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# **Economic Structure and Regional Institutions: A Political Economic Analysis of TPP and RECP**

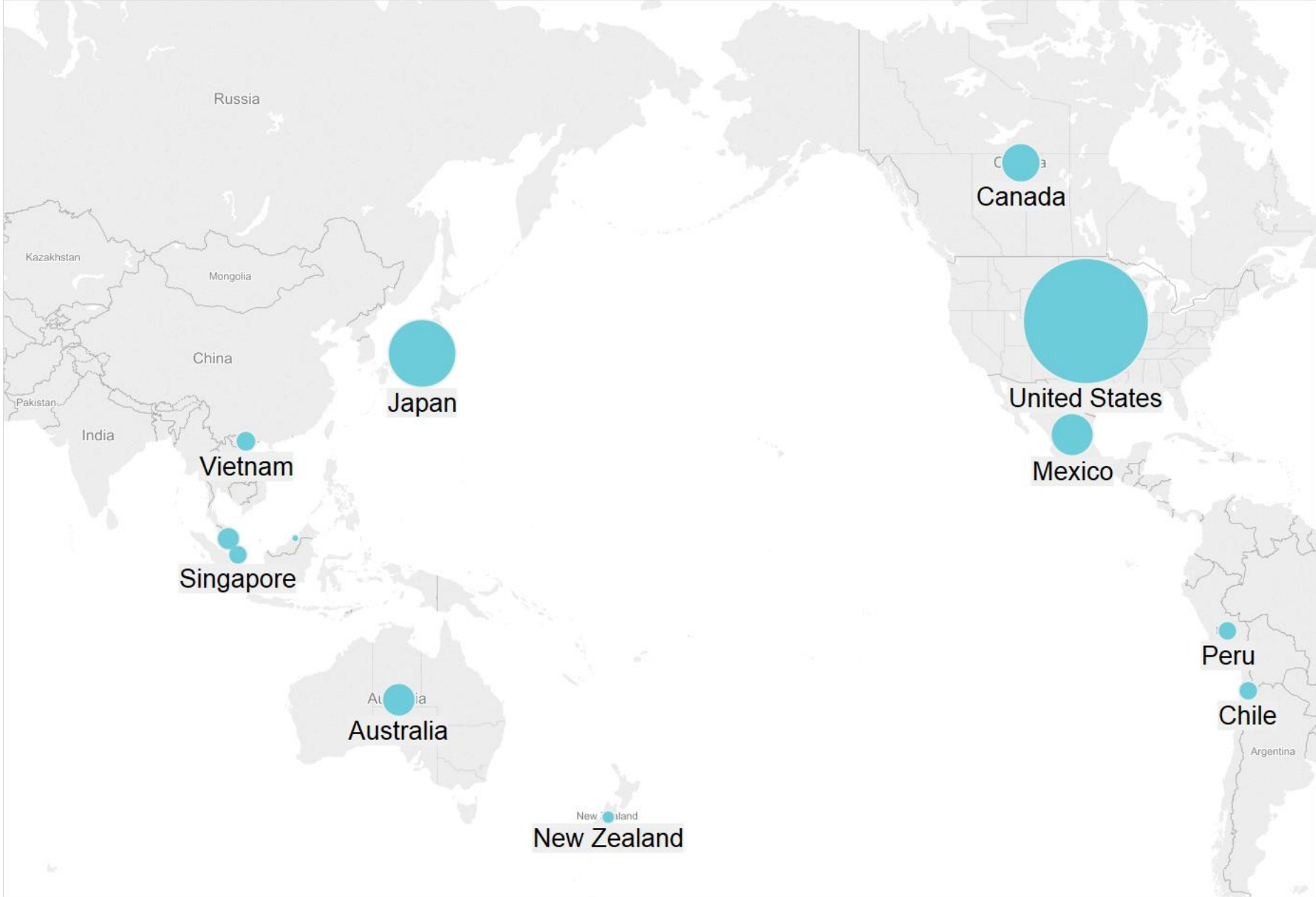
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# **1. TCC and RCEP**

## **a. What are they**

# TPP (size of GDP in PPP 2011)



# RCEP (size of GDP in PPP 2011)



# **1. TCC and RCEP**

**a. What are they**

**b. What they do/intend to achieve**

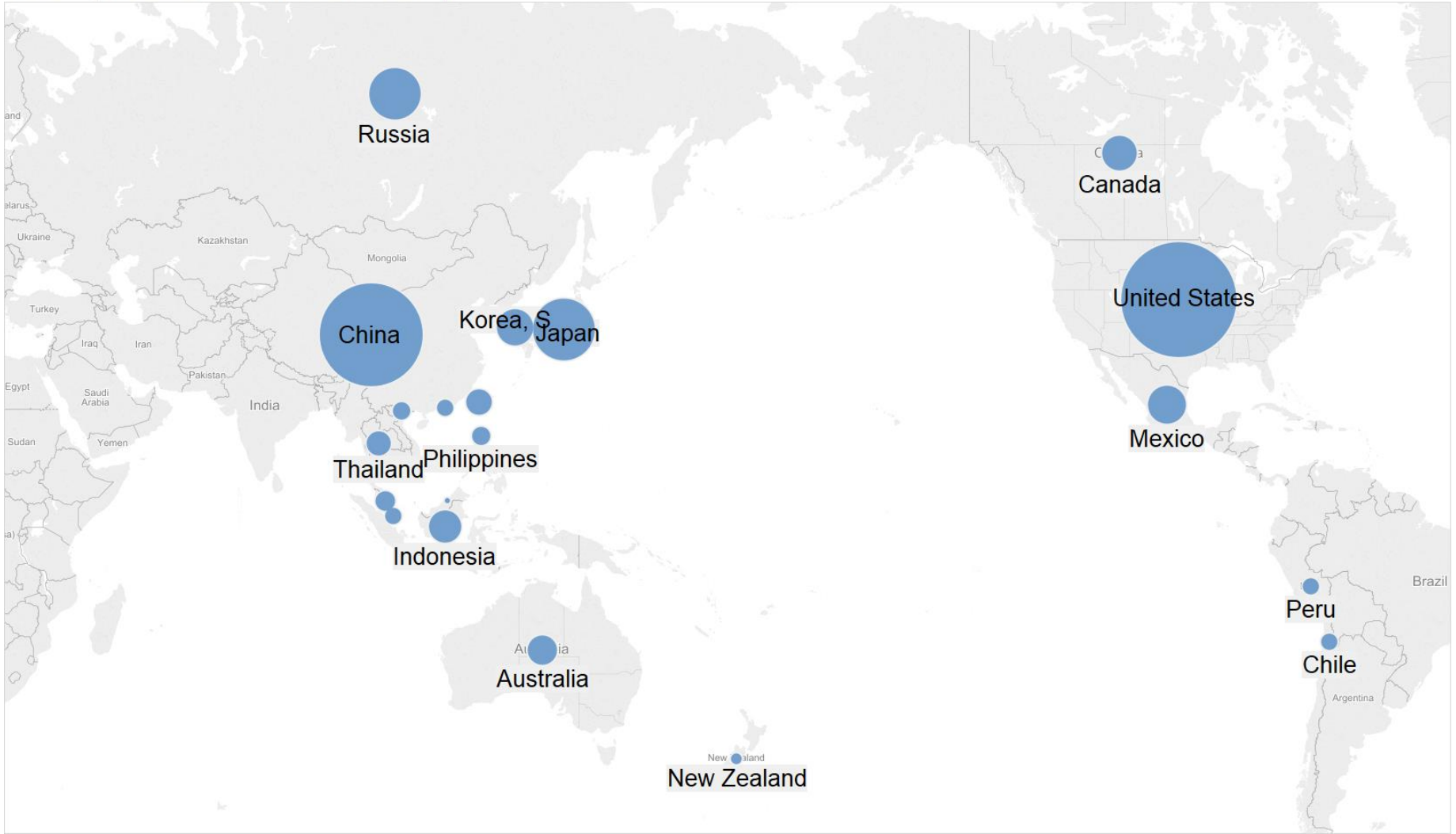
- **Trade grouping/FTA area**
- **Economic integration/community**

