



2017 Australian Conference of Economists

Economics for Better Lives
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Conference Program Day 1

Wednesday 19 July 2017

7.30am	Registration desk open Barista now serving				BALLROOM FOYER
8.45am-9.00am	Conference welcome Dr Richard Tooth, ESA NSW President				WENTWORTH BALLROOM
9.00am-10.30am	Keynote Address Carol Graham Leo Pasvolsky Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution College Park Professor, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, USA Bentham or Aristotle in the Census Bureau? What the new science of well-being contributes to economics and to policy Chair Professor Warwick McKibbin, Director of CAMA, Crawford School ANU				WENTWORTH BALLROOM
10.30am-11.00am	Morning refreshments				BALLROOM FOYER
11.00am-12.30pm	Concurrent sessions				
SYDNEY	BRISBANE	HOBART 1	HOBART 2	WENTWORTH	
Economics of Mental Health Chair Professor Paul Oslington, Alphacrucis College, Sydney Keynote Professor Allan Fels AO, Chair, National Mental Health Commission and University of Melbourne Respondent Professor Deborah Cobb-Clark, University of Sydney Respondent Dr Jeremy Sammut, Centre for Independent Studies Respondent Frank Quinlan, Mental Health Australia Respondent Professor Richard Freeman, Harvard University	Migration Alfiah Hasanah, University of Wollongong Adult Children Labor Migration and Elderly Parent Health: Recent Evidence from Indonesian Panel Data Temesgen Kifle, The University of Queensland Underemployment among immigrants in Australia Michael Gadiel and Andrew Stone, NSW Treasury Housing prices, housing affordability, and migration flows	Economic Theory Keiran Sharpe, UNSW On risk and uncertainty, and objective versus subjective probability Fahd Rehman, Lahore University of Management Sciences Regular Indirect Production Function and Its Application Jonas Fookan, The University of Queensland Investing when risk and ambiguity create opportunities for exploitation	Australian Macroeconomics Tony Makin, Griffith University Does Aggregate Spending Determine GDP or the Trade Balance? Doug Mcleod, Macquarie University Modelling short term equilibrium and long term change in a natural way Luyen Nguyen, UNE Business School The effects of Fiscal policy on Output and Unemployment in Australia using sign restrictions identification	Economics of Education Tina Rampino, University of Queensland University choice: how attitudes frustrate girls' potential in STEM Rigissa Megalokonomou, University Of Queensland Persistency in Teachers' Grading Biases and Effect on Longer Term Outcomes: University Admission Exams and Choice of Field of Study	
12.30pm-1.30pm	Lunch Heads of Economics Department Lunch				BALLROOM FOYER CANBERRA ROOM

