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Wing Thye Woo is Professor in the Department of Economics, University of California at Davis, the Director of the East Asia Program within the Center for Globalisation and Sustainable Development of The Earth Institute at Columbia University, and Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. He has published over 130 articles in professional economic journals and books on topics like exchange rate economics, current account determination, technological innovation and competitiveness, state enterprise restructuring, financial crises, economic management in Indonesia and Malaysia, competing interpretations of China's growth mechanisms, and comparative economics. His article "The Monetary Approach to Exchange Rate Determination under Rational Expectations: The Dollar-Deutschemark Case," Journal of International Economics (JIE), February 1985, was identified by JIE in 2000 to be one of the twenty-five most cited articles in its 30 years of history.

From 1994-96, Wing Thye Woo led an international team (which included Leszek Balcerowicz, Boris Fedorov, and Jeffrey D. Sachs) to study the reform experiences of centrally-planned economies. The findings of this cross-country study were disseminated in high-level conferences in Prague, Beijing, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Ulan Bator and Washington D.C.; and published as Economies in Transition: Comparing Asia and Europe, MIT Press, 1997. He directed the Harvard Institute for International Development project "China's Integration into the World Economy" (1997-98); and a part of that report was published as "Discrepancies in International Data: An Application to China-Hong Kong Entrepot Trade," in American Economic Review, May 1999. In 1998, Wing Thye Woo headed the project "Asia Competitiveness Report 1999" to analyse the Asian financial crisis for the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, February 1999. The updated report was published as The Asian Financial Crisis: Lessons for a Resilient Asia, MIT Press, 2000. In 2001, Wing Thye Woo helped establish the Asian Economic Panel (AEP), now sponsored by Brookings Institution, Columbia University, Keio University, and the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy. AEP is a forum of about 50 leading specialists on Asian economies which meets biannually to discuss economic issues that are of particular importance to Asia; and selected proceedings are published in the journal Asian Economic Papers (of which Wing Thye Woo is the editor), MIT Press.

Wing Thye Woo has advised a number of governments on economic policy. He was a member of Consultant Team to China's Ministry of Finance that helped to design the tax and exchange rate reforms implemented in January 1994; and the report has been published as Fiscal Management and Economic Reform in the People's Republic of China, Oxford University Press, 1995. During 1997-1998, Wing Thye Woo served as a special advisor to the U.S. Treasury; duties included accompanying Secretary Robert Rubin to meetings in China, and to the IMF-World Bank annual meeting in Hong Kong. From 2002-2005, he was the Special Advisor for East Asian Economies in the Millennium Project of the United Nations (amongst the Millennium Development Goals is the halving of the 1990 rate of absolute poverty by 2015). In July 2005, he was appointed to the International Advisory Panel to the Prime Minister of Malaysia; and in April 2009, he was appointed Chairman of the International Economic Advisory Panel of Penang state, Malaysia.

Wing Thye Woo has held research positions (of longer than a month) at the Centre for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis in Australian National University, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore), Center for Strategic and International Studies (Indonesia), London School of Economics, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur le Developpement International (CERDI) at Universite

d'Auvergne (France), East-West Center (Hawaii), International Monetary Fund, University of Hong Kong, National Taiwan University, Institute for Strategic and International Studies (Malaysia), Lowy Institute (Sydney), and People's University of China. He has also served as external reviewer for academic programs and personnel at Lingnan University (Hong Kong), Chinese University of Hong Kong, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (Malaysia), University of Hong Kong, Australian National University, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore) and National University of Singapore; and as external examiner for master and doctoral dissertations submitted to University of Colorado, Australian National University, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore), Universite Toulouse I, Oxford University, University of Alberta, and University of Hong Kong.

Wing Thye Woo is presently Editor of *Asian Economic Papers* and *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies*, and Associate Editor of *Economic Change and Restructuring* and *Asian Economic Journal*. He is also a member of the editorial advisory boards of a number of other journals, including *Journal of Asian Business*, *Pacific Economic Review*, *Journal of International Economics and Economic Policy*, *China Journal of Finance*, *Economics and Finance in Indonesia*, and *Argumenta Oeconomica Cracoviensia*, (English language journal published by the Cracow University of Economics, Poland). He was President of the Chinese Economists Association of North America (2001-2002), and Vice-President of the Chinese Economists Society (2000-2001, and 2002-2003), and is now a member of the Executive Council of American Association for Chinese Studies. Wing Thye Woo also serves on the Advisory Board of the University of Cambodia, Center for Contemporary China at National Tsing Hua University in Taiwan, Center for Contemporary China at University of Southampton, Center for Social and Economic Research (CASE) in Poland, Council of Fellows of the East Asian Economic Association, the Academic Committee of the Centre for Human and Economic Development Studies at Peking University, the Board of International Advisors, Institute for China Studies of Seoul National University, and the Executive Committee, Association of Comparative Economics Studies. In 2003, he helped found (and is now the Co-General Secretary of) the *Research Consortium for Western China Development Studies* (jointly housed in Sichuan University and University of Michigan), whose membership comprises the major universities and research organizations in Western China and which organizes an international conference every summer in a Western China location.

In 2004, the University of California at Davis awarded Wing Thye Woo its Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award, and the Institute of Strategic and International Studies in Malaysia appointed him a Distinguished ISIS Fellow. In November 2004, he delivered the *Chang Chi Ming Cambridge Public Lecture on Chinese Economy* at the University of Cambridge. In March 2006, he was appointed a Yangtze River (*Chang Jiang*) Scholar (by the Ministry of Education of China based on nation-wide competition among universities) at the Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing, China. In July 2009, the Governor of Penang conferred on him the chivalry order of *Darjah Setia Pangkuan Negeri* (DSPN), which bestows on him the title *Dato*, for his academic achievements, professional leadership, and public service contributions.

Wing Thye Woo was born in 1954 in Penang, Malaysia, where he was a member of the 2nd. Georgetown (S) Senior Scout Troop, out of Methodist Boys' School. He graduated from Swarthmore College in 1976 with a B.A. (High Honors) in Economics, and a B.S. in Engineering. Wing Thye Woo received an M.A. in Economics from Yale in 1978, and an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard in 1982. He joined the University of California in Davis in 1985, and, before that, he was a Research Associate at the Brookings Institution.