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Title of Dissertation (Eng./Jap.)	Determinants of Intra Regional Trade and Intra Regional Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in South Asia: A Gravity Model Approach 南アジアにおける域内貿易と域内海外直接投資 (FDI) の決定要因：グラヴィティ モデルによる分析		
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Summary of Dissertation Contents	<p>The main purpose of this dissertation is to identify the key factors to determine both intra regional trade and intra regional foreign direct investment (FDI) by quantitative methods. To satisfy these purposes, this dissertation consists of three main parts: economic reforms and their impact on foreign trade and FDI; regional economic integration and their impact on intra-regional trade and intra-regional FDI; and determinants of intra-regional trade and intra regional FDI in South Asia.</p> <p>The organization of this dissertation is as follows. Chapter one of this dissertation studies in detail the economic structure and recent macroeconomic performances of the countries in South Asia(1980-2012)</p> <p>Chapter two of this dissertation contains an empirical study on the impact of economic reforms on foreign trade and FDI inflow of the countries in South Asia.</p> <p>Chapter three of this dissertation studies the history of economic integration and the level of economic integration in South Asian countries.</p> <p>Chapter three of this dissertation reviews the basic theories on international trade and the Gravity model of trade which is applied for the empirical analysis of this dissertation.</p> <p>Chapter four of this dissertation is one of the key section in this study. In this chapter determinants of intra regional trade in South Asia are analyzed by utilizing the Gravity Model in addition to a detailed explanation of the methodology and model specification of the Gravity model.</p> <p>Chapter five of this dissertation is another key section of this study. In this chapter determinants of intra regional foreign direct investment (FDI) in South Asia is empirically analyzed.</p> <p>Chapter 6 of this dissertation studies the history of the evolution of economic integration, investigates the level of economic integration in South Asia, and performs an empirical estimation of the impact of integration on intra regional trade and FDI in South Asia.</p>		

	<p>Chapter 7 of this dissertation summarizes the dissertation and states some policy recommendations to facilitate more and more trade and FDI within the south Asian region.</p>
<p>Summary of Dissertation Screening Results</p>	<p>On screening of the dissertation examiners agreed that the dissertation stated the analytical purpose clearly, and did fair amount and well stated review on the background theory on international trade and econometric estimation methods which guarantees that the candidate has satisfactory knowledge to proceed his own research.</p> <p>The examiners also agreed that the analysis in this dissertation is well organized and carefully proceeded and some parts of this dissertation have already published in several peer reviewed journals.</p> <p>Not only examiners but also candidate understand that even though the analytical technique utilized in this dissertation is a proper one, applying these techniques to analyzing the inter relation in trade and FDI in South Asian region has some difficulties. Due to comparisons to the outside economic relations, the weight on intra regional relations is not so high. Furthermore, the economic scale of those countries are much different. However, historical relations within the South Asian region has been deep, so examiners understand this kind of study has enough meaning. Therefore, examiners do not expect this dissertation can state clear cut empirical results. As a result, we have to accept certain amount of meaningful results which the dissertation derived as the contribution of this dissertation.</p> <p>Based on the above examination, examiners agreed that this dissertation satisfies all the requirements as a Ph.D. dissertation.</p>
<p>Summary of Examination Results or confirmation of Academic Skills</p>	<p>During the screening process examiners held an interview session (oral defense) with candidate. In the oral defense, the candidate presented his research clearly and responded to examiner's questions properly.</p> <p>He has published several articles and presented his research at several international conferences, so examiners believe that he will be a significant researcher in this field.</p> <p>Thus, examiners agreed that the quality of this dissertation has well satisfied the required quality which corresponds to the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Degree regulations Article 13 Section 1.</p>