 Special Session

1.30pm-3.00pm	Concurrent sessions				
MELBOURNE	SYDNEY	PERTH	BRISBANE	HOBART 1	WENTWORTH
<p>Trade/Foreign Investment</p> <p>Aruna Gounder, Bond University The effect of preferential trading arrangements on foreign direct investment activity: empirical evidence from the African, Caribbean and Pacific group</p> <p>Ahangamage Manel, Business School, University of New England A Quantitative Assessment of the Economic Impact of Trade Delays on Regional Integration in South Asia: A Computable General Equilibrium Approach (GTAP)</p> <p>Dao Thi Hong Nguyen, James Cook University Can inward FDI be a determinant of domestic firms' wages? Theoretical modelling and empirical evidence</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Nadira Barkatullah, AECOM Financing Infrastructure Projects: Challenges and Approaches</p> <p>Deborah Cotton, University of Technology Sydney Reengineering Social Impact Bonds</p> <p>Troy Barry, The University of Western Australia Regulating network charges in an upstream monopoly market that supplies a downstream retail duopoly: A potential framework for NBN pricing</p>	<p>Behavioural Economics in Public Policy</p> <p>Chair Dr Danielle Merrett, Department of Premier and Cabinet, NSW Government</p> <p>Panel Associate Professor Gigi Foster, UNSW</p> <p>Dr Alex King, Director Behavioural Insights Unit, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet</p> <p>Michelle Jakubauskas, Senior Behavioural and Consumer Researcher, ASIC</p> <p>Dr Rory Gallagher, Managing Director Asia Pacific Director, Behavioural Insights Team, UK Cabinet Office</p>	<p>Short-Term Economic Management and Economic Growth</p> <p>Chair Professor Glenn Withers AO, Australian National University</p> <p>Professor Warwick McKibbin, ANU Nominal Income Targeting versus Inflation Targeting in Advanced and Emerging Economies</p> <p>Professor Guay Lim, Melbourne University Growth, Natural Rates and Policies</p> <p>Dr Peter Abelson and Tim Dalton, Applied Economics Rebalancing Monetary and Fiscal Policies</p>	<p>Economic Theory</p> <p>Kazuki Tomioka, University of Western Australia On the dynamics of investment under uncertainty in the US</p> <p>David Rowell, CBEH Separating equilibria in insurance markets: A new theoretical perspective</p> <p>Kohei Daido, School of Economics, Kwansei Gakuin University Leadership under Multitasking</p>	<p>Economics of Education</p> <p>William Parker, William Gort & Cedric Hodges, Deloitte Access Economics Measuring the benefits from higher education attainment in a general equilibrium framework</p> <p>Syaza Nawwarah Zein Isma, Australia National University The Prospect of Income Contingent Loan in Malaysia Higher Education Financing: Using Deterministic and Stochastic Methods in Modelling Income</p> <p>Dodo J Thampapillai & Dr Namrata Chindarkar, LKY School of Public Policy National University of Singapore Imperfect Information in a Students' Learning of Economics</p>
3.00pm-3.30pm	Afternoon refreshments				BALLROOM FOYER
3.30pm- 5.00pm	Concurrent sessions				
MELBOURNE	SYDNEY	PERTH	BRISBANE	HOBART 1	WENTWORTH
<p>Trade/Foreign Investment</p> <p>Mohammad Bari, University of Wollongong Determinants of Export Success in Bangladesh</p> <p>Pascal Raimondos, Queensland University of Technology Redefine 'Foreign': Implications for FDI spillovers</p> <p>Zsuzsanna Cserekyei, Crawford School of Public Policy, The Australian National University Technology Choices in the U.S. Electricity Industry before and after Market Restructuring</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Sarah Close, Pricewaterhouse Coopers Australia How does transport economics need to change for city shaping projects?</p> <p>Rabindra Nepal, Charles Darwin University Reforming Electricity Reforms? Empirical Evidence from Asian Economies</p> <p>Gulasekaran Rajaguru, Bond University Does Systematic Sampling Preserve Granger Causality with an Application to High Frequency Financial Data?</p>	<p>Women in Economics</p> <p>Chair Danielle Wood, Grattan Institute</p> <p>Matthew Butlin, President, Economic Society of Australia</p> <p>Deborah Cobb-Clarke, Professor of Economics, University of Sydney</p> <p>Alexandra Heath, Head of Economic Analysis, RBA</p> <p>Cherelle Murphy, Head of Australian Economics, ANZ</p> <p>Leith Thompson, Teacher HSIE Economics, Burwood Girls High School</p>	<p>Medium-Term Policies for Economic Growth</p> <p>Chair Dr Peter Abelson Applied Economics</p> <p>Jonathan Coppel, Commissioner, Productivity Commission International Trade and Economic Growth</p> <p>Simon Campbell, Commonwealth Treasury Australian productivity trends and the effect of structural change</p> <p>Professor Glenn Withers, ANU Human Capital and the Australian Future</p>	<p>Data</p> <p>Michael Holt, ABS Making Greater Use of Transactions Data to compile the Consumer Price Index</p> <p>Declan Trott, Department of Employment Adjusting the Australian wage share for depreciation, housing, and other factors, 1960-2016</p>	<p>Malaysia</p> <p>Beatrice Lim, Universiti Malaysia Sabah Higher Education Reform and Female Labour Force Participation in Malaysia</p>
5.00pm	Welcome Drinks				BALLROOM FOYER
6.00pm	Economists' Talent Night A fun night of short performances - music, vocal, comedy, magic, dance. All acts welcome. No actual talent required!				BALLROOM FOYER

