

# *Employer on campus series: Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Panel What's for Lunch? APEC, ARTA, and That Thing Called Career*

## **Speakers:**

Dr Denis Hew, Director; Mr Emmanuel A. San Andres, Analyst; and Ms Rhea Crisolago Hernando, Researcher, APEC Policy Support Unit

## **Synopsis:**

In November 2017, Viet Nam hosted APEC Leaders in Da Nang to discuss regional cooperation and inclusive growth under the theme: Creating New Dynamism, Fostering a Shared Future. This meeting was held amid heightened concerns about the impact of globalisation and the disruptions caused by digital technology.

In this talk, representatives of the APEC Policy Support Unit (PSU) – the research arm of APEC – will discuss findings from its November 2017 issue of the APEC Regional Trends Analysis (ARTA). The presentation will be in two parts: first, on the recent economic performance of the region, focusing on the drivers of economic growth and APEC's contribution to world growth. The ARTA will also tackle near-term economic outlook, including policy uncertainties and downside risks to future growth.

The second part is a discussion of the ARTA's theme chapter on Declining Labour Share and the Challenge of Inclusion. The study finds that the labour share of GDP—an indicator of inclusiveness in an economy—has been on a downward trend over the past two decades. Apart from domestic issues, it identifies technological change and globalisation as the key factors in global labour markets and declining labour shares. The report then enumerates policy options which could assist workers in coping with economic transformations and taking advantage of new opportunities brought about by a rapidly changing and more digitalized environment.

Lastly, students who wish to find out more about what it is like working in the PSU and in a multilateral setting such as APEC, can have an up close and personal session with Dr Denis Hew. He will share about the internship opportunities that are available in the PSU as well as his own career story on how he has built up his experience in regional and international collaboration.

Light refreshments, coffee & tea will be provided.

## **WHEN**

Wednesday  
24 January 2018  
12.15pm to 2.00 pm

*(Registration starts at 12.00pm and students are required to arrive promptly by 12.15 pm.)*

## **WHERE**

National University of  
Singapore  
Bukit Timah Campus

Lee Kuan Yew School of  
Public Policy  
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Business Casual

## **RSVP**

Admission is free.  
This event is open to all NUS  
LKYS School alumni, students  
and staff.

You can register online at:

## **FOR ENQUIRIES**

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## **Profile of Speakers:**

**Dr Denis Hew** holds a BSc (Hons) in Economics from the University of Warwick, United Kingdom and MSc and PhD in Finance from the University of Manchester, United Kingdom. Dr Hew was Regional Cooperation Specialist at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) before taking up his current appointment at APEC. From 2001 to 2008, Dr Hew was Senior Fellow and Program Coordinator (Regional Economic Studies) at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) Singapore. He was also Managing Editor of the ASEAN Economic Bulletin, a leading academic journal that focuses on economic issues in Southeast Asia. Dr Hew has written extensively on regional economic cooperation and integration, especially in ASEAN and the Asia-Pacific region.

**Mr Emmanuel A. San Andres** holds a Master of Arts in Economics and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of the Philippines School of Economics, where he is also a candidate for a PhD in Economics. Prior to joining APEC, Mr San Andres was an Economics Officer at the Economics and Research Department of ADB in Manila mainly working on poverty, inequality, food security, and social sector issues such as health, education, and employment. He also worked as a consultant for organisations such as the ADB, World Bank, and various non-government organisations.

**Ms Rhea C. Hernando** holds a Master of Arts in Economics and a Bachelor's degree in Business Economics at the University of the Philippines School of Economics. Prior to joining APEC, Ms. Hernando was a Bank Officer at the Department of Economic Research of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), working on financial markets and monetary policy. She also worked as a policy evaluation officer and researcher at various academic, international, and government institutions.