



**RMB Internationalization:  
Prospects and Implications for Economic Integration in East Asia**

with

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You are invited to attend the discussion of a new paper by Prof. Yung Chul Park, the abstract of which is provided below.

*This paper examines the effects of the RMB internationalization on the prospects for monetary integration and cooperation in East Asia and its implications for the resolution of global trade imbalance. Standard empirical analyses indicate that China will not benefit from forming a currency union with other economies in the region. But this paper argues that the RMB internationalization and China's strategic interests in ASEAN will combine to deepen economic integration and pave the way for creating a de facto RMB bloc among the ASEAN+New3 members (China, Hong Kong SAR, and Taiwan). This currency bloc is likely to weaken the initiatives of ASEAN+3 (China, Japan, and Korea) for regional monetary and financial cooperation because neither Japan nor Korea can join the new currency bloc for both economic and political reasons. In addition, the RMB internationalization may add a further complication to resolving the growing trade imbalance between East Asia and the US since China is likely to be pressured to maintain stability of the RMB vis-à-vis the US dollar by the other members of ASEAN+New3.*

**More information will follow early January.**

Participation in the seminar is by personal invitation only and the Chatham House Rule will apply for the discussion.

A sandwich lunch will be provided at 12:45 before the session starts punctually at 13:00.

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