Conference Program Day 2

Thursday 20 July 2017


8.00am	Registration desk open Barista now serving						BALLROOM FOYER
9.00am-10.30am	Keynote Address Professor W Kip Viscusi University Distinguished Professor of Law, Economics and Management Co-Director, Ph.D. Program in Law and Economics, Vanderbilt University Law School, USA Pricing Lives Chair Dr Greg Connolly, Director, Labour Economics Section/Economics Branch, Department of Employment						WENTWORTH BALLROOM
	 Australian Government Department of Employment						
10.30am-11.00am	Morning refreshments						BALLROOM FOYER
11.00am-12.30pm	Women in Economics Network meeting						CANBERRA
11.00am-12.30pm	Concurrent sessions						
MELBOURNE	SYDNEY	PERTH	BRISBANE	HOBART 1	HOBART 2	WENTWORTH	
Wellbeing Lisa Farrell, RMIT University Understanding the relationship between subjective wellbeing and gambling behaviour Brendan Markey-Towler, School of Economics and Australian Institute for Business and Economics On changing behaviour in fixed psychologies: An integrated, holistic, systematic approach Yashar Tarverdi, Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre Self-assessed vs. statistical evidence of racial discrimination: The case of indigenous Australians	Future of Economics Profession in Australia Organiser Professor Paul Oslington, Alphacrucis College, Sydney Chair Matthew Butlin, President, Economic Society of Australia Panel Professor Alex Millmow, Associate Professor of Economics, Federation University Professor John Lodewijks, Professor of Economics, SP Jain School of Global Management Professor Carol Graham, Brookings Institution, Washington DC	CGE 1 Chair Professor James Giesecke, Director, Centre of Policy Studies, Victoria University Professor Warwick McKibbin Modelling the Economic Impacts of Korean Unification Maureen Rimmer, Centre of Policy Studies Using a regional CGE model for rapid assessments of the economic implications of terrorism events: creating GRAD-ECAT (Generalized, Regional And Dynamic Economic Consequence Analysis Tool) Jason Nassios, Centre of Policy Studies Superannuation and the Structure of the Financial Sector: A General Equilibrium Assessment	Emerging Issues in CBA on Regulation Chair Dr Richard Tooth, Director, Sapere Research Group Panel Professor W Kip Viscusi, Vanderbilt University Law School, USA Martin Stewart-Weeks, Principal, Public Purpose Pty Ltd Dr Peter Abelson, Applied Economics Su McCluskey, Regulatory Policy Framework Review Panel member	Labour Economics Mary Stephan, ANU The gender wage gap in the Australian private and public sector: a fixed effects estimation Anita Staneva, Sydney University Gender differences in labour market returns to cognitive and non-cognitive skills: Evidence from Australia	Poverty Measurement Sadegh Bakhtiari, Islamic Azad University Isfahan (Khorasgan) A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of Economic Resilience Index Francisco Azpitarte Raposeiras, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, The University of Melbourne On the Robustness of Multidimensional Counting Poverty Orderings	Inequality Robert Kirkby, Victoria University of Wellington The US Experience with 'r-g' and Wealth Inequality Don Perlgut, Community Colleges Australia Inequality in Australia: What can vocational education and training do?	
12.30pm-1.30pm	Lunch						BALLROOM FOYER
12.30pm	ESA Central Council						CANBERRA

