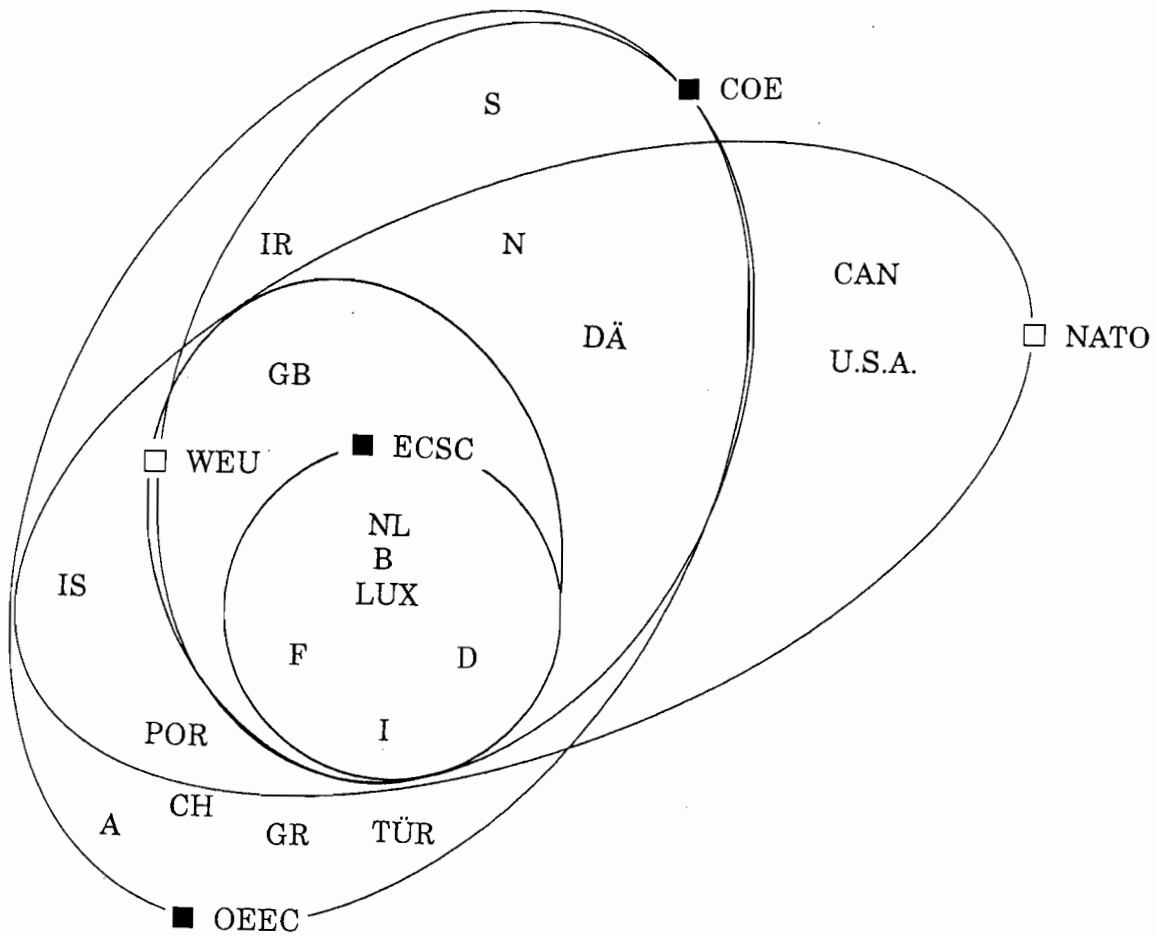


KEY DATES OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION (~ 1957)

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| 1947 | June | Declaration of Marshall Plan |
| | October | Establishment of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) |
| 1948 | January | Start of Benelux Customs Union |
| | April | Establishment of Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC) by 16 European States, the USA, and Canada |
| 1949 | April | Signature of Atlantic Pact and formation of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) by 12 States |
| | May | Formation of Council of Europe (CoE) |
| 1950 | May | Publication of Schuman Plan |
| | June | OEEC's Stikker Plan (sectoral customs union) |
| | October | Publication of Pleven Plan |
| 1951 | April | Treaty of Paris establishes the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) |
| 1952 | May | Signature of European Defense Community (EDC) treaty |
| | July | ECSC comes in operation |
| 1953 | March | Draft Treaty of European Political Community
Proposal of Beyen Plan competing against other liberalizing plans by GATT, OEEC, and CoE |
| 1954 | August | Rejection of EDC by France, collapse of EDC and European Political Community |
| 1955 | May | West European Union begins to operate
Benelux Memorandum |
| | June | Messina Conference |
| | July | Establishment of Spaack Committee |
| 1956 | March | Completion of Spaack Report |

