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Emerging Economist Series 2013 Launch

The 2013 Emerging economists series got off to an outstanding start with **Graham Samuel** providing a captivating discussion laced with anecdotes and lessons from real world experience. The Q&A covered competition policy, the roles of lawyers and economists, the taxi industry and his agenda for economic reform topped off with a dash of AFL. Although the EES subscriptions are now closed a few places have been set aside as incentives and rewards for members and YEN network. Watch the newsletter for opportunities to attend.



Lunchtime Seminar
Speaker: Benjamin Mitra-Kahn
Intellectual Property in the Economy
Thursday 12th September 2013

- Presenter:** Benjamin Mitra-Kahn
- Topic:** Intellectual Property in the Economy
- Time:** 12:15 pm for 12.30 pm, Thursday 12th September 2013.
Presentations usually conclude by 1.15 pm to 1.30 pm
- Venue:** Ground Floor East Seminar Room, Reserve Bank of Australia, 65 Martin Place, Sydney
- Cost:** Free, light refreshments provided
- RSVP:** Please respond to ecosocnsw@ecosoc.org.au

Abstract: There is a lot of heated discussion around intellectual property (IP), and even more polarised opinion as to whether the IP system is 'brilliant' or 'terrible'. This presentation is intended as a step towards a data-driven discussion about IP – a discussion only starting in Australia. Although IP rights are relatively simple at their core, they have become increasingly important in the 21st century. Consumers produce copyright works every day, supply chains have globalised brands and production, and high-tech products represent thousands of patents in world markets. IP rights can incentivise or block innovation, and we need to go beyond case studies to see how the system as a whole impacts the economy. This presentation will introduce the economics of IP, and look at the issues for Australia, discussing: Apple's successful \$1bn defence of its design patent on a rounded edge; the impact of the patent mobile phone wars; and the significance of human gene patents to the Australian economy.

Benjamin Mitra-Kahn is the Chief Economist at IP Australia. He took his Ph.D. in Economics at City University London where he also lectured in Applied Macroeconomics. He has previously worked as the Economic Advisor in the UK Intellectual Property Office, and written papers such as *Copyright, Evidence and Lobbyonomics: The World after the UK's Hargreaves Review*, *Patent Backlogs, Inventories and Pendency: An International Framework*, and a number of papers outside IP on economic history, economic growth and national accounting.

UPCOMING PARTNER EVENTS:

Australian Business Economists Lunch, 20 August

Topic: Policy & Markets: Next Steps for the Federal Government and the Australian Economy
Date: 17th September 2013
Time: 12:30 pm – 2.00pm
Venue: Grand Ballroom, The Westin, 1 Martin Place, Sydney
Cost: \$145 members, \$165 non members
RSVP: [Click here](#) or contact info@abe.org.au / call 0419 256 339

Women in Banking and Finance and the **Australian Business Economists** invite you to join them to hear the latest views from its panel of esteemed economists.

The challenges for Australian Business remain many. While the US economy is beginning to heal, the Federal Reserve is contemplating an end to Quantitative Easing and this could have significant impact on markets. The European economy is deep in recession, while Japan has entered a new and aggressive QE phase to try and break 15 years of deflation. In Australia the outlook remains very dependent on what is happening around the world and the response from who wins the Federal election. A panel of Australia's most prominent economists will discuss what should be the economic and policy priorities for the government (new or returned) in the years ahead.

Facilitated by **Anne Anderson** (UBS), the panel includes **Stephen Halmarick** (Colonial First State and ABE Chairman); **David Plank** (Deutsche Bank AG); **Warren Hogan** (ANZ); and **Besa Deda** (St George Bank).

Australian Business Economists (ABE) aims to encourage greater understanding of economic issues by fostering debate in the financial markets, business and commercial sectors and across the community in general. For further information, visit www.abe.org.au

Women in Banking and Finance (WiBF) is a non-profit organisation, which provides a forum for professional women in financial services and related industries. For further information, visit www.wibf.org.au

Indian Society of Labour Economics Conference

16-18 December 2013

The 55th **Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics** (ISLE) will be held during 16-18 December, 2013 at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. **Professor Jayati Ghosh**, Chairperson, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, JNU will preside over the Conference.

The themes of the conference are:

1. Social Inclusion and the Labour Market
2. Changing Patterns of Rural Labour in India
3. Labour Regulation in Indian Industry

For more, please see this [information booklet](#).

ABARES Tamworth Regional Outlook Conference

4 September 2013

Attending the **ABARES Tamworth Regional Outlook** conference is your opportunity to hear from speakers across four sessions on the economic, agricultural, environmental and water issues relevant to your region.

Promoting discussion on industry productivity, community vitality and environmental sustainability, the Tamworth conference will balance national and regional perspectives; focus on the future and emphasise agricultural strategies that work in a context of economic volatility and climatic variability.

Hear from speakers including **Luke Mathews**, Commonwealth Bank; **Keith Perrett**, Grains Research and Development Corporation; **Richard Heath**, Innovate Ag Research; **Tim Wright**, 'Lana', Uralla; **Guy Hebblewhite**, 'Glenburnie', Tamworth / Nuffield Australia and **Aaron Coutts-Smith**, Bureau of Meteorology.

The conference is an ideal opportunity to network with other motivated community members, discuss industry trends and make new contacts in [your region](#).

