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Newsletter #86

Economic Society of Australia,
New South Wales Branch,
November 2021
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Dear friend,

Welcome to our November newsletter. After so many months of restrictions we are very excited to be holding our first face-to-face event in a few weeks. Please join us for Nobel Night on 1st December in the Sydney CBD. Read below for details of this and other news and events.

News

Australia's top economists back carbon price, say benefits of net-zero outweigh cost

Eight in ten of Australia's leading economists back action to cut Australia's carbon emissions to net-zero.

Almost nine in ten want it done by a carbon tax or a carbon price – mechanisms that were explicitly rejected at the 2013 election.

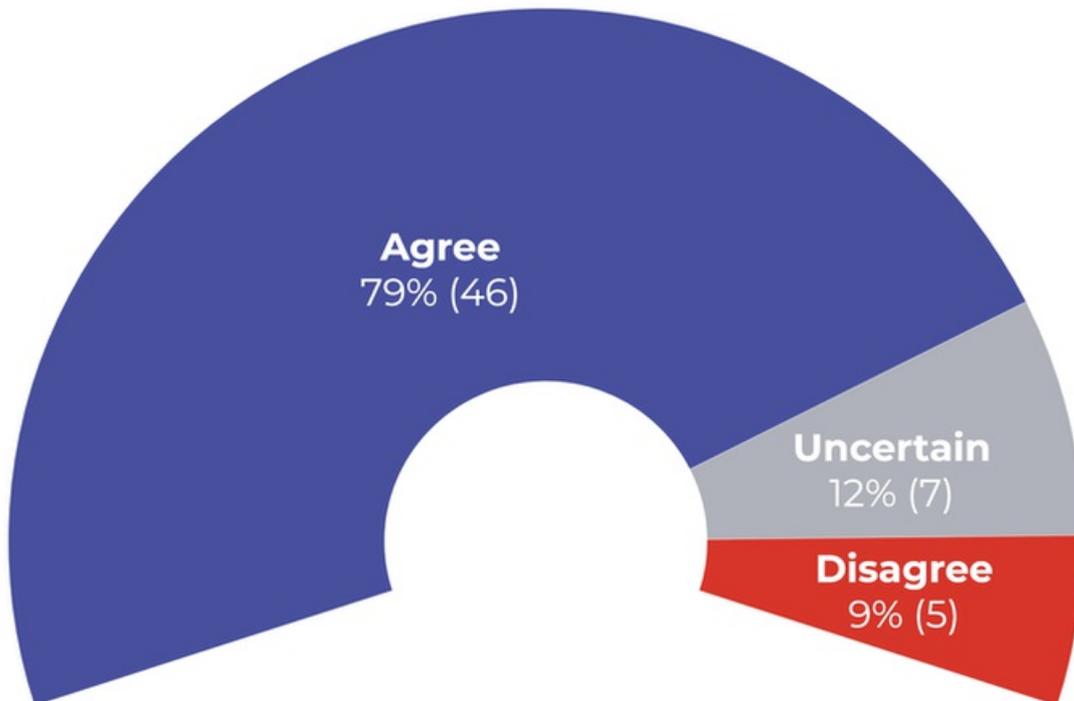
The panel of 58 top Australian economists selected by the Economic Society of Australia wants the carbon price restored to the public agenda even though it was rejected seven years ago, some saying Australia's goods and services tax was rebuffed in 1993 and then restored to the public agenda seven years later.

Among those surveyed are former heads of government departments and agencies, former International Monetary Fund and OECD officials and a former and current member of the Reserve Bank board.

Asked ahead of November's Glasgow climate talks whether Australia would likely benefit overall from the national economy transitioning to net-zero emissions by 2050, 46 of the 58 said yes.

Responses from 58 economists to the proposition:

"Australians will likely benefit overall from the national economy transitioning to net zero by 2050"



Source: Economic Society of Australia

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The response is at odds with the previous positions of groups such as the Business Council of Australia which in the leadup to the 2019 election labelled Labor's proposed steps towards net-zero "[economy wrecking](#)".

This month the Business Council [backed](#) net-zero by 2050, and produced modelling suggesting it would make Australians A\$5,000 better off per year.

Only one net-zero doubter

Only five of the 58 economists surveyed disagreed with the proposition that cutting Australia's emissions to net-zero would leave Australians better off.

