

# **Trans-Pacific Dimensions of the “new” RTA Developments**

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# The Context

- Ongoing globalization
- Resurgence of RTAs
- APEC indecisiveness
- “Newness” of the TP dimension

# Analysis

- Descriptive imagery
- Reactive explanations:
  - To globalization
  - To the slowness of it
  - To APEC deficiencies
- “Cosmic” models of attraction and ammagalvation

# IPE Explanations

- Efforts to broaden political-economic relations
- Escape from regional attraction
- Background: evolving post-cold war world stage
- Precedent: South-South cooperation
- A synthesis: PE spatial dynamics

# The Meaning of the TP Dimension

- The West Bank of the Pacific basin
- The East Bank
- APEC
- A wider meaning?