

Community of Practice Event - Valuing Risks to Life and Limb

Wednesday 26 August 2015

The Economic Society of Australia (NSW Branch) in conjunction with NSW Department of Industry invites you to participate in the second cost benefit analysis (CBA) *community of practice*.

Broadly, the goal of the CBA Community of Practice will be to provide a forum for practitioners to meet and discuss common issues in preparing CBAs for government investment and policy. Our next Community of Practice meeting will be held on **26 August from 12 noon to 1:30pm**.

The topic for this meeting will be how we value risks of fatalities and injuries and how we use these in CBA.

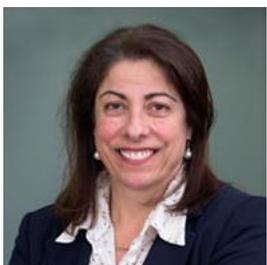
There will be a short presentation but a focus on this meeting will be discussion among the group. Participants will be encouraged to do some pre-reading and contribute thoughts on some discussion questions.

For more information on the the discussion questions, the pre-reading suggestions and to reserve your place click on the link below.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Places for the Community of Practice events are limited.

Attendance is free and a light lunch will be provided, however, it is essential that if you register that you attend or cancel your registration at least 24 hours prior to the event.



Emerging Economist Series

Six luncheons with prominent Australian policymakers

The Economic Society of Australia (NSW Branch) proudly sponsors the Emerging Economist Series. The series of six luncheons, held at the Reserve Bank of Australia in Sydney, gives young economists the opportunity to discuss critical issues with prominent Australian policymakers, as well as network with colleagues in business, academia and the public service.

The luncheons include an interview-style discussion with the key-note speaker, exploring the issues they have faced during their careers and highlighting Australia's key economic challenges going forward. Registration for the Emerging Economist Series is now [OPEN](#).

Peter Costello AC is confirmed for Thursday 24 September and **Bernie Fraser** will join us on Friday 12 February. The first lunch, to take place on Thursday 27 August, will be:

Cristina Cifuentes was appointed a Commissioner of the ACCC in 2013 where she oversees the ACCC's regulatory role in relation to key infrastructure in areas such as telecommunications, wheat and ports. Cristina's is also a member of the AER Board which has responsibility for

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regulating the national electricity and gas markets. She served as the State part-time Member of the AER (2010 – 2013) and with IPART (1997 – 2006). Before this, Cristina held a number of directorships including with the Hunter Water Corporation and First State Super Trustee Corporation. Cristina has experience in both the public and private sectors including positions at the Reserve Bank of Australia, the NSW Treasury and the Australian Securities Commission. Cristina holds a first class honours degree in Law and a degree in Economics.

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YEN Trivia Night

Save the Date - Thursday 10 September

The Young Economists (NSW) cordially invites its members, Economic Society of Australia members, young professionals, academics & students, and friends to a night of trivia fun and networking. The trivia will cover general knowledge questions and economics questions.

- Date: Thursday 10 September
- Time: 7 for 7.30 pm
- Location: King Street Brewhouse, 22 The Promenade, Sydney
- Cost: \$17 per person

Bookings will be online via the ESA website - opening soon.



Economics in the Media and Schools

On 3 July, the ESA hosted the launch of Ross Gittins Memoirs - ***A Life Among Budgets, Bulldust and Bastardy***. The event was held at Alphacrucis College Parramatta and Blair Comrie launched the book.

The launch was followed by a panel discussion on economics in the media and schools. The panel discussion raised important issues about the future of the economics profession and was well attended - about 60 people for our first event outside the CBD for some time. The panel comprised:

- Ross Gittins - Sydney Morning Herald.
- Prof John Lodewijks - UNSW
- Dr Tony Stokes - ACU
- Dr Christiane Gerblinger – Commonwealth Treasury

ESA appreciated the partnership support of Parramatta City Council in putting on this event.

What's Good About Economics and Economists

Sydney Morning Herald

Our July Lunchtime Seminar, presented by Associate Professor Gigi Foster from UNSW, prompted a reflection from journalist and ESA member Ross Gittins.

Click [here](#) to read his article in the Sydney Morning Herald - 2 August 2015.

CBA Forum - Who is Benefiting?

17 July 2015



Thank you to the over 180 people who attended the CBA Forum on 17 July.

A post-event survey has now been sent to all those who attended. Please complete if you have not already done so. Click [here](#) to view a gallery of photos of the Forum. You can also visit the [website](#) to view the presentations.

Stiglitz Essay Prize

Deadline: 1 September 2015

The International Economic Association (IEA) is happy to announce the first Stiglitz Essay Prize (SEP) in honour of the past President of the association, Joseph E. Stiglitz. This prize is possible thanks to the generous donation that the Economic Society of Australia pledged to the IEA.

The winner of the Stiglitz Essay Prize will be announced in early 2016, with the prize presentation to be made in a ceremony at the next IEA World Congress in 2017. The winner of the Stiglitz Essay Prize will win 1,000 USD, and the runner(s)-up will receive 500 USD. The winning essay and runner(s) up will be published on the IEA web site.

The prize is open to any student in full time study. The essay can be up to 5,000 words on one of the subjects below. There will be a pre-selection process in charge of a team of school judges selected by the IEA. The short-listed essays will go to the judges: Joseph E. Stiglitz (Columbia University and IEA past President), Timothy Besley (London School of Economics and IEA President) and Kaushik Basu (World Bank and IEA President Elect).

Please find more information about the prize in the following [link](#).

Vale Masahiko Aoki

It is with great sadness that the IEA announces the death of Masahiko Aoki who was President of the Association between 2008 and 2011. He presided over the Association's highly successful Congress on China. His energy, integrity and creativity as a scholar will be sorely missed. The Association will hold a special session in his memory at the next World Congress.

Partner Events

ABE Lunch - 26 August 2015

Banking on Housing

Australian Business Economists are pleased to present a lunchtime briefing and discussion with Mr Wayne Byres, Chairman, Australian Prudential Regulation Authority on the Regulator's current approach to dealing with housing-related risks in the Australian banking system.

To book on-line, click [here](#) - Or go to [abe.org.au](#).

- Time: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
- Venue: The Ballroom, Four Seasons Sydney, 199 George Street, The Rocks
- Cost: \$165 members, \$195 non-members, \$1480 tables (of 8 guests each)
- Lunch includes two courses and beverages.