**c. Moving forward**

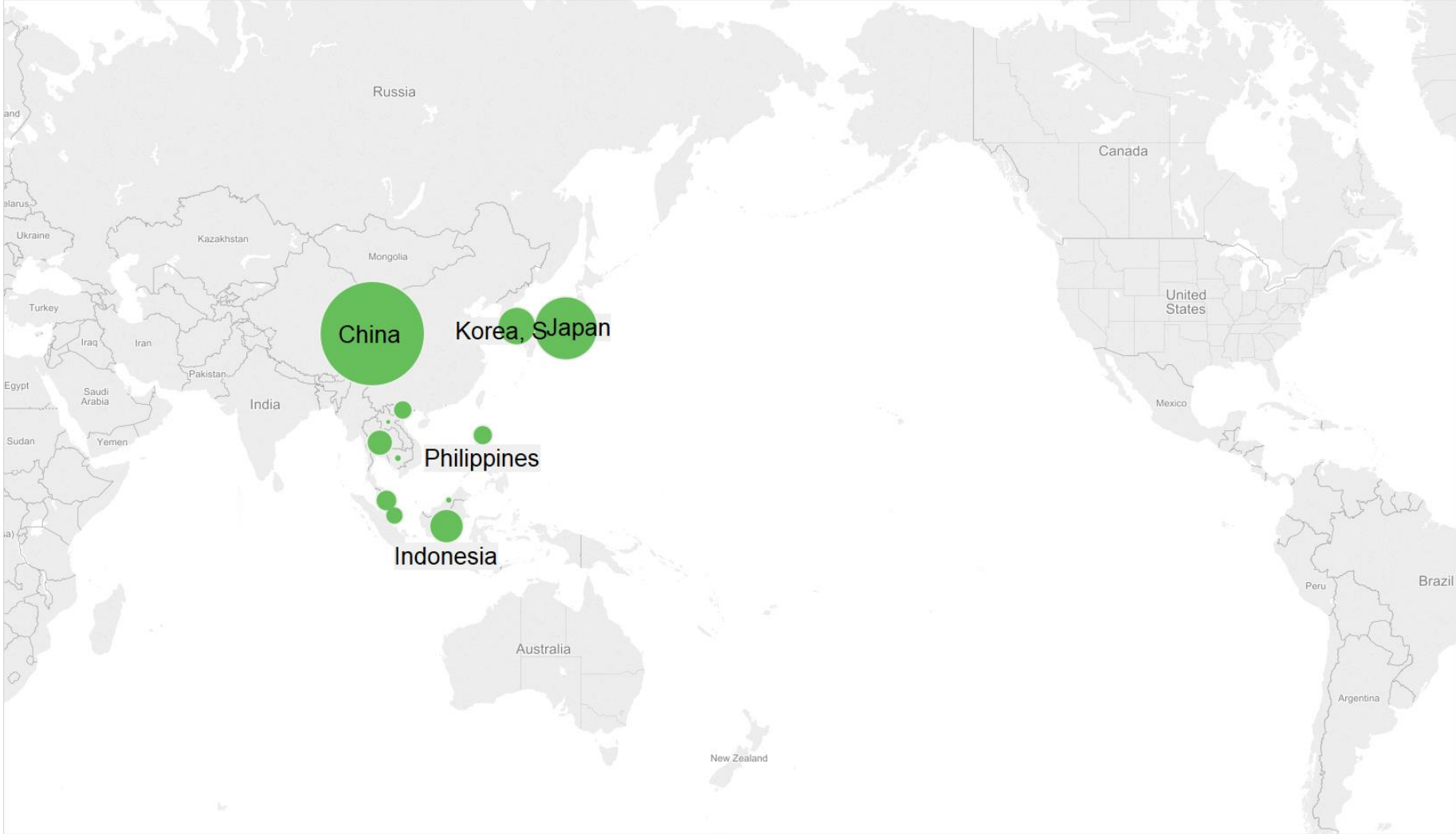
- **Pathways to FTAAP?** { FTA Area  
Regional Institution

