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Guest Lecture

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“Quantifying the Impacts of Structural Reforms on Air Traffic Flows in APEC Economies”

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DISA Meeting Room, Faculty of Economics, Via Inama 5

Christopher Findlay

took up the position of Executive Dean of the Faculty of the Professions at the University of Adelaide in June 2011. His previous role was Professor and Head in the School of Economics (from November 2005) and, prior to that, he was Professor of Economics in the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government at the Australian National University. Australia's economic relations with Asia are the theme of his research. A special interest is the reform and industrialisation of the Chinese economy. Since 2000, Professor Findlay has been a principal researcher in a series of major ARC-funded research projects on impediments to services trade and investment. Professor Findlay has acted as consultant to the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, Ausaid and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). Professor Findlay has a PhD and MEc from the ANU and an Honours Degree in

Economics from the University of Adelaide. He became a Member of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia in 2002 and a Member of the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2007

Abstract

International air transport services are provided in a highly regulated environment. We identify the key characteristics of the regulatory system and establish expectations about its effect on traffic flows between countries. We find that among APEC countries, while more liberal arrangements exist for freight, passenger charters and ground handling, restrictions on foreign ownership and on cabotage remain. We define a method to measure the degree of restrictiveness of air transport policy and, according to our econometric results, relaxation of the degree of restrictiveness would have a significant effect on traffic flows.

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