

GTAP-related Activities 2017-2018
Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI)

1. A Study of the Effects of Trade Policy:

The objective of this research project is to investigate the impacts of trade liberalization on economic activities/performance in Japan and to provide the Japanese government with useful information for formulating trade policy. Recently, the importance of evidence-based policy recommendation has been emphasized, but to our surprise, the economic impacts of trade liberalization have not been analyzed by applying scientific approaches in the case of Japan. In light of these observations, we undertake this project in which the impacts of a reduction in tariff rates in the 1990s and those of the introduction of free trade agreements/economic partnership agreements in the 2000s will be analyzed. Specifically, we are interested in discerning the impacts on trade, consumption, production, and employment.

2. Presentations

- Kawasaki, Kenichi, “Emergent Uncertainty in Regional Integration: Economic impacts of alternative RTA scenarios,” “TPP and RCEP toward FTAAP,” EU-East Asia Roundtable, European Centre For International Political Economy, Brussels, July 26, 2017