## **2. Multilateral organization of regional economy in Asia-Pacific**

# APEC (size of GDP in PPP 2011)



**ASEAN+3 (size of GDP in PPP 2011)**





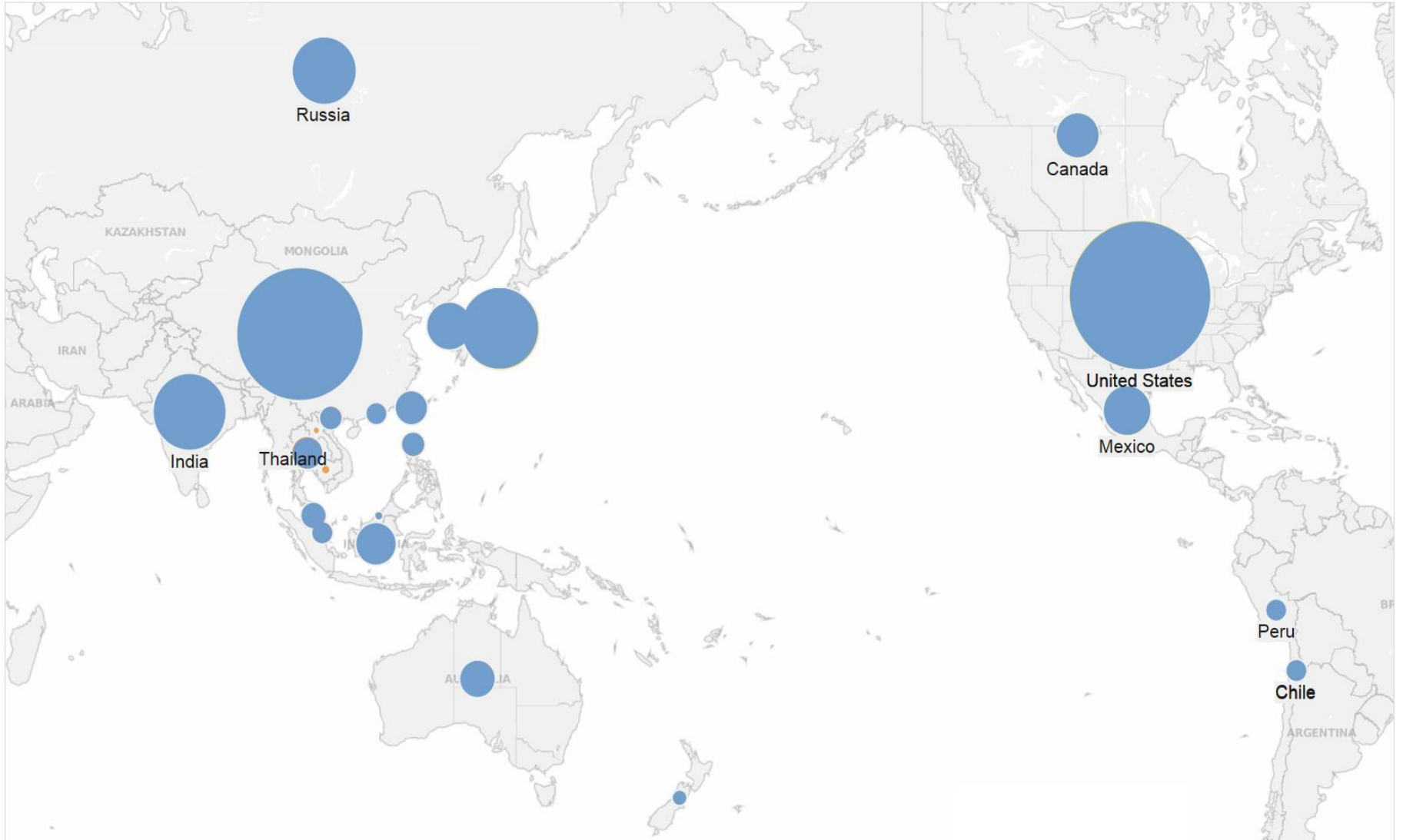
## EAS (size of GDP in PPP 2011)



# **Others**

- **Kevin Rudd's Asia-Pacific Community (2008-2009): US, China, India, Japan, Russia, Indonesia, Australia**
- **Hatoyama's East Asian community (2009): ASEAN+6**
- **Greater China area: CEA**
- **Japan-Korea-China FTA**

(Size of GDP 2011)



## **2. Multilateral organization of regional economy in Asia-Pacific**

**a. Tensions in membership, but generally and historically,**

- an East-Asian framework vs. an Asia-Pacific framework;**
- US, NEA, Greater Asia-Pacific**