For more, please see [ABARES conference website](#).

Keith Hancock Lecture 2013 Retirement income design with an ageing demographic (UNSW)

2 September 2013

The 2013 Keith Hancock Lecture will be presented by **Professor John Piggott** (Scientia), a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA).

Population ageing has challenged the standard 20th century retirement income paradigm, which relies on ever-growing payrolls to finance retirees. These structures have become unsustainable in many countries, and public promises have not been kept.

In this lecture, the challenges of retirement income provision in an era of demographic ageing are explained, and alternative approaches to the financing and design of retirement incomes are explored. Research analysis will be combined with country experience to argue for a set of policies suitable for this new demographic environment.

For more information please see [ASSA website](#).

Note: This lecture is also being given on 5 September 2013 at [ANU](#).

ASC-IMS Conference, Sydney

7-10 July 2014

The **Australian Statistical Conference** in conjunction with the **Institute of Mathematical Statistics** Annual Meeting (ASC-IMS 2014) will be taking place on 7–10 July 2014 in **Sydney**. The Conference will be one of the premier events in 2014, bringing together hundreds of mathematicians and statisticians from across the globe.

For more information please see the [conference website](#).

ANZSANA Conference, Austin, Texas Call for Papers and Workshop Panels 6 - 8 February 2014

ANZSANA will hold its annual conference at the University of Texas at Austin (UT-Austin) located in Austin, Texas. ANZSANA is a multidisciplinary organization and welcomes papers on any aspect of Australian or New Zealand studies as well as comparative studies involving Australia, New Zealand, and North America. It welcomes proposals for individual papers as well as proposals for panels by groups of scholars.

The **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION** of paper and panel proposals is **31 October 2013**. Notices of acceptance will be sent no later than **1 December 2013**.

Paper proposals must include the author's name and institutional affiliation, a curriculum vitae (CV), the title of the paper, and an abstract of no more than 500 words. Documents must be attached to an email as either a Word or PDF document. Panel proposals must include similar information for each of the proposed papers and authors.

ANZSANA welcomes submissions from graduate students and offers a limited number of travel grants to facilitate their participation. Graduate students must indicate their status as such in their paper proposals in order to be considered for a grant. Please send all proposals to ANZSANA President Dave Snow at anzsana2014@gmail.com.

IEA 17th World Congress, Dead Sea, Jordan Call for Papers 6 – 10 June 2014

The **International Economic Association** (IEA) invites submissions to the contributed sessions of the **IEA World Congress**, which will take place on the Dead Sea in Jordan from Friday, June 6, to Tuesday, June 10, 2014. The event is jointly organized with The Columbia University Middle East Research Center) and in partnership with the Institute for New Economic Thinking and The Centre for International Governance Innovation.

Economists and professionals working in related fields are invited to submit theoretical and applied papers in all areas of economics for presentation at the Congress.

The **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS** is **31 October 2013**.

For further information please see [IEA website](#).

LinkedIn NSW Member Group LinkedIn established

We have created a LinkedIn group for branch members. By joining this group you can participate in interesting discussions, get connected to others members and get early updates on ESA activities.

The group is *The Economic Society of Australia - NSW Branch*. It is a member-only group. We have pre-registered group members using the email address on record. If you can't get access please try joining using the same email address as recorded with your membership or sending a quick email to our administrator. To join the ESA NSW Members Only Group, login to [LinkedIn](#) and search for *The Economic Society of Australia - NSW Branch* or alternatively follow this [link](#).

Seminars at Universities

These seminar dates are subject to change. Please check the links provided to confirm.

These events are not hosted by the Economics Society, but are by organisations with a relationship with the Society. You should go to the link provided for further information.

Note: Partners may not recognise Economic Society membership for discounts.

[University of New South Wales](#)

Date	Time	Place	Speaker	Topic
4 September	3:30	ASB 115	Jacob Goeree	Electoral Engineering: One Man, One Bid
6 September	3:30	ASB 115	Phillip Mccalman	International Trade, Income Distribution and Welfare

[University of Sydney](#)

Date	Time	Place	Speaker	Topic
5 September	4:00-5:30	Merewether 498	Jacob Goeree	TBA
12 September	4:00-5:30	Merewether 498	Arina Nikandrova	TBA

[University of Technology, Sydney](#)

Date	Time	Place	Speaker	Topic
4 September	4:00-5:15	Room D301	Tim Cason	Cycles and Instability in Continuous Time Matrix and Market Games
11 September	4:00-5:15	Room D301	Yijuan Chen	A Theory of Hospital Waiting Time Report Cards
18 September	4:00-5:15	Room D301	Vasilis Sarafidils	TBA
25 September	4:00-5:15	Room D301	Piero Gottardi	Risk Sharing and Contagion in Networks

JOBS FOR ECONOMISTS

Urbis: Associate Director – Policy Economics

Urbis is an established and growing multi-disciplinary consulting firm with over 300 staff nationally offering a unique range of services in economics and market research, public policy, planning, urban design, landscape architecture, valuations and advisory. Currently we have a 'new' diverse and challenging opportunity for an **Associate Director** to join the new **Policy Economics** team within our existing Economics and Market Research (EMR) practise in Sydney. For details please see [link](#).

If you would like to advertise a job opening in economics, free of charge, please email details to ecosocnsw@ecosoc.org.au