The Airport Economist goes to Rio - Australia and Brazil in the Asian Pacific Century
I travel so much around the world, I feel like an ‘Airport Economist’ ……..
In ASEAN, there’s your friendly neighbourhood FTA
Indonesia, here I am working hard in Jakarta with Frida Lidwina
The Thais that bind – after the Bangkok blasts
Then there’s North East Asia – Japan, South Korea and China
The Arrows of Abe-nomics
Not so bullish in the China shop: the Chinese stock market
I am Kevin, I am from Queensland and I am here to help
You don’t put all your eggs in the one basket
Bollywoodisation or Globalisation?
India has traditionally lagged China in the great export stakes.
Gilly is going into bat for the ‘Gong’
Easy rider in Mongolia – Genghis Khanomics
With Tony Blair in Kazakhstan
Australia supported the great man....
South Africa leads the way in terms of exporting companies and is important globally for Australia.
And the commitment is still there…with Tansy Coetzee, Miss South Africa
In South Africa with Bafana bafana
Can Europhobia make way for some Eurovision?
My Big Fat Greek Debt
My Big Fat Greek Debt…..?
North America: From the sub-prime to the ridiculous?
Working for the man…..?

Unemployment Rate – Advanced Economies

Euro area

US

Japan

Source: Thomson Reuters
As the sphere of economic power in the global economy shifts.....
When we look to America ........ to Latin America
After some ‘lost decades’

Chart 1
Latin America and the Caribbean: Real GDP Growth
(Percent, weighted average for region)

Average 2003–12 = 4.0
Average 1990—2002 = 2.7
Average 1980–89 = 2.0

Sources: IMF, World Economic Outlook.
The Latin American middle class is growing

The middle class population in Central and South America is estimated to grow 73% between 2009 and 2030 from 181m to 313m.
Like Australia, Brazil is benefiting from ‘bamboo shoots’

Seasonally adjusted exports - US$ million

- China (left scale)
- Rest of the world (right scale)

Exports to China:
- Jan-04: 300
- Jul-04: 500
- Jan-05: 700
- Jul-05: 900
- Jan-06: 1,100
- Jul-06: 1,300
- Jan-07: 1,500
- Jul-07: 1,700
- Jan-08: 1,900
- Jul-08: 2,100

Exports to the rest of the world:
- Jan-04: 1,100
- Jul-04: 1,300
- Jan-05: 1,500
- Jul-05: 1,700
- Jan-06: 1,900
- Jul-06: 2,100
- Jan-07: 2,300
- Jul-07: 2,500
- Jan-08: 2,700
- Jul-08: 2,900
- Jan-09: 3,100

Source: MDIC.
Great Southern Lands – Australia and Brazil
Great Southern Lands – launched by the Foreign Minister in Sydney
With Shannon Powell at the launch at the Copacabana Palace Hotel in Rio
Now here’s Latin Lessons
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The Mexican Moment
Colombia’s premium blend
The Inca strikes back
Red Hot Chile peppers the world with FTAs
WHY NATIONS FAIL

THE ORIGINS OF POWER, PROSPERITY, AND POVERTY

DARON ACEMOGLU  JAMES ROBINSON
Mind the Gap:
Australia & NZ per capita income 1950-2012 ($1990)
Sliding doors: what could have been.
Per capita income, selected countries: 1950-2012 ($1990)
Uruguay – the plucky country
The only thing Brazil fears……..
Great Southern Lands: building ties between Australia & Brazil

So how will an advanced Australia and an emerging Brazil fare in the Asian Century?
SPOONER'S VIEW

THE MIRACLE OF TRADE

THE MINING BOOM
End of the mining boom?

RBA Index of Commodity Prices
SDR, 2013/14 average = 100

Source: RBA
Sino the times? The China Effect

**Figure 2.9 China GDP (% World GDP)**

- **a) Composition**

  ![Graph showing China GDP composition from 1999 to 2011](source: The World Bank)

**Figure 2.10 Commodity Price Index (2005=100)**

- **b) Destination**

  ![Graph showing commodity price index from 1999 to 2012](source: IMF)
Urbanisation rates in China and India are playing a role
Bright Lights big city?
Great mall of China?
There’s a long way to go in food consumption too
The terms of trade are coming off record highs.
Taking a walk on the supply side – the productivity debate

All Industries Labour Productivity Growth
Year-average, calendar years

Source: ABS

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5-year average

Source: ABS
And the Brazilian middles class grows

Figure 2.27 Brazil’s growing middle class population (millions)

Source: BACEN
As Brazil develops its human capital

- In 2000, there were 2,328 cities with very low (in red) HDI
- In 2010, there were only 32 cities with very low (in red) HDI
Latin America is making its presence felt in Australian education
With some of our best students especially at graduate level
Potential Areas of Cooperation
Brazil & Australia

- Resources and Agriculture
- Transport and Logistics
- Architecture and Infrastructure
- Renewable energy
- Education and other export services
So Brazil will continue to be a bit of a favourite for the airport economist.
Brazil is a country of charisma.
And Brasilia a city of ambition
I was in Brazil testing the Maracana stadium in Rio for the 2014 FIFA World Cup
And will be back for the Olympics too
Blame it on Rio
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