Of those five, only one doubted that cutting global emissions to net-zero would leave Australia better off. The others believed that even if a global move to net-zero did leave Australians better off, it was likely to happen anyway, meaning Australia wouldn't need to act, a stance derided by others as "free-riding".

"The argument that we are only a small percentage of global emissions holds no water either ethically or in terms of establishing and implementing a global agreement," said Grattan Institute's Danielle Wood. "If rich countries like Australia won't do their fair share, this undermines the likelihood that others will."

[Read more: Barnaby Joyce has refused to support doubling Australia's 2030 emissions reduction targets – but we could get there so cheaply and easily](#)

Others including Reserve Bank board member Ian Harper pointed out that Australian exporters faced punitive tariffs and lending and insurance embargoes unless Australia pulled its weight in reducing emissions.

His comments echo those of Reserve Bank Deputy Governor [Guy Debelle](#) and Treasurer [Josh Frydenberg](#) who have said that unless Australia takes action it will face reduced access to capital markets "impacting everything from interest rates on home loans and small business loans to the financial viability of large-scale infrastructure projects".

[Read more: Frydenberg prepares ground for Morrison to commit to 2050 target](#)

University of Melbourne economist Leslie Martin made the broader point that Australia had a lot to lose from rising temperatures if free-riding didn't pay off.

"Although Australia could possibly free-ride on the efforts of other larger economies, it would suffer disproportionately if other countries chose to do the same" he said.

Only one overwhelmingly preferred option

Offered a choice of four options for rapidly reducing emissions, and asked to endorse only one, the economists surveyed overwhelmingly backed an economy-wide carbon price in the form of a carbon tax or market for emissions permits.

 Made with Flourish

Of the 58 surveyed, 49 backed a carbon price, seven backed government support to develop and roll out emissions-reducing technologies, and one backed support for technologies that drew down carbon from the atmosphere.

None backed so-called “**direct action**” – the program of competitive grants for firms that cut emissions the government took to the last two elections.

“The less federal governments choose to involve themselves with the technical aspects of the alternatives at a micro scale the better,” said Lin Crase, a specialist in environmental management at the University of South Australia.

Read more: [Climate wars, carbon taxes and toppled leaders: the 30-year history of Australia’s climate response, in brief](#)

Cruse said governments had shown themselves to be very bad at picking winners, but very good at putting in place broad settings that allowed the people and businesses closest to the action to pick winners.

Several of the economists surveyed said the government’s slogan of “technology, not taxes” set up a **false distinction**. Taxes could drive the switch to better technologies – ones chosen by the market rather than by government edict.

Australia’s carbon price was introduced in 2012 and abolished in 2014. Had it still been in place Australia would have at hand the tools it needed to get to net-zero.

Some of those surveyed said it was “too late” for a carbon price, partly because of politics and partly because of lost time.

Time for everything plus the kitchen sink?

Saul Eslake said Australia was no more likely to adopt an economy-wide carbon price than he was “to step in thylacine droppings on my front lawn of a morning”, the views of the **OECD** and the **International Monetary Fund** notwithstanding.

What was needed was everything possible, including the second-best option of direct action. John Quiggin said Australia needed direct action in the literal sense of government investment in renewable electricity and infrastructure.

Rana Roy said nothing should be ruled out, including the resurrection of a carbon tax or a carbon price, perhaps by a different name. An option rejected once was not rejected “for the rest of time”.

Read more: [We can’t stabilise the climate without carbon offsets – so how do we make them work?](#)

Others pointed to Australia’s natural advantages in solar, wind, geothermal energy and carbon removal via means such as reforestation and storing carbon in soil.

With the right settings in place, Australia could become a major producer of zero-emissions hydrogen, and an industrial powerhouse that used its own iron ore and green energy to export green steel to the world.

With one of the most important settings missing, Australia would find it harder.

Detailed responses:

Peter Martin, Visiting Fellow, **Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University**