 Special Session

1.30pm-3.00pm	Concurrent sessions					
MELBOURNE	SYDNEY	PERTH	BRISBANE	HOBART 1	HOBART 2	WENTWORTH
<p>Environment</p> <p>Sam Wills, University of Sydney Surfing a wave of economic growth</p> <p>Huong Dinh, Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics and Sciences Farm production responses to water policy changes: The case of the Southern Murray-Darling Basin, Australia</p> <p>Yashar Tarverdi, Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre Talking in the Present, Caring for the Future: Language and Environment</p>	<p>History of Australasian Economics</p> <p>Chair Professor Paul Oslington, Alphacrucis College, Sydney</p> <p>Associate Professor Alex Millmow, Federation University A History of Australasian Economics in the 20th century</p> <p>Panel Professor John Lodewijks, SP Jain School of Global Management, Sydney</p> <p>Professor Paul Paul Oslington, Alphacrucis College, Sydney</p> <p>Dr William Coleman, Australian National University</p>	<p>CGE 2</p> <p>Chair Professor James Giesecke, Director, Centre of Policy Studies, Victoria University</p> <p>Rodney Tyers, University of Western Australia Automation and Inequality with Taxes and Transfers</p> <p>Chris Murphy, ANU Efficiency of the tax system: a marginal excess burden analysis</p> <p>Janine Dixon, Victoria University Centre of Policy Studies A dynamic CGE analysis of the impact of company tax cuts on economic activity and domestic income</p>	<p>Inequality in Australian Lives</p> <p>Chair Associate Professor Gigi Foster, UNSW</p> <p>Gianni La Cava, RBA Household Income Inequality in Australia</p> <p>Jeff Borland, University of Melbourne The drivers of earnings inequality in Australia</p> <p>Rebecca Edwards, University of Sydney Poverty and Inequality in Consumption - How have elderly Australians fared?</p>	<p>Labour Economics</p> <p>Edwin Ip, The University of Melbourne Do Gender Quotas Harm Hierarchical Relationships? Evidence from Labour Market Experiments</p> <p>Phil Lewis, University of Canberra The Labour Market for Creative Artists</p> <p>Mark Humphery-Jenner, UNSW Business School Governance, board inattention, and the appointment of overconfident CEOs</p>	<p>Economics of the Family</p> <p>Ashton de Silva, RMIT University An analysis of the fertility response to the baby bonus: 10 years later</p> <p>Hui Shi, Victoria University Early marriage and maternal health care utilisation: A nonparametric bounds analysis</p> <p>Yonatan Dinku, University of Otago Should involvement in household chores be considered child labour? Assessment of its welfare effect on a sample of children from Ethiopia</p>	<p>Retirement Income</p> <p>Warwick Smith, Per Capita Superannuation: not so super for mothers</p> <p>Martin Stevenson, Treasury Development of Treasury's new model of Australian retirement income and assets</p>
3.00pm-3.30pm	Afternoon refreshments					BALLROOM FOYER
3.30pm- 5.00pm	Concurrent sessions					
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<p>Transport</p> <p>Jeanette Lye, University of Melbourne Impacts of graduated driver licensing regulations</p> <p>Philip Norman, Philip Norman and Associates Overcoming Barriers to Innovation in Subterranean Freight</p> <p>Lucille Danks, Grattan Institute Cost overruns in transport infrastructure projects</p>	<p>Energy</p> <p>Nasser Khiabani, Allameh Tabataba'i University Nature of News and Volatility Asymmetry: Transmission from Oil to Stock Markets</p> <p>Joseph Hirschberg, University of Melbourne An Analysis of Electricity Consumption by Households that are Subject to Feed-in Tariffs in Victoria</p> <p>Paul Burke, Australian National University Fuel price cycles and Australian road safety</p>	<p>Financial Markets</p> <p>Session organised by Australian Business Economists</p> <p>Chair Stephen Walters, Chief Economist, Australian Institute of Company Directors</p> <p>Panel Besa Deda, Chief Economist, St George Banking Group</p> <p>Bill Evans, Chief Economist, Westpac Institutional Bank</p> <p>Warren Tease, Principal Adviser, Macroeconomic Conditions, Commonwealth Treasury</p> <p>Stephen Walters, Chief Economist, Australian Institute of Company Directors</p>	<p>Inequality in Australian Lives</p> <p>Chair Associate Professor Gigi Foster, UNSW</p> <p>Panel Matt Thistlethwaite MP, Member for Kingsford Smith, Shadow Assistant Minister for Treasury</p> <p>Danielle Wood, Fellow, The Grattan Institute</p> <p>Cameron Murray, University of Queensland</p>	<p>Labour Economics</p> <p>Leonora Risse, RMIT University Do gender gaps in confidence explain gender gaps in wages?</p> <p>Parvinder Kler, Griffith University Underemployment and its Impact on Job Satisfaction: An Australian Study on Part-Time Employment</p>	<p>Health</p> <p>Madhumita Iyengar, Cardno NSW/ACT Pty Ltd Estimating Household Health Benefits From Transport Policies</p> <p>Haiyan Liu, University of Western Australia The Income and Price Sensitivity of Diets Globally</p>	<p>Econometrics</p> <p>Adriaan Mocke, University of Sydney An Evaluation of Qualitative Data as Leading Indicators of Trends in the Australian Economy</p>
7.00pm-11.00pm	Conference Dinner					DOCKSIDE DARLING HARBOUR

