



## ADB Seminar Series on Regional Economic Integration

**Title:** “Assessing the Economy-wide Impacts of RCI Instruments”

**Date:** 27 May 2014

**Time:** 10:30 AM–12:00 PM Manila time

**Venue:** Level 1 Room 1650 South, ADB Headquarters

**Organizer:** Office of Regional Economic Integration (OREI)

**Speaker:** Xiao-guang Zhang  
Professor of Economics  
Renmin University in Beijing, People’s Republic of China

### Program

10:30 – 10:35 Chairperson: Iwan J. Azis, Head, OREI

10:35 – 11:20 Presentation on  
“Assessing the Economy-wide Impacts of RCI Instruments”

11:20 – 12:00 Open Floor Discussion

**Profile of Speaker: Xiao-guang Zhang**

The speaker is a Professor of Economics from the Renmin University in Beijing, People's Republic of China (PRC). He will speak about the usefulness of using Regional Economic Models to assess the economy-wide impacts of RCI instruments (e.g. FTAs, trade facilitation, agglomeration, connectivity, FDI flows) on productivity and growth in Asia.

Xiao-guang Zhang is also currently a Research Manager at the Productivity Commission—Melbourne Office in Australia. From 1994 to 2000, Xiao-guang Zhang was a lecturer in Economics at the University of Melbourne. He also worked as a visiting fellow for a year at the Australian National University's (ANU) Economics Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies. Mr. Zhang took Masters Degree in Economics and PhD in Economics also at the ANU in Canberra.

The most recent of his published books is the *'General Equilibrium Models: Theory and Application'* released in 2009. But his most recent conference papers are on CGE modelling, namely: *'A simple structure for CGE models'* and *'The composite impact of the low carbon development policies in Beijing's urbanization: A regional dynamic CGE modelling'*. Both papers were presented last 13–14 June 2013 at the 16th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis, Shanghai, PRC.