview of COVID-19 Impacts</b>  Chair: Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean and CEO, ADBI  10:00 – 10:45 Paper 1: <i>Macroeconomic Impact of COVID-19 in Developing Asia</i> Presenter: Yasuyuki Sawada, Chief Economist and Director General, ERCD, ADB Discussant: Jong-Wha Lee, Professor of Economics, Korea University
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Break</b>
11:15 – 13:30	<b>Session II. MSME Impacts during COVID-19</b>  Chair: Chul Ju Kim, Deputy Dean, ADBI  11:15 – 12:00 Paper 1: <i>COVID-19 and SME Failures</i> Presenter: Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, Professor of Global Management, Department of Economics and Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley Discussant: Yothin Jinjarak, Senior Economist, ERCD, ADB  12:00 – 12:45 Paper 2: <i>The Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises in Asia and their Digitalization Responses</i> Presenter: Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean and CEO, ADBI Discussant: Daisuke Miyakawa, Associate Professor, Hitotsubashi University Business School (HUB)  12:45 – 13:30 Paper 3: <i>COVID-19 Impact on MSMEs under the Lockdown: Evidence from the Rapid Survey in the Philippines</i> Presenter: Shigehiro Shinozaki, Senior Economist, ERCD, ADB Discussant: Naoko Nemoto, Financial Economist, ADBI

Day Two: 2 December	
9:50 – 10:00	<b>Introduction (technical guidance and speakers' group photo)</b>
10:00 – 11:30	<p><b>Session III. Panel Discussion 1: SMEs, Digitalization and COVID-19</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Tetsushi Sonobe</b>, Dean and CEO, ADBI</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <p><b>Hanming Fang</b>, Professor of Economics, University of Pennsylvania and Dean, the School of Entrepreneurship and Management, ShanghaiTech University</p> <p><b>Wimonkan Kosumas</b>, Deputy Director General, The Office of Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion of Thailand</p> <p><b>Sopnendu Mohanty</b>, Chief Fintech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore</p> <p><b>Atsuko Okuda</b>, Regional Director, International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in Asia and the Pacific</p> <p><b>Open Floor Discussion</b></p>
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Break</b>
12:00 – 13:30	<p><b>Session IV. ADBI Surveys of COVID-19 Impacts on Households in Asia</b></p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Paul Vandenberg</b>, Senior Economist, ERCD, ADB</p> <p>12:00 – 12:45 <u>Paper 1:</u> <b><i>Impacts of COVID-19 on Households in ASEAN Countries and their Implications for Human Capital Development</i></b>            Presenter: <b>Peter J. Morgan</b>, Vice Chair of Research, ADBI            Discussant: <b>Kenichi Ueda</b>, Associate Professor of Economics, The University of Tokyo</p> <p>12:45 – 13:30 <u>Paper 2:</u> <b><i>Short-term Impact of COVID-19 Lock-down Measures on Livelihoods and Food Security in Rural Bangladesh: Evidence from a Telephone Survey of Mahbub Hossain Samples</i></b>            Presenter: <b>Mohammad Abdul Malek</b>, Associate Professor, University of Tsukuba            Discussant: <b>Monzur Hossain</b>, Research Director, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)</p>
13:30 – 16:00	<b>Break</b>
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Session V. Wider Implications of COVID-19 in the Digital Age</b></p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Yasuyuki Sawada</b>, Chief Economist and Director General, ERCD, ADB</p> <p>16:00 – 16:45 <u>Paper 1:</u> <b><i>Digital Technology and Economic Impacts of COVID-19: Experience of the Peoples Republic of China</i></b>            Presenter: <b>Yiping Huang</b>, Professor of Economics and Deputy Dean of the National School of Development (NSD) and Director of the Institute of Digital Finance (IDF), Peking University; <b>Han Qiu</b>, PhD Researcher, Peking University            Discussant: <b>Sayuri Shirai</b>, Professor of Economics, Keio University</p> <p>16:45 – 17:30 <u>Paper 2:</u> <b><i>Automation, COVID-19 and Labour Markets</i></b>            Presenter: <b>Georgios Petropoulos</b>, Research Fellow, Bruegel            Discussant: <b>Sumit Agarwal</b>, Low Tuck Kwong Distinguished Professor of Finance at the Business School and Professor of Economics and Real Estate at the National University of Singapore</p>

Day Three: 3 December	
8:50 – 9:00	<b>Introduction (technical guidance and speakers' group photo)</b>
9:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Session VI. Macroeconomic Policy Options and Issues</b></p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Cyn-Young Park</b>, Director, ERCI, ADB</p> <p>9:00 – 9:45 <u>Paper 1:</u> <b><i>Robust Determinants of the COVID-19 Recession</i></b>            Presenter: <b>Jonathan D. Ostry</b>, Acting Director, Asia and Pacific Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF)            Discussant: <b>John Beirne</b>, Research Fellow, ADBI</p> <p>9:45 – 10:30 <u>Paper 2:</u> <b><i>Macroeconomic Policy Adjustments due to COVID-19: Scenarios to 2030 with a focus on Asia</i></b>            Presenter: <b>Warwick McKibbin</b>, Professor of Public Policy and Director of the Centre for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis (CAMA), Australian National University (ANU)            Discussant: <b>Shin-ichi Fukuda</b>, Professor of Economics, The University of Tokyo</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Break</b>
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Session VII. COVID-19 and Progress toward Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</b></p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Alicia Garcia Herrero</b>, Chief Economist Asia Pacific, Natixis</p> <p>11:00 – 11:45 <u>Paper 1:</u> <b><i>Building Forward Better – Enhancing Resilience of Asia-Pacific Economies in a post-COVID time</i></b>            Presenter: <b>Sweta Saxena</b>, Chief, Macroeconomic Policy and Analysis, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)            Discussant: <b>Sally Chen</b>, Regional Advisor, Monetary and Economics Department, BIS-Asia</p> <p>11:45 – 12:30 <u>Paper 2:</u> <b><i>COVID-19 and the SDGs: From Brown Relief to Greener Recovery?</i></b>            Presenters: <b>Eric Zusman</b>, Research Director, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan; <b>Simon Hoiberg Olsen</b>, Research Manager, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan            Discussant: <b>Alin Halimatussadiah</b>, Head of Environmental Economics Research Group, Institute for Economic and Social Research, Universitas Indonesia</p>
12:30 – 16:00	<b>Break</b>
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Session VIII. Panel Discussion 2: Macroeconomic Policy, International Coordination, Pandemics and the SDGs – Lessons Learned and Policy Implications during the COVID-19 era</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Peter Morgan</b>, Vice Chair of Research, ADBI</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <p><b>Alicia Garcia Herrero</b>, Chief Economist Asia Pacific, Natixis  <b>Cyn-Young Park</b>, Director, ERCI, ADB  <b>Mario Pezzini</b>, Director, OECD Development Centre, Paris  <b>Naoyuki Yoshino</b>, Professor Emeritus, Keio University</p> <p><b>Open Floor Discussion</b></p>
17:30 – 17:40	<p><b>Concluding Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Tetsushi Sonobe</b>, Dean and CEO, ADBI</p>

[Note: 45 minutes for each paper – 25 minutes presenter, 10 minutes discussant, 10 minutes Q&A]