

## Prospects for deepening Asian Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration under a challenging global environment.

- Trump probably less of a direct threat to trade than initially feared.
- Brexit situation more unique: voters given a direct say.
- Security threat is probably the bigger risk to trade.
  - Trump's unpredictability may actually help for a while here, but a consistent message seems to be that the US will not put much at risk unless there is a very direct threat to it.

# How to leverage Regional Cooperation and Integration for bolstering economic resilience and sustainable growth?

- Further co-operation to deepen economic ties within much of Asia is great: can make each country less dependent on any particular market (at least in the medium term)
- Economic resilience and sustainable growth can often be achieved with sound unilaterally-implemented policies. Regional and global cooperation is a bonus.
- Security issues are where regional cooperation can really help. No one country accounts for a majority of Asia's population or GDP.