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EXPERTISE: East and Southeast Asia, ASEAN, political economy and economic development, and regional conflict and cooperation

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE: Former Asian Development Bank director and academic economist with over three decades of experience in East and Southeast Asia, focusing on regional cooperation, crisis response, and development strategy. Regular contributor to regional media on the political economy of conflict and cooperation and economic policy in the South China Sea, Southeast Asia, and East Asia more broadly. Current work analyzes how interstate hostility affects growth, tourism, and income convergence, drawing on applied macroeconomics, trade, and finance.

CURRENT RESEARCH & INTERESTS

- Economic prospects for East Asia amid rising geopolitical hostility, border conflicts, and emerging issues like climate change.
- Effects of low-level hostility on tourism, trade, and cross-border investment in East and Southeast Asia.
- Policy development for regional cooperation in East Asia.

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS (a complete list available upon request)

Opinion, media, and blogs

- "From conflict to shared prosperity," [Bangkok Post](#), 10 February 2026.
- "This border war hurts both sides," [Bangkok Post](#), 16 December 2025.
- "Moving Toward Real Peace at the Cambodian-Thai Border," [The Phnom Penh Post](#), 27 September 2025.
- "Conflict undermines cooperation," [Bangkok Post](#), 5 August 2025.
- "Plan B for new capital for Indonesia: Horizontal decentralization," [The Jakarta Post](#), 26 May 2023.
- "The Cruel Arithmetic of Income Convergence in East Asia," a [blog](#) posted by the American Committee on Asian Studies, 26 October 2022.
- "Is it time to retire the PHL peso, Thai baht, and Indonesian rupiah?" [Business Mirror](#), 31 May 2022.
- "A Leadership Role for RI in the South China Sea," [The Jakarta Post](#), 21 January 2017.
- "The Diplomatic Storm In The South China Sea/West Philippine Sea." [Business Mirror](#), 21 November 2016

Selected books & scholarly work

- "The Impact of Low-Level Hostility on Tourism between Japan and South Korea," a [paper](#) delivered at the Western Economic Association International Conference, 19 March 2021. A blog is available at the [website](#) of the American Committee on Asian Economic Studies
- *The Third Option for the South China Sea: The Political Economy of Regional Conflict and Cooperation*, October 2016, Palgrave Macmillan, ISBN 978-3-319-40273-4. The [book](#) uses a simple game-theory model to examine current disputes in the maritime region, including the changing environment for cross-border trade and investment.
- "The South China Sea in the Broader Maritime Security of the Indo-Pacific: The Economic Context for Regional Conflict and Cooperation." NASSP Issue Brief Series, University of New South Wales, Canberra. November 2016. The [paper](#) was presented at the international conference, "The South China Sea in the Broader Maritime Security of the Indo-Pacific," Canberra, Australia, 28-30 September 2016.

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Selected policy and institutional reports

- “The Philippines’ Near Markets, The ASEAN Economic Community and China: Promise or Threat?” March 2010, Asian Institute of Management, Knowledge Hub for Trade and Investment, Briefing Paper No. 6.
- “A Harvest Too Late: Economic Policy in Southeast Asia Confronting the Global Economic Crisis,” January 2010, Briefing Paper No. 3.
- “Country Economic Report, Indonesia,” Asian Development Bank, 2002.
- “Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation: Assistance Plan, 2000–2002,” Asian Development Bank.
- “Economic Review and Bank Operations,” Kyrgyz Republic, October 1995; Philippines, annually 1991-1994. Asian Development Bank.

POLICY AND INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP

Asian Development Bank (ADB), various locations

- Director, Regional Cooperation and Integration Group, Southeast Asia Department (2007–2009). Led regional cooperation programs for the Greater Mekong Subregion and archipelagic Southeast Asia. Liaised with ASEAN Secretariat and national governments.
- Advisor, Office of the Director General, Southeast Asia Department (2005–2007). Developed strategies for regional cooperation in archipelagic Southeast Asia.
- Country Director and Deputy Director/Senior Economist, Indonesia Resident Mission (2000–2005). Managed the Indonesia country office and the multi-billion-dollar portfolio.
- Senior/Lead Economist, Programs Department (East) (1998–2000). Designed and administered the Central Asian Regional Cooperation Program and supported the Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA).
- Senior Economist, Central Asian Republics (1995-1996); Economist for the Philippines (1991–1998). Drafted country strategies and economic reports.

Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, Washington, D. C.

