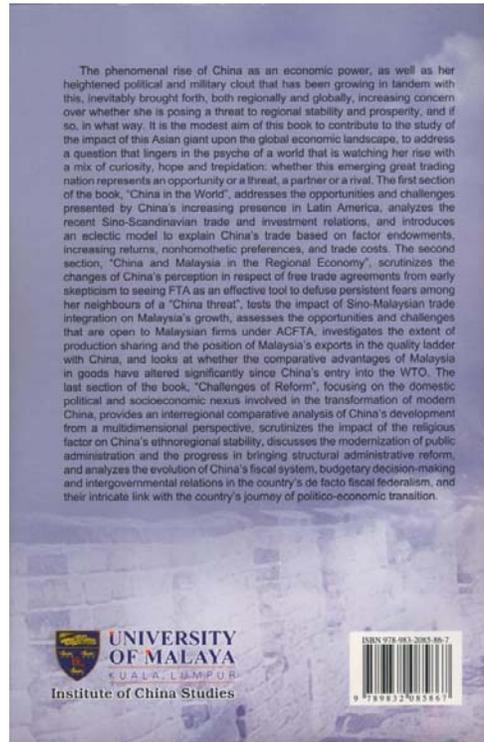
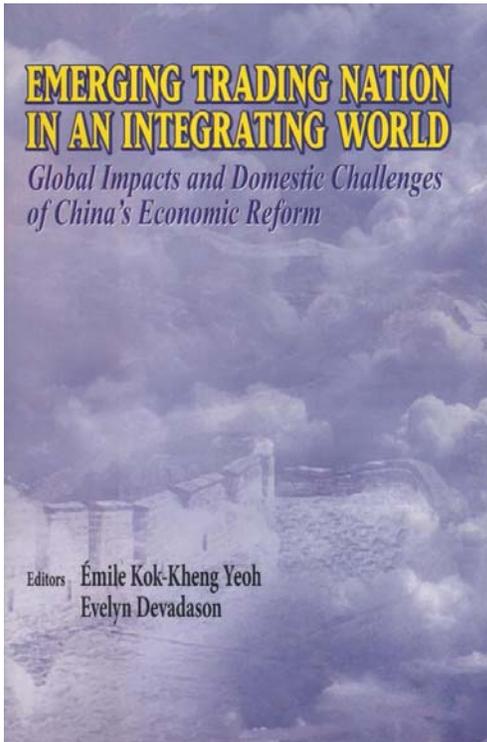


EMERGING TRADING NATION IN AN INTEGRATING WORLD: Global Impacts and Domestic Challenges of China's Economic Reform

Editors: Emile Kok-Kheng Yeoh and Evelyn Devadason
Publisher: Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya
ISBN Number:
Year: 2007
Pages: 308 + xii



The phenomenal rise of China as an economic power, as well as her heightened political and military clout that has been growing in tandem with this, inevitably brought forth, both regionally and globally, increasing concern over whether she is posing a threat to regional stability and prosperity, and if so, in what way. It is the modest aim of this book to contribute to the study of the impact of this Asian giant upon the global economic landscape, to address a question that lingers in the psyche of a world that is watching her rise with a mix of curiosity, hope and trepidation: whether this emerging great trading nation represents an opportunity or a threat, a partner or a rival. The first section of the book, "China in the World", addresses the opportunities and challenges presented by China's increasing presence in Latin America, analyzes the recent Sino-Scandinavian trade and investment relations, and introduces an eclectic model to explain China's trade based on factor endowments, increasing returns, nonhomothetic preferences, and trade costs. The second section, "China and Malaysia in the Regional Economy", scrutinizes the changes of China's perception in respect of free trade agreements from early skepticism to seeing FTA as an effective tool to defuse persistent fears among her neighbours of a "China threat", tests the impact of Sino-Malaysian trade integration on Malaysia's growth, assesses the opportunities and challenges that are open to Malaysian firms under ACFTA, investigates the extent of production sharing and the position of Malaysia's exports in the quality ladder with China, and looks at whether the comparative advantages of Malaysia in goods have altered significantly since China's entry into the WTO. The last section of the book, "Challenges of Reform", focusing on the domestic political and socioeconomic nexus involved in the transformation of modern China, provides an interregional comparative analysis of China's development from a multidimensional perspective, scrutinizes the impact of the religious factor on China's ethnoregional stability, discusses the modernization of public administration and the progress in bringing structural administrative reform, and analyzes the evolution of China's fiscal system, budgetary decision-making and intergovernmental relations in the country's *de facto* fiscal federalism, and their intricate link with the country's journey of politico-economic transition.

Contents

List of Tables	vii
List of Figures	x
Editors and Contributors	xii

Introduction

1	Domestic Reform and Global Impact: Political Economy of China's Changing Trade Policy	3
	<i>Emile Kok-Kheng Yeoh</i>	

China in the World

2	Sino-Latin American Relations in the Twenty-first Century: Partners or Rivals?	49
	<i>Uziel Nogueira</i>	
3	China's Trade Patterns: All about Comparative Advantage?	67
	<i>Kwok-Tong Soo</i>	
4	Recent Trade and Investment Relations between Scandinavia and China	81
	<i>Kamaruding Abdulsomad</i>	

China and Malaysia in the Regional Economy

5	China and Malaysia in East Asian Economic Integration	101
	<i>Rujhan Mustafa</i>	
6	Trade between Malaysia and China: Opportunities and Challenges for Growth	123
	<i>Kian-Teng Kwek and Siew-Yean Tham</i>	
7	Malaysia-China Trade Patterns in Manufactures: How Big Is Production Sharing?	138
	<i>Evelyn Devadason</i>	
8	Malaysia's and China's Comparative Advantages in Selected Manufacturing Goods	153
	<i>Wai-Heng Loke</i>	

Challenges of Reform

9	Domestic General Development of the People's Republic of China: An Interregional Comparative Analysis	171
	<i>Mario Arturo Ruiz Estrada and Emile Kok-Kheng Yeoh</i>	
10	Challenges of Religious Fundamentalism to China: Policies and Responses	186
	<i>Mutahir Ahmed</i>	
11	The Politics of Administrative Reform: Malaysia and China in Perspective	197
	<i>LooSee Beh</i>	
12	China at a Crossroads: Fiscal Decentralization, Recentralization and Politico-economic Transition	233
	<i>Emile Kok-Kheng Yeoh</i>	
	Index	306