## **2. Multilateral organization of regional economy in Asia-Pacific**

**a. Tensions in membership**

**b. Ambiguity in aims and purpose, but overall,**

- trade groupings towards an economic community;**
- a regional institution**

## **2. Multilateral organization of regional economy in Asia-Pacific**

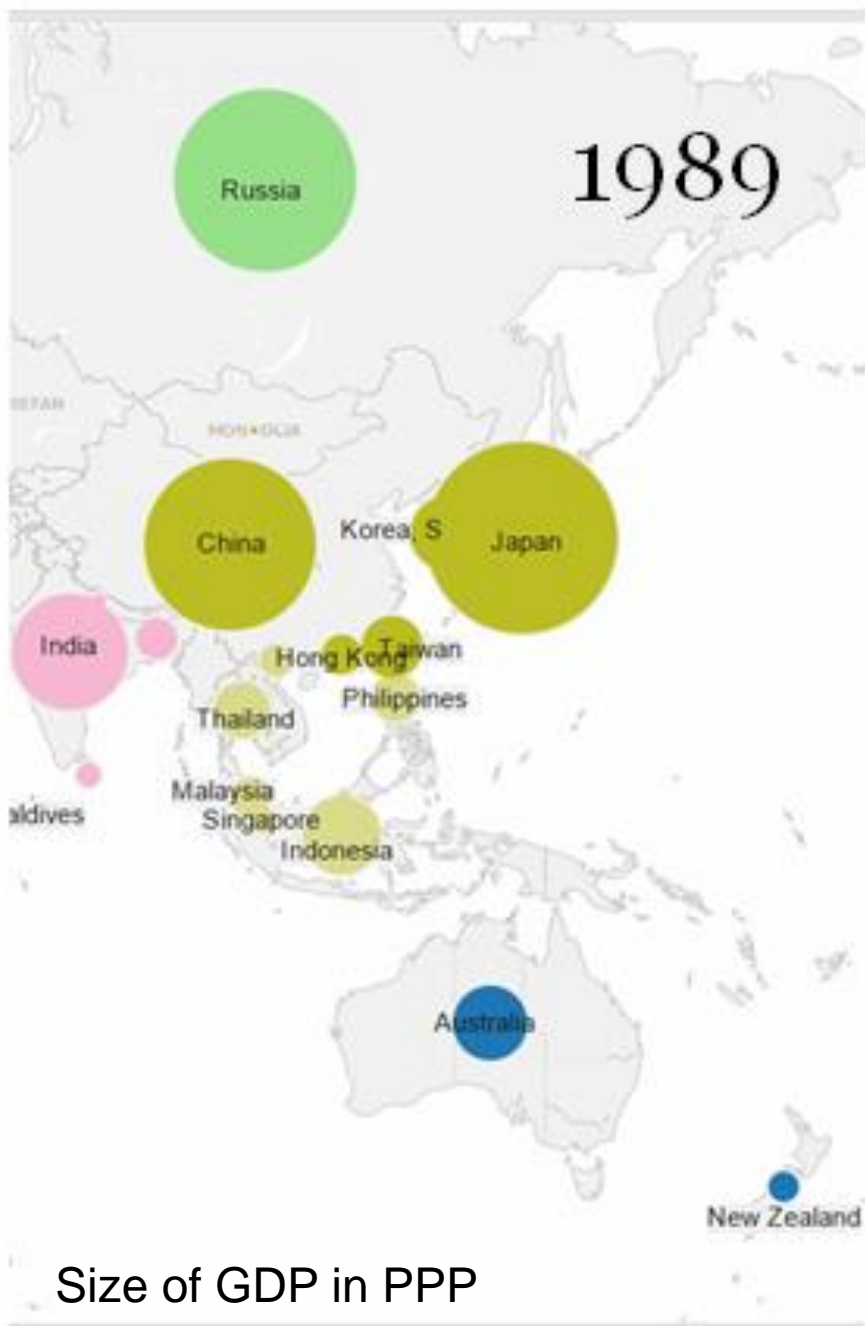
**a. Tensions in membership;**

**b. Ambiguity in aims and purpose;**

**c. ASEAN centrality and great power politics**

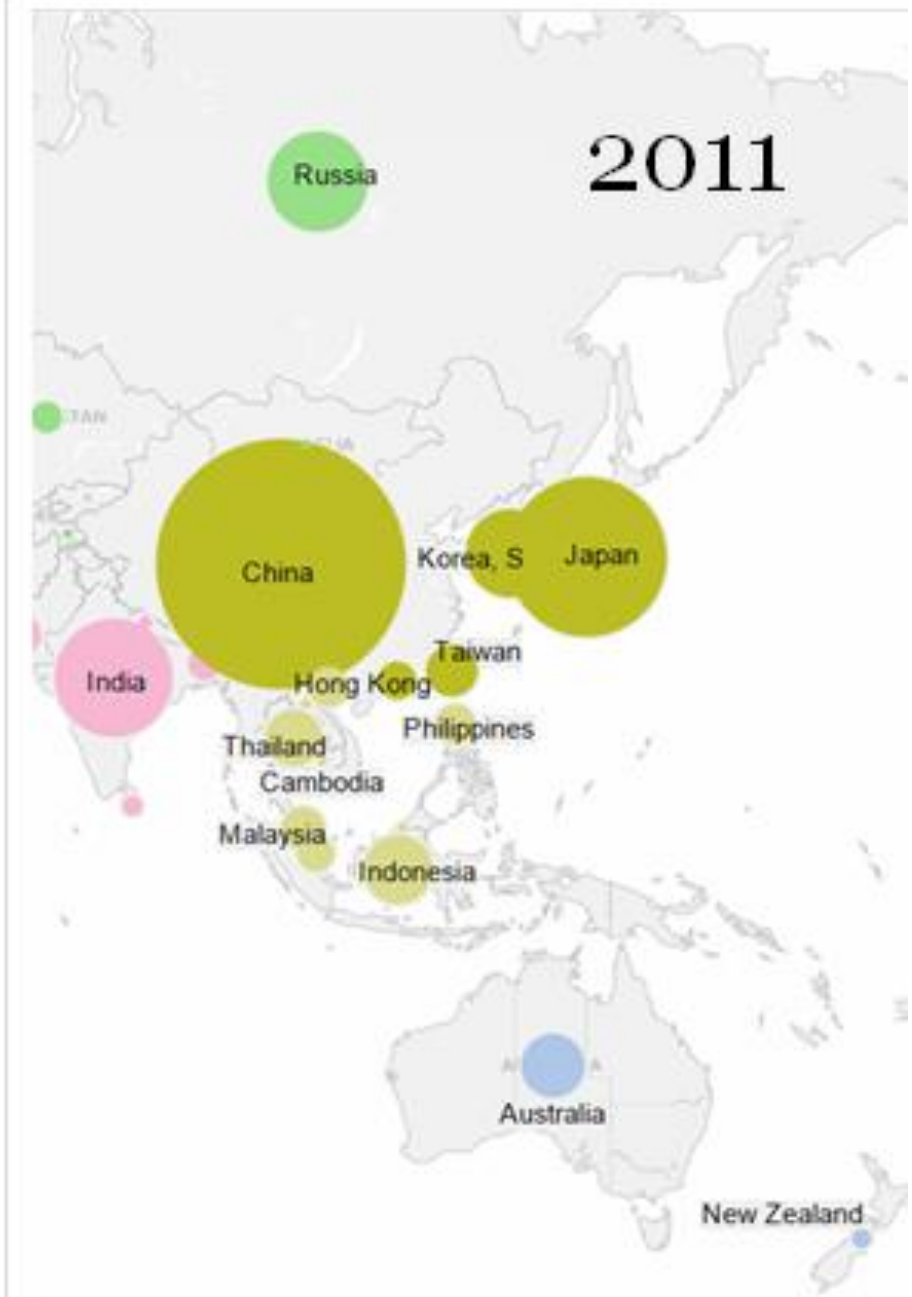
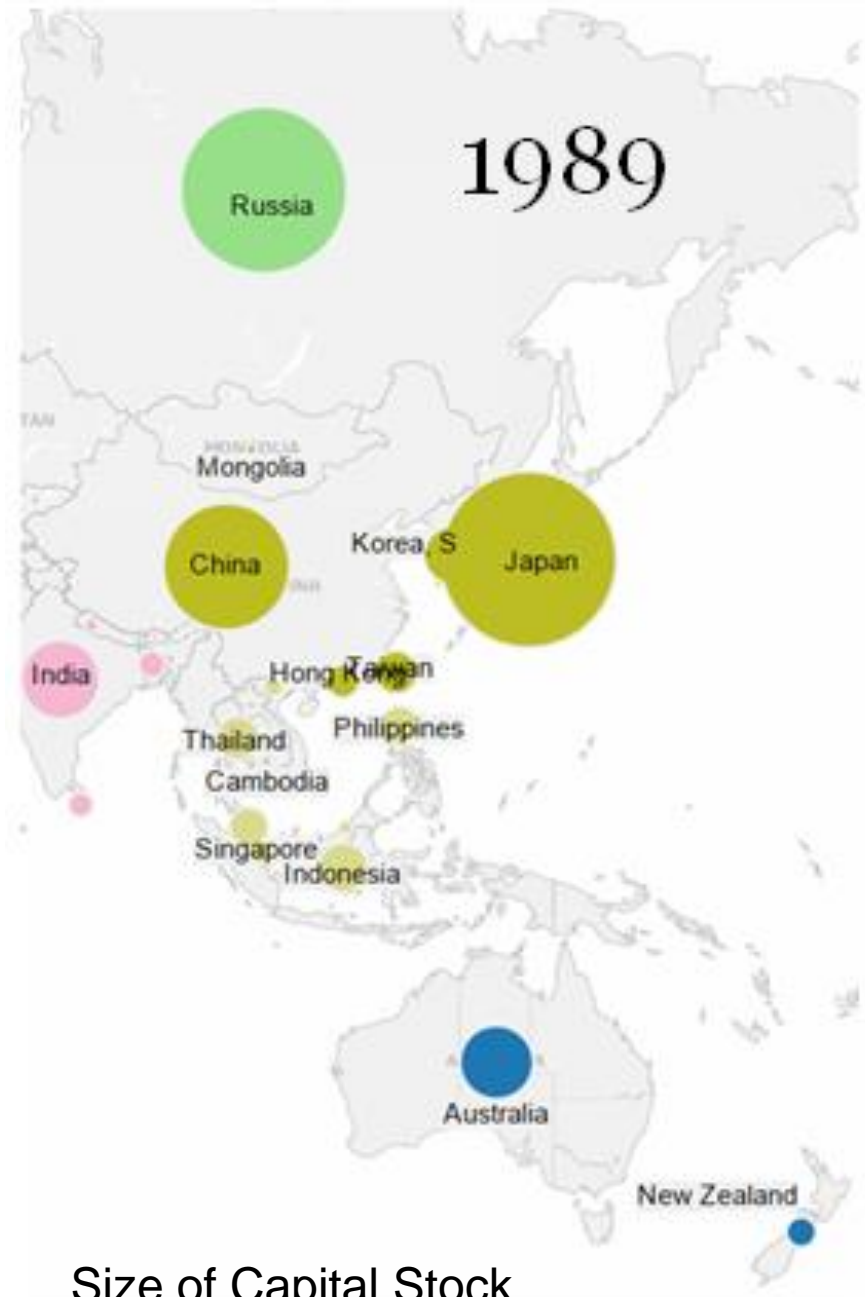
### **3. Regional Economic Structure**