- Economist, Responsibilities included analysis of energy markets and inflation forecasts in conjunction with Federal Open Market Committee meetings (1980-1984).

Consultancy roles at the Asian Development Bank and the Asian Development Bank Institute.

- Member, principal consultant team for ASEAN 2030: Toward a Borderless Economic Community (2011–2014).
- External peer reviewer, Independent Evaluation Department’s Thematic Evaluation Study on Regional Cooperation and Integration Strategy (2013–2015; 2020).
- Consultant on the Malaysia country program, on Brunei economic trends, and editing of Asian Development Outlook and infrastructure (2010–2014).

Other policy and expert roles

- Executive Editor, Journal of Asian Economics, American Committee on Asian Economic Studies (until July 2020).
- Member, International Expert Group, Pan Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation Forum, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, PRC (2008–2009).

ACADEMIC AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Hult International Business School, San Francisco (2012-2018), Dubai (June 2014); Professor of Economics, teaching:

- Global Economics for Master of International Business program (annual).
- Introduction to Sustainability.
- International Economics for MBA and Executive MBA programs.
- Development Economics for the Master of Social Entrepreneurship program.
- International Economics and Developing Economies in Dubai

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ACADEMIC AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE (cont.)

Mazars Next Executive MBA Program, London (May-June 2013). Lecturer,

- Seminar class on "Analyzing Dependencies between Geoeconomics and Geopolitics."

Asian Institute of Management, Manila; Research Fellow/Adjunct Faculty (2009–2012)

- Supported the AIM Knowledge Hub; prepared briefing papers on trade and investment, and delivered presentations for the Business Roundtable.

Hosei University, Tokyo; Professor (visiting/tenured), Economics Faculty (1984–1992)

- Taught undergraduate and graduate courses on the U.S. and Japanese economies, international monetary policy and finance, and econometrics.

Earlier teaching appointments; Adjunct faculty

- New York University; Fairleigh Dickinson University; Columbia University; Queens College; Fordham University; Cooper Union (mid-1970s to 1980s): courses in macroeconomics, energy economics, quantitative analysis, development, and history of economic thought.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Economics, Columbia University, New York, 1981. Dissertation: "Discrete Choice Models and the Selection of a Space Heating Fuel in New Housing."
- M.Phil., Economics, Columbia University, 1976; fields: public finance, history of economic thought.
- M.A., Economics, Columbia University, 1975. Thesis, "The Economics of the Fare in the New York Subway System". NSF Fellowship 1973-1974.
- B.S., California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, 1971.

SELECTED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Interview, Documento (Greece): "A conflict in the South China Sea will undermine international trade, and lead to poverty for millions of people," 1 March 2017.
- "The 2020 future of ASEAN: Southeast Asia, the new China? The new Europe?" Praxity Global Senior Partner Conference, Beijing, PRC, October 2015.
- "The Asian Century," Association of Pacific Ports 100th Annual Conference, Redwood City, CA, August 2013.
- "Connectivity in Southeast Asia," webcast for Cascade Asia Advisors, June 2013.
- Workshop presentations on regional cooperation and trade policies in Southeast Asia, Australian APEC Study Centre, Manila and Hanoi, September 2010.

OTHER RESEARCH AND RELATED PUBLICATIONS

- "The Role of ASEAN Economic Community as a Commitment to Policy Certainty," *ASEAN Economic Bulletin*, August 2008 (25/#2) pp. 209-227, presented at several conferences, including the 18th Conference of the American Committee for Asian Economic Studies (ACAES), 29-31 August 2008, at the University of Bologna, Rimini Campus.
- "Bridging the ASEAN Developmental Divide: Challenges and Prospects, A Regional Overview," *ASEAN Economic Bulletin*, April 2007 (24/#1) pp. 15-34.
- "Asian Tsunami Crisis: Lessons for the International Community," presented at ASEAN Roundtable 2005 – The Asian Tsunami, 17-18 November 2005, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore.

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OTHER WRITING

- Under the Lights of the Sky (Book 1): The Field of Sorrow (as Asher Z.), science fiction novel, 2019.
- Under the Lights of the Sky (Book 2): The Promethean Path (as Asher Z.), science fiction novel, 2023.
- “I Don’t Recognize That Man in the Mirror, but I’m Getting to Know Him,” [Conquer](#), 2018.
- “Faces in a Refugee Camp,” in the Greek media outlet Documento, available at [Dråpen i Havet](#) website, 2017.
- Essays in *Men’s Health, Philippines* (as Asher Z.) on yoga, family diving, and running.