



## Free Trade Agreements in Southeast Asia

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Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Free Trade Agreements in Southeast Asia, Rahul Sen, Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) are often considered as one of the building blocks for regional economic integration. They specify a set of rules or standards that govern trade among the members who are signatories to these agreements. However, by definition, FTAs tend to be discriminatory and are often considered to be hindering rather than facilitating the goal of achieving global free trade. In the context of Southeast Asia, consumers and businesses must understand in what way a bilateral FTA might affect them, given that this is hitherto an unknown trend to most of the region. This book attempts to create a conceptual understanding on the features and benefits of FTAs proliferating in Southeast Asia. It focuses on the debate of whether such FTAs are a building, or a stumbling, block towards achieving global free trade. The book details the concluded as well as ongoing FTA initiatives of Singapore, highlighting the benefits to the Singapore economy. It further details the other ongoing Asean-wide FTA initiatives, both at the bilateral and regional levels, and analyses their implications for the economies of Southeast...



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