**Distribution of economic activity, output, capacity, and key forces of demand and supply: consumption, investment and trade in the region**

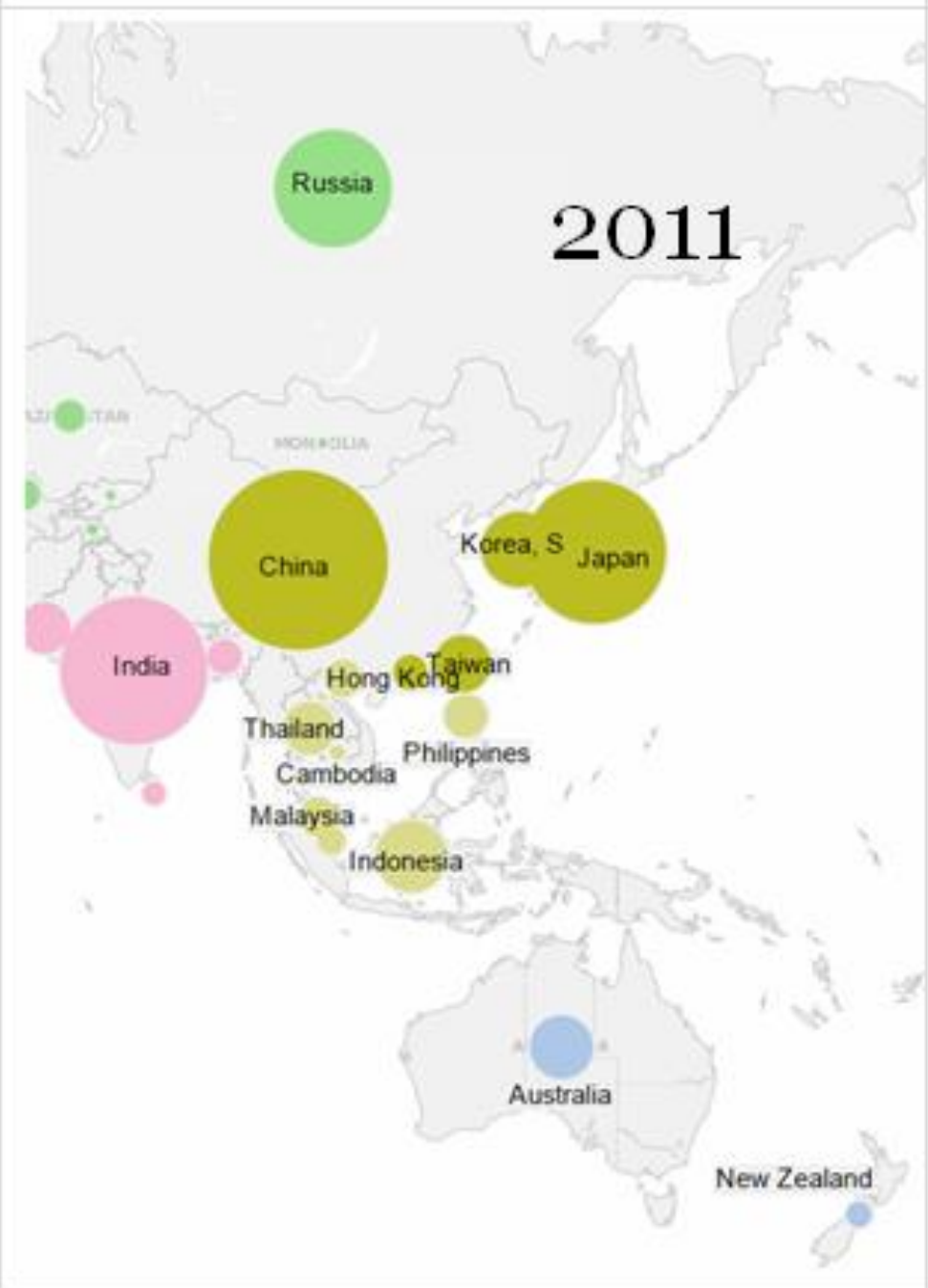
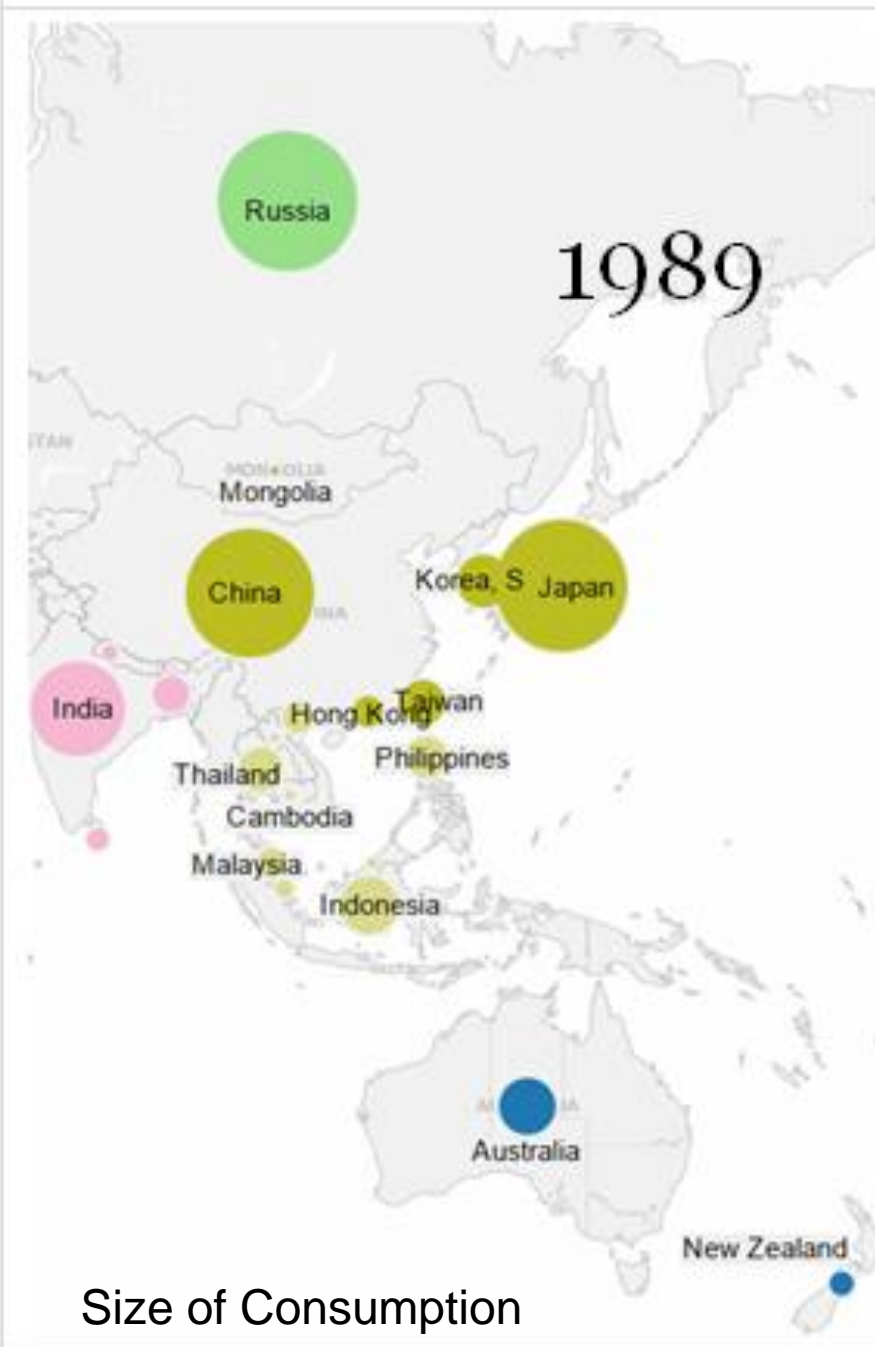


