

# What is Community ?



- 空 space
- 風 wisdom
- 火 production
- 水 amenity
- 地 connection

# People and Location

- 空 space environment, atmosphere
- 風 wisdom intellectuals, talented
- 火 production entrepreneurs, farmers
- 水 amenity nature, festivals, services
- 地 connection tradition, governance

# What is Northeast Asia?

- No clear definition
- Actors in Northeast Asia:  
Japan, Korea (Seoul and Pyongyang),  
China, Mongolia, Russia, and the US  
- functional definition

# What is special about NEA?

- Diverse and a-symmetric countries
- Market-driven economic integration
- Community-building for “di-Americanization”?
- Short history of mutual cooperation
- Needs governance-building

# Necessity of Regional Frameworks

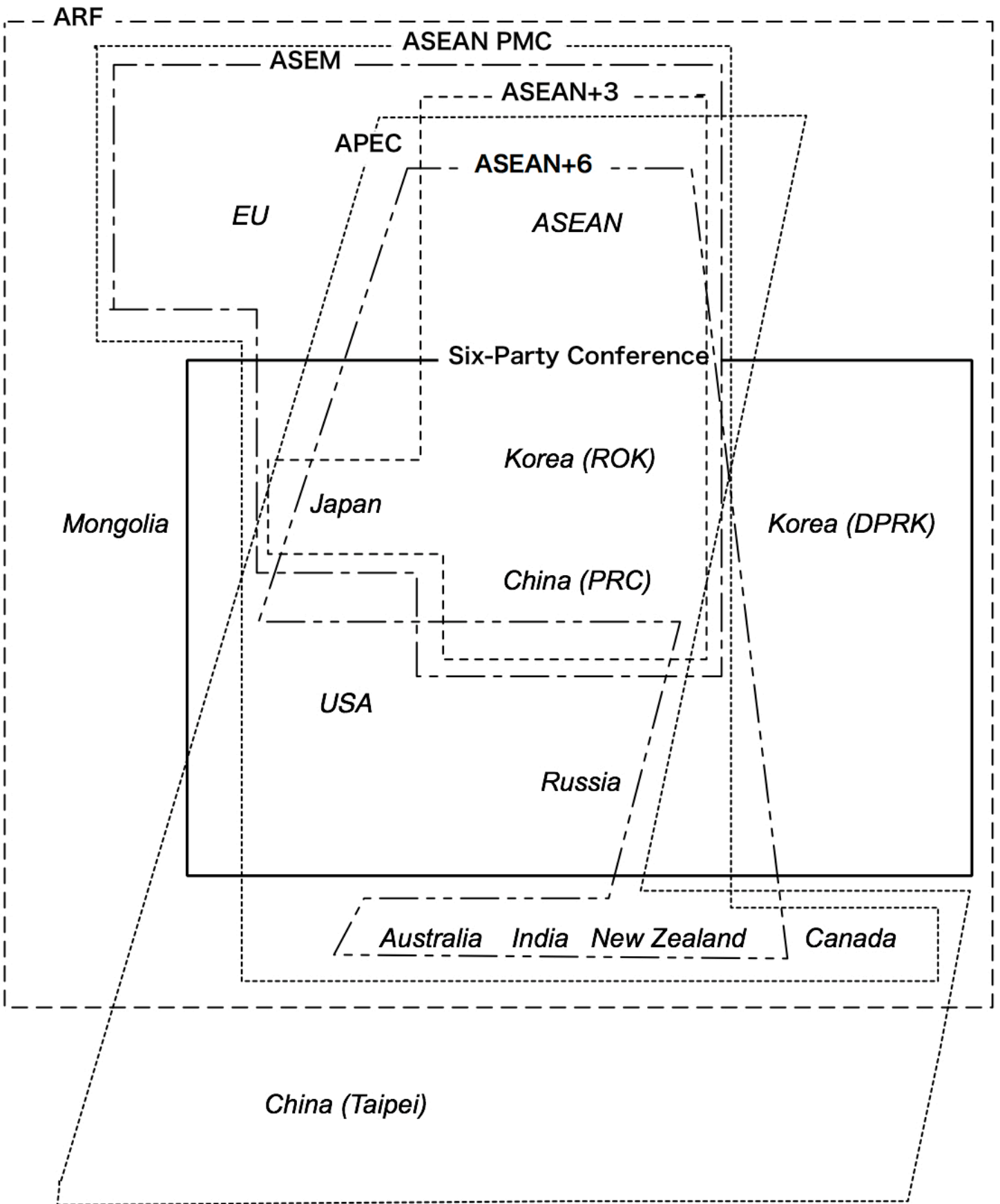
- Ensuring regional security from threats inside and outside
- Provision of regional public goods
- Macroeconomic stability
- Resource management

# Possibility of Regional Frameworks

- Market = further liberalization  
FTAs and EPAs
- Civil sector = liberal & personal communication  
Internet and exchanges
- Government = inter-regional communication  
Northeast Asia OECD?
- Security = policy-driven cooperation  
Six-party conference

# Challenges

- American unilateralism
- Hardliners in each country
- Rivalry (US, China, Japan)
- 8 + 2 party conference: US, Russia, PRC, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, North Korea, Mongolia with observers (ASEAN, EU)





**ASEAN**

**EU**

Extended Conference System

