Title: The Asian Crisis After Ten Years

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Abstract

This public lecture looks (yet again) at the Asian economies ten years after the financial crisis of 1997-8. It argues that, notwithstanding the very considerable efforts undertaken to bullet-proof the region's economies against instability, financial crises are still possible. It makes these points by comparing China today with the United States in the 19th century.

About the Speaker

Barry Eichengreen is the George C. Pardee and Helen N. Pardee Professor of Economics and Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley, where he has taught since 1987. He is also Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research (Cambridge, Massachusetts) and Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (London, England). He has held Guggenheim and Fulbright Fellowships and has been a fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (Palo Alto) and the Institute for Advanced Study (Berlin). His books include The European Economy Since 1945: Coordinated Capitalism and Beyond (Princeton University Press, 2007), Toward an East Asian Exchange Regime, co-edited with Duck-Koo Chung (Brookings Institution Press, 2007), and Global Imbalances and the Lessons of Bretton Woods (MIT Press, 2006). He was awarded the Economic History Association's Jonathan R.T. Hughes Prize for Excellence in Teaching in 2002 and the University of California at Berkeley Social Science Division's Distinguished Teaching Award in 2004. He is also the recipient of a doctor honoris causa from the American University in Paris.

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