Size of GDP in PPP





Size of Capital Stock



Size of Consumption

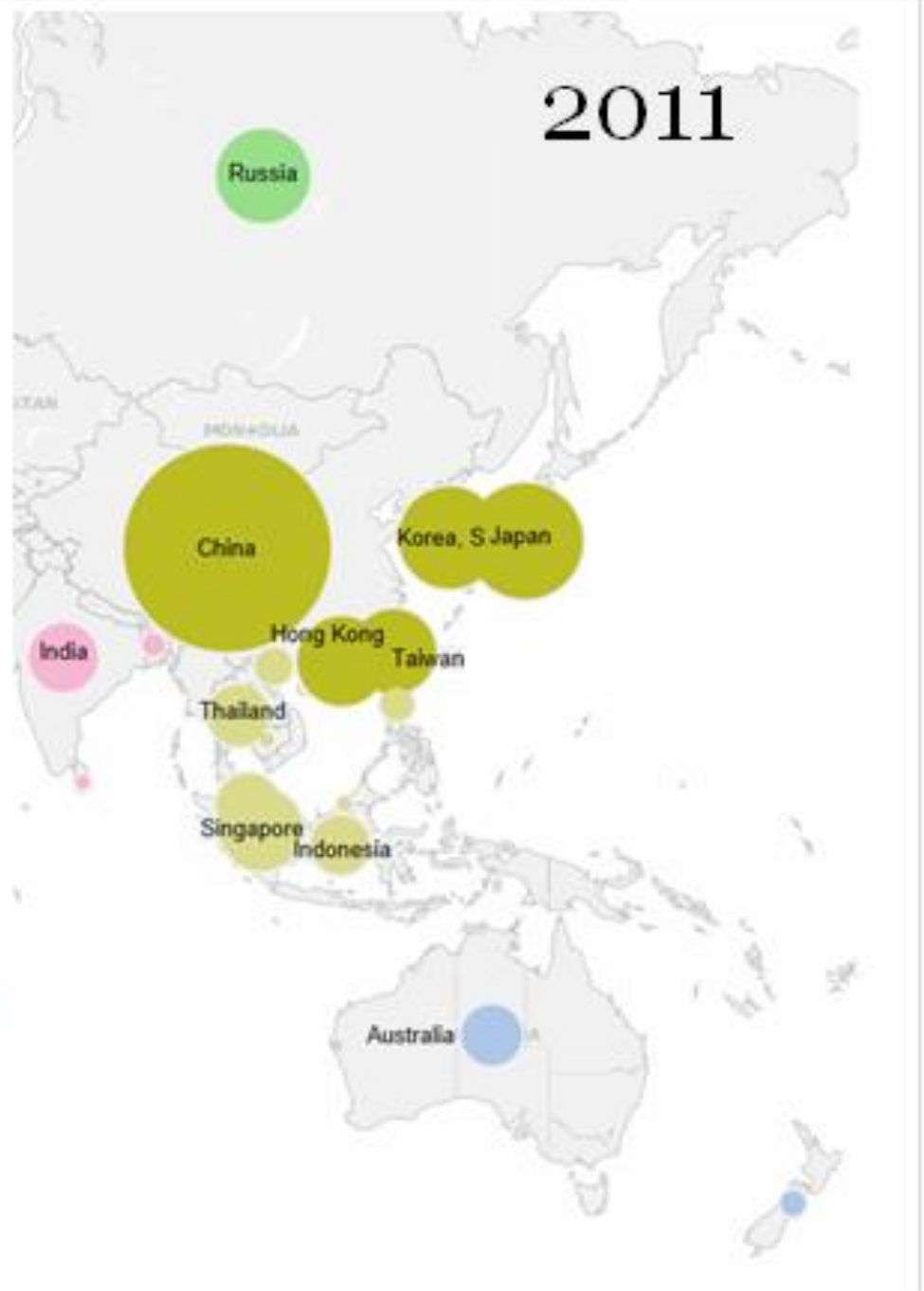