Conference Program Day 3

Friday 21 July 2017

8.00am	Registration desk open Barista now serving					BALLROOM FOYER
9.00am-10.30am	Concurrent sessions					BALLROOM FOYER
MELBOURNE	SYDNEY	BRISBANE	HOBART 1	HOBART 2	WENTWORTH	
<p>Economics of Human Development</p> <p>Organiser Associate Professor Stefanie Schurer, University of Sydney, School of Economics</p> <p>Chair Associate Professor Gigi Foster, UNSW</p> <p>Jason Gaitz and Stefanie Schurer Bonus Skills: Examining the Effect of an Unconditional Cash Transfer on Child Human Capital Formation</p> <p>Sehrish Mohammed-Hussein Time Allocation and Cognitive Development: Evidence from the Longitudinal Survey of Australian Children</p> <p>Agne Suziedelyte and Anna Zhu The effect of changing financial incentives on youth development</p>	<p>Competition Policy</p> <p>Rod Sims, Chairman, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Competition in theory and in practice</p> <p>Chair Warren Tease, Division Head, Macroeconomic Conditions Division, Head of Sydney and Melbourne offices, The Treasury</p> 	<p>Economics of Care</p> <p>Chair Dr Elizabeth Hill, Department of Political Economy, The University of Sydney An introductory note on care and economics</p> <p>Professor Paul Dalziel & Professor Caroline Saunders, Lincoln University NZ Wellbeing economics and care within households</p> <p>Professor Gabrielle Meagher, Macquarie University Markets for care services: choices, challenges and contradictions?</p> <p>Professor Siobhan Austen, Curtin University Crossing the great divide: co-production and the economics of aged care work</p>	<p>Housing</p> <p>Greg Costello, Curtin University Land supply and new housing in Western Australia</p> <p>Joe Flood, Community Housing Limited Price elasticity of demand and rising house prices</p> <p>Maria Belen Yanotti, UTAS Who is a residential investor in Australia</p>	<p>Gender</p> <p>Mehwish Ghulam Ali, RMIT Impact of Women Empowerment on Attitudes Towards Intimate Partner Violence</p> <p>Nataliya Ilyushina, RMIT Mental Health and Utilisation of Time: Are Mothers and Fathers Different?</p> <p>Peter Varela, ANU A Gender Deduction Gap: Do men and women in similar economic circumstances claim different amounts of deductions on their tax returns?</p>	<p>Macroeconomics of Developing Economies</p> <p>Ngoc Hong Nguyen, University of Wollongong Income exchange rate regime in Asean</p> <p>Shenglang Yang, ANU Unmeasured investment and the puzzling lost decades of the Japanese economy</p>	
10.30am-11.00am	Morning refreshments					BALLROOM FOYER

