



Lunchtime Seminar Series

27th November 2014

Date: Thursday 27 November
Time: 12:15 for 12:30pm start
Venue: Reserve Bank of Australia, Ground Floor, 65 Martin Pl.
Presenter: Andrew Wait, University of Sydney

This event is free to members with light refreshments provided. Presentations usually conclude between 1.15pm and 1.30pm.

The 2014 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel was awarded to French economist Jean Tirole "for his analysis of market power and regulation". In the first of what we hope will become an annual event, we are pleased to welcome a local researcher in Tirole's field to present a seminar on Tirole's work.

Abstract

Jean Tirole transformed the field of industrial organisation; without his contribution, this important area of economics would be unrecognisable. Tirole's book *The Theory of Industrial Organization*, published in 1988, still remains the discipline's standard. If not that was not enough, he has made similar contributions to regulatory economics, game theory, contract theory, organisational economics and to our understanding of financial markets and banking. To reflect on his work, this presentation will focus on several of Tirole's important contributions and highlight the some of his key insights.

Presenter

Andrew Wait works in the School of Economics at the University of Sydney. He has a PhD from the Australian National University and a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) from the University of Adelaide. Andrew's research interests include industrial organisation and organisational economics. His current research projects include an empirical analysis of the allocation of decision-making rights within firms and a study of investment games when contracts are incomplete. Andrew has published in the *Rand Journal of Economics* and the *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*. He is the co-convenor of the Annual Organizational Economics Workshop.

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Emerging Economist Series

Dates for Remaining Sessions

Dr Ken Henry will be our guest speaker at the next EES lunch which is set for Monday 17th November.

Dates for the remaining lunches in the series are now finalized – Professor Geoffrey Brennan, Friday 13th February | Laura Tingle, Tuesday 14th April | Bruce Petty, Tuesday 26th May.

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Economics in the Pub

Scroogenomics

Is Christmas a healthy annual boost to the economy? Or is it, in fact, an international exercise in wealth destruction? Joel Waldfogel's [Scroogenomics](#) asserts that Christmas gifts given are less-informed choices, worth less than the money spent, and leave recipients less than satisfied, creating a social deadweight loss.

Join us for drinks and nibbles at the next Economics in the Pub session which will be held on Tuesday, 16th December. The series is designed to encourage debate, networking and interaction amongst members. More details to follow - in the meantime, hold the date or [Register Now](#)

Topic: Does Christmas create a deadweight loss?
Venue: Arthouse Hotel, Attic Bar, 275 Pitt Street
When: Tuesday 16th December
Time: From 6pm
Cost: Free for all members including young economists
Provided: Complementary drink and bar food

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Australian Business Economists

Annual Conference and Lunchtime Briefing

There are two events members may be interested in. Visit our website for more information or click the links below.

[Annual Conference and Dinner](#) | Tuesday 25 November 2015, Four Seasons Sydney

Featuring Philip Lowe, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia as dinner speaker; John Brogden, Financial Services Council; John Garnaut, Fairfax Media; Laura Tingle, Financial Review; Warren Hogan, ANZ; Geoff Weir, Centre for International Finance & Regulation; Alan Mitchell, Financial Review; and leading market economists on the local and global outlook.

[Lunchtime Briefing](#) - The Business Cycle | Dr Christopher Kent, Assistant Governor (Economic) - Thursday 13 November 2014, Reserve Bank of Australia

ESA Members will qualify for the Member Rate at this event

Time: 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Venue: Bloomberg Auditorium, Level 27, #1 Bligh Street, Sydney
Cost: \$45 members, \$75 non-members, \$520 tables (of 8 guests each) - a working lunch will be served.

International Conference on Social Security

3-5 December 2014

Social Dimensions of Economic Development & Productivity

The Second International Conference on Social Security (ICSS2014) will be held from the 3rd to 5th December 2014 at Hilton Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia. Visit our website for more information or click [here](#)

Annual Water Forum, La Trobe University

12-13 November 2014

Wednesday 12th November | Public Lecture - 6-7pm
Early Careers Networking Event - 7.30-9.00

Thursday 13th November | Annual Water Forum - 8.30-4.00pm

Water and Values

It's hard not to have a conversation about water in Australia without someone using the word 'value'. Whether its ecologists talking about the environmental worth of a wetland, agriculturalists choosing between irrigated crops, economists promoting the benefits of water markets, engineers seeking the best technical outcome or an individual claiming to represent community opinion – they all use the term 'value'. But what values count when it comes to water and who's doing the counting? Also, why are values so important, how are they measured and how are they formed?

The 2014 Water Forum will focus on values and water. As with previous events the Forum will use high-calibre keynote speakers to give shape to the theme of the Forum and also provide an opportunity to focus on separate strands of interest covering:

- Environmental water;
- Urban water;
- Agricultural water.

The Forum is open to practitioners, policy makers, researchers and resource managers and welcomes involvement by early career professionals. The link to the website is as follows <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/cwpm/water-forum>

Call for Papers - Australian Economic Theory Workshop

Submission Deadline: 5 December 2014

The School of Accounting, Economics and Finance at the Faculty of Business and Law, Deakin University, will host the 33rd Australasian Economic Theory Workshop on 12 and 13 (Thursday and Friday) February 2015 at Deakin University's Melbourne City Centre at 550 Bourke Street.

You are invited to participate in this workshop. Please send an extended abstract or mimeo/working paper in PDF format to aetw2015@deakin.edu.au. Submissions from young researchers, including graduating PhD students are especially encouraged.

Visit our [website](#) or follow this link for more: <http://esacentral.org.au/event/call-for-papers-submission-deadline-5-dec/>

Call for Papers - 2015 ANZSANA

Submission Deadline Monday 10th November

In partnership with the John Goodwin Center for Political Studies at Southern Methodist University (SMU), ANZSANA will hold its annual conference in Dallas, 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. For more visit the [calendar of events](#) on our website

Jobs in Economics

Government of WA, Department of Finance are looking for three Assistant Directors. Visit our [website](#) for more - <http://esacentral.org.au/jobs/>. Application close date: Monday 17th November.

The Economic Reform Unit is now with the Department of Finance and will support the

Department's goal of encouraging a high performing public sector. We are building a dynamic team that is open to new ideas and innovations, with a strong customer service orientation to deliver improvements across W.A. through regulatory reform.