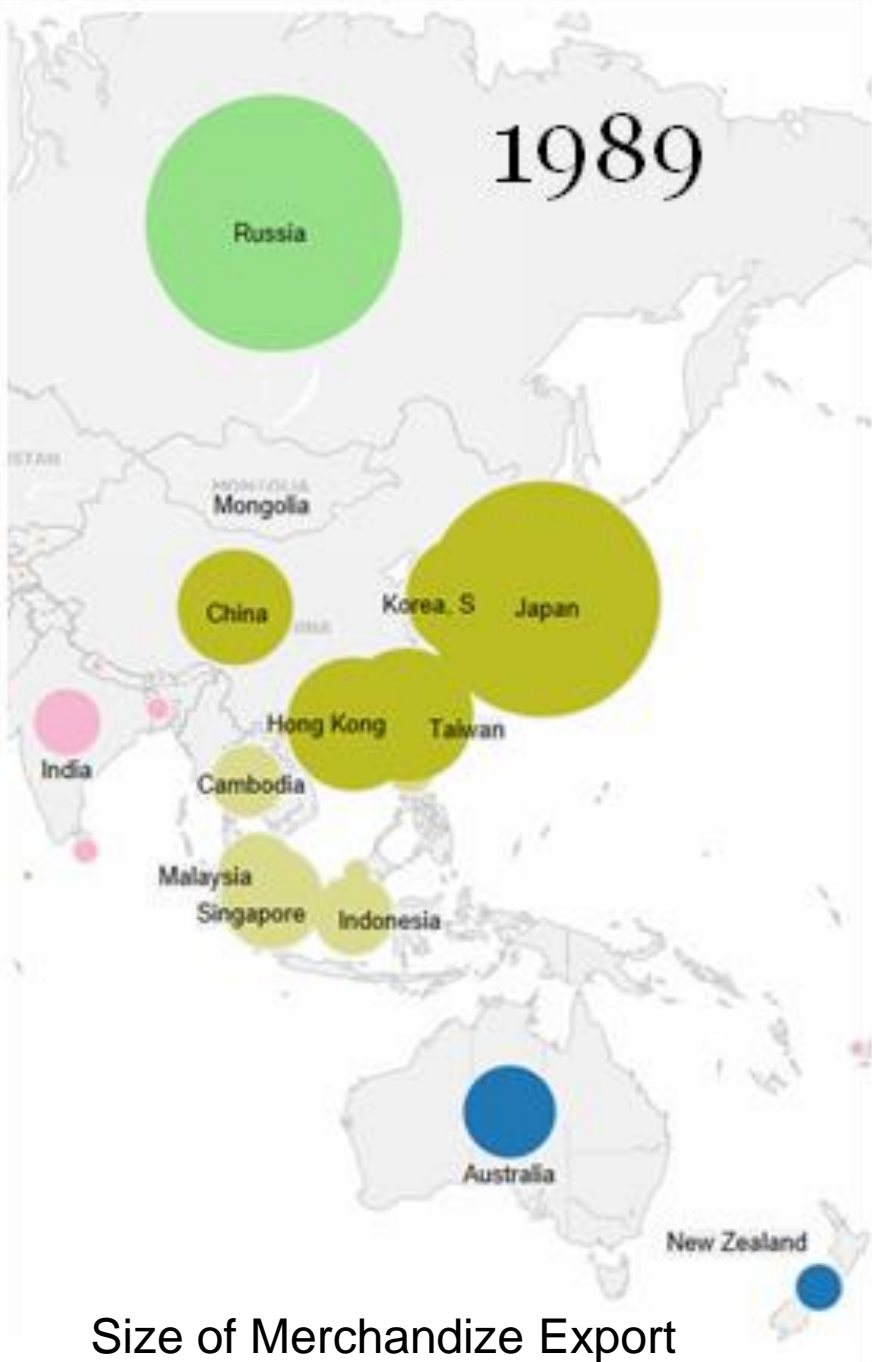
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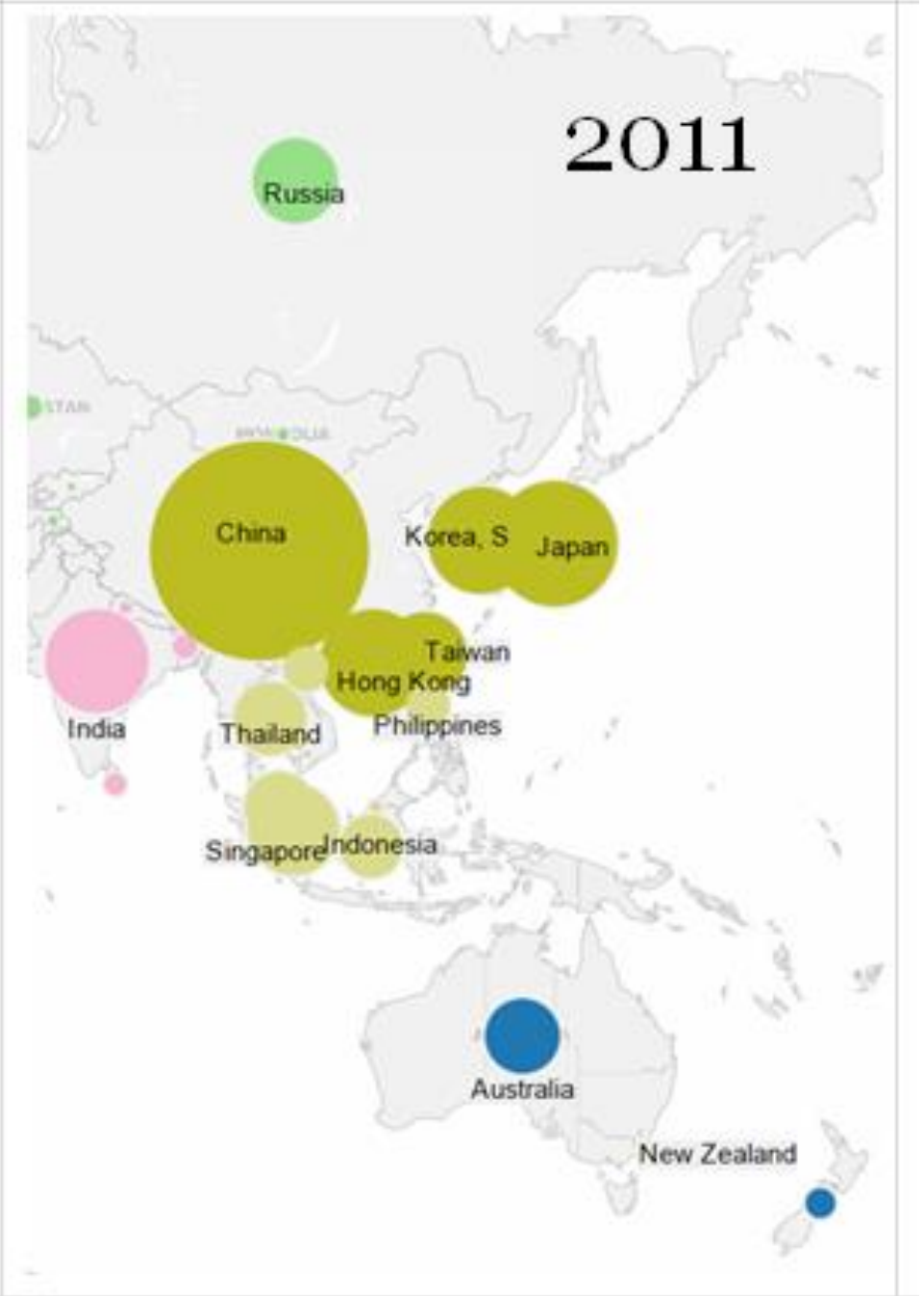
2011