 Special Session

11.00am-12.30pm Concurrent sessions						
MELBOURNE	SYDNEY	PERTH	BRISBANE	HOBART 1	HOBART 2	WENTWORTH
<p>Innovation</p> <p>Omer Majeed, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science Exploring the impact of innovation on high growth: a panel analysis of Australian firms</p> <p>Bilal Rafi, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science Participation in South Australian Innovation and Investment Funds: Impact on firm performance</p> <p>Franklin Soriano, UNE Business School, University of New England Dynamics of Innovation Persistence in Small Food Industry Businesses in Australia</p>	<p>Taxation</p> <p>Syed Hasan, ANU GST Reform in Australia: Implications of Estimating Price Elasticities of Demand for Food</p> <p>Jonathan Pincus, University of Adelaide Grattan Institute's case for sugar tax is not proven</p> <p>Mathias Sinning, ANU Crawford School of Public Policy Behavioural Insights and Business Taxation: Evidence from Two Randomised Controlled Trials</p>	<p>Higher Education Policy</p> <p>Chair Professor Paul Oslington, Alphacrucis College, Sydney</p> <p>Panel Professor Peter Shergold, University of Western Sydney</p> <p>Ittima Cherastidtham, Grattan Institute</p> <p>Professor John Quiggin, University of Queensland</p> <p>Adrian McComb, Former COPHE CEO</p>	<p>CGE</p> <p>Cedric Hodges, Deloitte Access Economics Firm closures in small regional economies</p> <p>James Lennox, Centre of Policy Studies, Victoria University Population and employment growth: a spatial general equilibrium analysis for Melbourne, Australia</p> <p>Glyn Wittwer, Centre of Policy Studies, Victoria University CGE Modelling of Drought in Australia and California</p>	<p>Banking / Cost Benefit Analysis</p> <p>Banking Nahum Biger, University of Haifa, Israel Dynamics of Yield Gravity</p> <p>Cost Benefit Analysis Robert Smith, TfNSW Icon Value, would we build it now? Ex-post cost benefit analysis of the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge</p>	<p>Human Services</p> <p>Bob Davidson, Macquarie University Optimum Contestability in Human Service Markets: An alternative to 'letting a hundred feral cats bloom'</p> <p>Louise Rawlings, ANU "Deaths of despair": a mixed model analysis of midlife suicide rates and unemployment rates in Australia</p>	<p>Australian Macroeconomics</p> <p>Duc (Brian) Tran, University of Melbourne Uncertainty in a disaggregate model: a data-rich approach using Google search data</p> <p>Jazmine Smith, The Treasury Modelling Australia's exports of non-commodity goods and services</p> <p>Thang Long Tran, National Economics University A Quantitative Study on Housing Investment in Australia</p>
12.30pm-1.30pm Lunch BALLROOM FOYER						
1.30pm-3.00pm Concurrent sessions						
MELBOURNE	SYDNEY	PERTH	BRISBANE	HOBART 1	HOBART 2	WENTWORTH
<p>Entrepreneurship/ Social Enterprise</p> <p>Sasan Bakhtiari, Department of Industry, Innovation & Science Entrepreneurship Dynamics in Australia: Lessons from Micro-data</p> <p>Justin Douglas, Managing Director, Econalyst Regulatory Compliance Costs and Small Business - principles for maximising societal welfare through regulatory design</p> <p>Tobias Beckmann, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet A Theoretical Evaluation of Social Enterprise</p>	<p>Currency Innovation</p> <p>Shann Turnbull, International Institute for Self-Governance Financial stability policy options</p> <p>Corey Carter, Federation University Australia Bitcoin: users' risk perceptions, preference dynamics, and profit considerations</p> <p>Catherine Macaulay, GI Think Tank Financial market 'design': addressing structural flaws to improve lives</p>	<p>Infrastructure – Foundations for Wellbeing</p> <p>Chair and Organiser Robert Smith, Vice-President Business Economic Society of NSW</p> <p>Panel Kerry Schott, Chair, Transgrid</p> <p>Philip Davies, CEO, Infrastructure Australia</p> <p>Tony Wood, Energy Program Director, Grattan Institute (TBC)</p>	<p>Ethics in Economics</p> <p>Chair Professor Flavio Menezes, University of Queensland</p> <p>Panel Tony Harris, Former Commissioner of the Industry Commission and NSW Auditor-General</p> <p>Dr Richard Tooth, President NSW Branch of the Economic Society of Australia</p> <p>Ross Gittins, Economics Editor, Sydney Morning Herald</p>	<p>Housing</p> <p>Abbas Valadkhani, Swinburne University of Technology Product diversity and the cost of mortgages in Australia</p> <p>Thomas Weber, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne Selling vs. Renting in the Presence of Sharing Markets</p> <p>Sam Tsiapias, Melbourne Institute, University of Melbourne Interest Rates, Local Housing Markets and House Price Over-reactions: Implications for Financial Stability</p>	<p>Mental Health</p> <p>Alec Zuo, University of Adelaide Dry or wet? The influence of climate and socio-economics on Australian farmers' mental health</p> <p>Dilip Dutta, University of Sydney Importance of nurturing non-cognitive human capabilities for a stable mental health</p>	<p>Australian Macroeconomics</p> <p>Tim Robinson, Melbourne Institute, University of Melbourne Revisiting the Australian NAIRU</p> <p>Mark Phoon, KPMG Forecasting Australian GDP Growth: A Mixed-Frequency Approach</p> <p>Habib-ur Rahman, Bond University Role of fiscal consolidation in vulnerability to crisis: Evidence from Australian economy</p>