- June Negotiations of Foreign Ministers of the Six for creation of EEC and Euratom
- July OEEC Proposal for Greater Industrial Free Trade Area (Plan G)

- 1957 March Signature of Treaties of Rome
- October Formation of Maulding Committee on FTA
- 1958 January Start of EEC and Euratom
- February Start of Benelux Economic Union
- December Maulding FTA negotiations terminated by France



Original Membership in European International Organizations
(except for Western Germany)

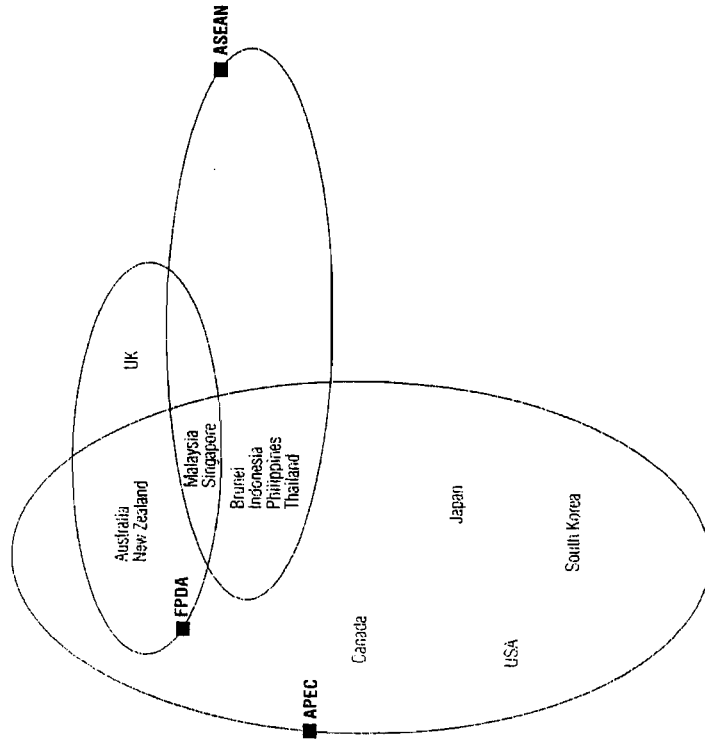
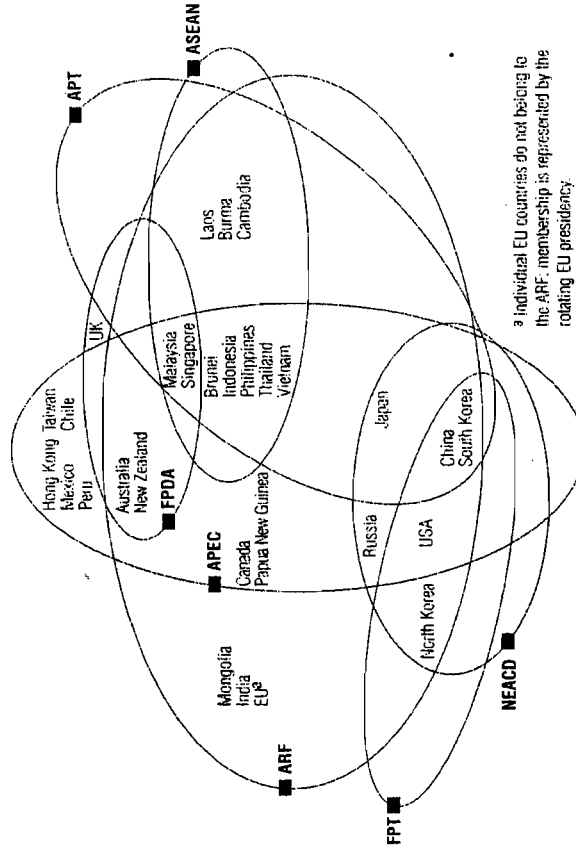


Fig. 1.1. Membership in selected East Asian and trans-Pacific groups, (1990): APEC, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation; ASEAN, Association of Southeast Asian Nations; FPDA, Five Power Defense Arrangement.



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Fig. 1.2. Membership in selected East Asian and trans-Pacific groups, (2002): APEC, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation; APT, ASEAN + 3; ARF, ASEAN Regional Forum; ASEAN, Association of Southeast Asian Nations; FPDA, Five Power Defense Arrangement; FPT, Four Party Talks; NEACD, Northeast Asia Cooperation Dialogue.

Source: Pempel (2005), 14f.