Size of Investment

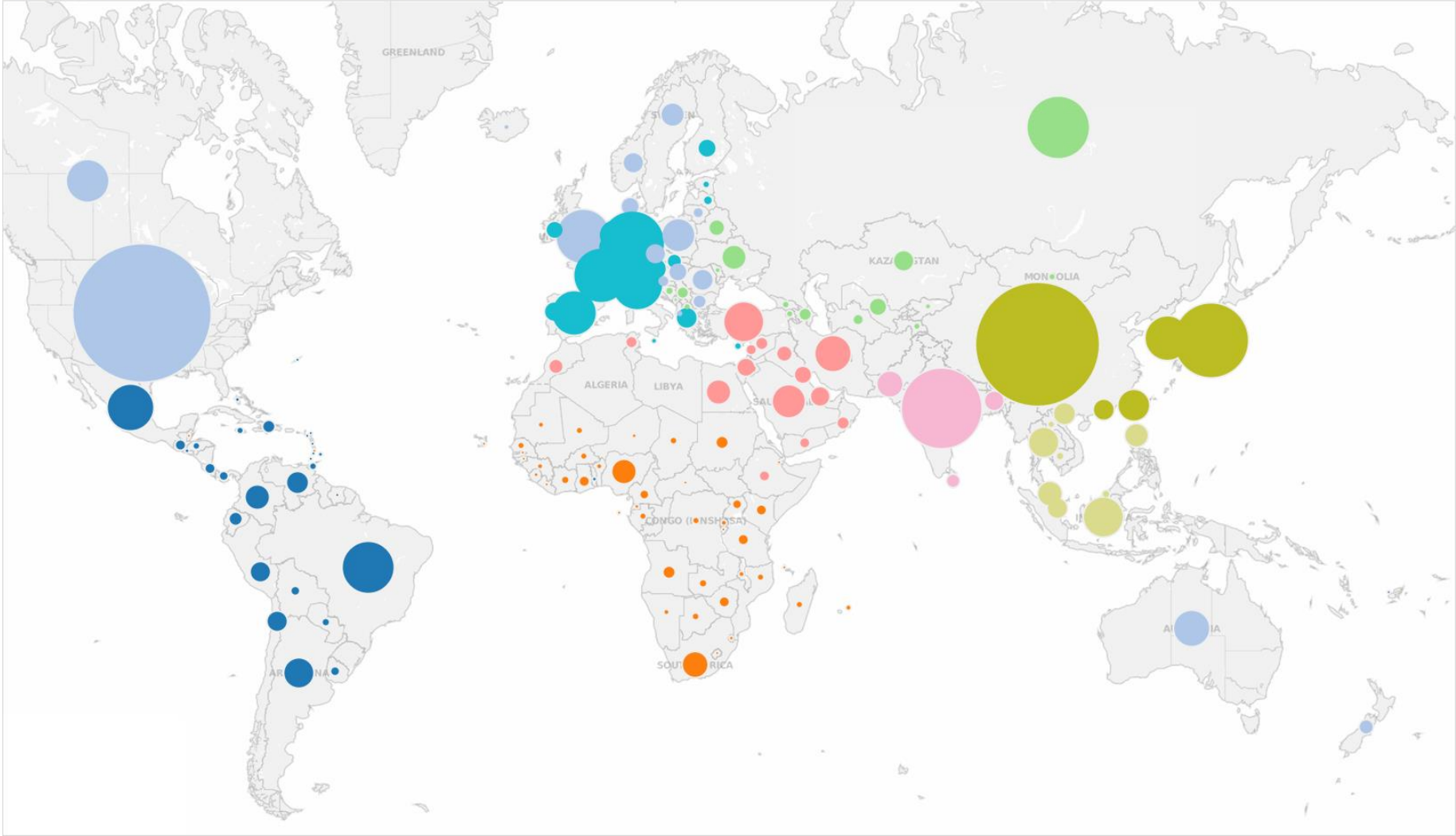


Size of Merchandize Export



Size of Merchandise Import

**Size and Distribution of Real GDP 2011**



### **3. Regional Economic Structure**

- a. Shifting patterns not in the same directions as the development of regional institutions**
- b. Northeast East is key mover and shaper of regional economic structure**
- c. Trade grouping and economic community (integration and single market)**

- 4. National economies, international economic interests and strategy of key countries**
  - a. Japan: Abeconomics and rationalizing of regional interests and strategy**
  - b. China: Structural reforms and growth rebalance, implications for regional interests and posture**
  - c. US: Global structural imbalance and international economic policy in Asia**



## **4. National economies, international economic interests and strategy of key countries**

- d. Greater Asia-Pacific countries:  
Australia, India and Russia, engaging  
with East Asia**
- e. ASEAN: Engaging with NEA and  
ASEAN community**

## **5. Understanding TPP and RCEP**

- a. Continuation of the dynamics of multilateral institution building in the region**
- b. Gaps in regional economic structure and multilateral platforms; and tensions in contending purposes and frameworks of regional institution**
- c. Two tracks of regional institutions building: trade grouping and economic communities?**