Conference Program

Day 3

3.00pm-4.30pm						
Concurrent sessions						
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<p>Cost Benefit Analysis</p> <p>Fariba Ramezani Khansari, Smart Infrastructure Facility, University of Wollongong Investigating the Impacts of Infrastructure Investment Policies on Regional Economic Growth: Cost Benefit Analysis vs Economic Impact Analysis</p> <p>David Prentice, Infrastructure Victoria What makes a locality attractive? Estimates of the amenity value of parks for Victoria</p> <p>Dr Shanaka Herath, University of Wollongong The economic impact of public transport provision: The case of the Wollongong Shuttle Bus</p>	<p>School Education</p> <p>Associate Professor Gigi Foster, UNSW Do school principals respond to public scrutiny? New survey evidence from Australia</p> <p>Dr Julie Moschion, University of Melbourne Is public accountability a substitute for private knowledge? Evidence from Australia's school accountability reforms</p> <p>Assistant Professor Nina Guyon, National University of Singapore Aspirations Failure and the Escalation of Social Inequalities: Evidence from French Teenagers</p>	<p>Economics of Education</p> <p>Gail Pacheco, Auckland University of Technology Explaining ethnic disparities in bachelor's qualifications: Participation, retention and completion in NZ</p> <p>Ian Li, UWA Factors Influencing University Student Satisfaction, Dropout and Academic Performance: An Australian Higher Education Equity Perspective</p>	<p>Practical Issues in Market Design</p> <p>Professor Flavio Menezes, The University of Queensland Market design in Practice: An introduction to key issues</p> <p>Deborah Cope, PIRAC Economics Competition in Vocational Education and Training</p> <p>Brook Dixon, Smart City and Regulatory Reform, Vice President, ASCA Challenges in Procuring a smart city network –</p> <p>Kris Funston, Senior Director, Retail and Wholesale Markets, Australian Energy Market Commission Developments in Retail Electricity Markets</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Vietnam</p> <p>Ali Salman Saleh, Qatar University Increasing the Competitiveness of Vietnamese SMEs through Internationalisation: Initial findings from a nationwide study</p> <p>Cong Nguyen, School of Accounting, Economics and Finance, Faculty of Business, University of Wollongong Small and Medium Enterprise Productivity and its Determinants: Evidence from Vietnamese manufacturing SMEs</p>	<p>Pakistan</p> <p>Safdar Khan, Bond University The Determinants of Women's Economic Empowerment: The Strategic Role of Family Formation and Culture</p>	<p>Indonesia</p> <p>Riznaldi Akbar, University of Western Australia Understanding Indonesia's Credit Cycles</p>
4.30pm					SYDNEY	
Conference close						

 Special Session