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Economics Nobel 2021

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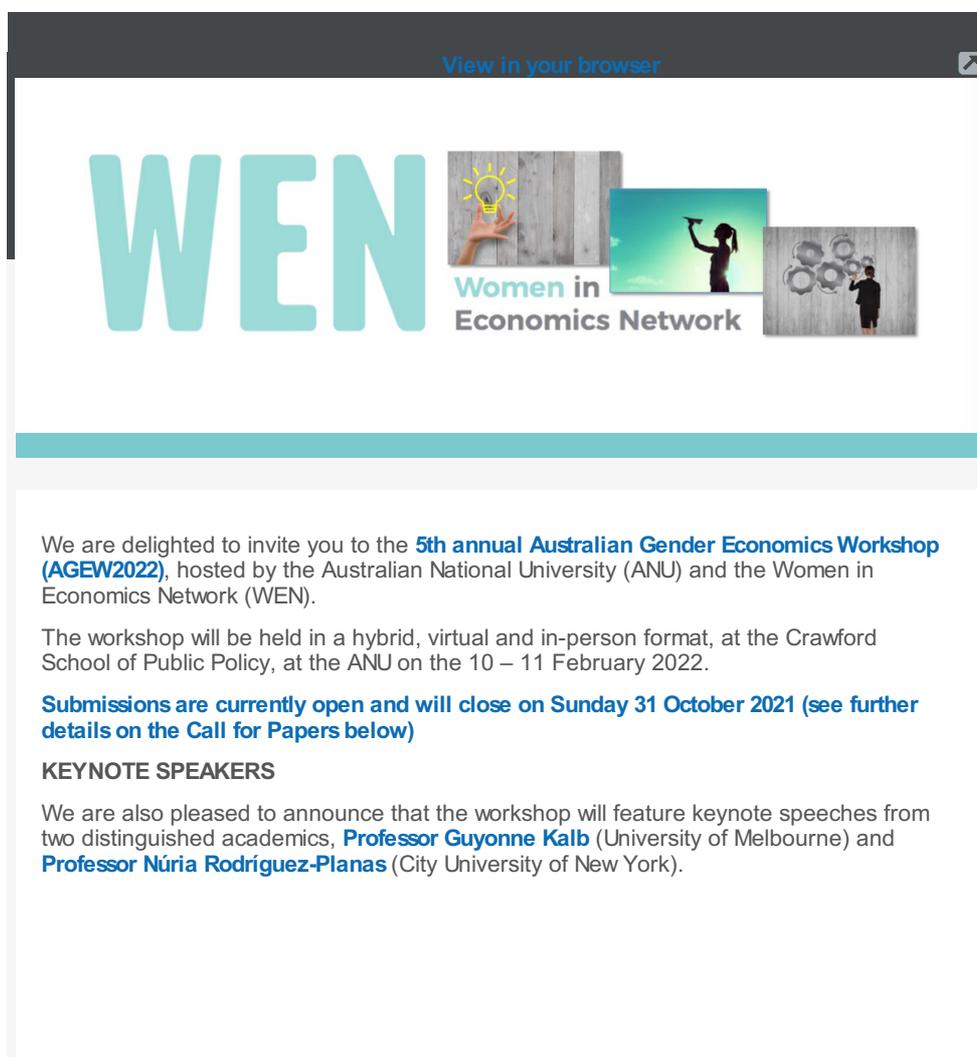
A well-deserved award for economists who have contributed to our understanding of the causes of important social and economic problems.

Natural experiments - that is experiments the researchers don't create themselves - open up investigation of issues that can't be tackled with randomised control trials, but the difficult problem is untangling causality in a world that experimenters don't control.

This award nicely complements the recent one to Esther Duflo, A. Banerjee, and Michael Kremer for their work on control trials.

[Read the Press Release](#)

5th annual Australian Gender Economics Workshop (AGEW2022)



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Women in Economics Network

We are delighted to invite you to the **5th annual Australian Gender Economics Workshop (AGEW2022)**, hosted by the Australian National University (ANU) and the Women in Economics Network (WEN).

The workshop will be held in a hybrid, virtual and in-person format, at the Crawford School of Public Policy, at the ANU on the 10 – 11 February 2022.

Submissions are currently open and will close on Sunday 31 October 2021 (see further details on the Call for Papers below)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

We are also pleased to announce that the workshop will feature keynote speeches from two distinguished academics, **Professor Guyonne Kalb** (University of Melbourne) and **Professor Núria Rodríguez-Planas** (City University of New York).



Guyonne Kalb is a Professorial Fellow in the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research at the University of Melbourne. She has a PhD in Econometrics from Monash University. She is a Chief Investigator in the ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course, a Research Fellow at the Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), associate editor for Fiscal Studies and co-editor for The Economic Record.

Her research interests are mainly in the field of applied micro-economics and include labour supply issues, in particular female labour supply; the interaction of labour supply, social security and taxation; labour supply and family policies; and the impact of childcare/parental activities on child development and health. She has numerous publications in national and international journals, such as Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Health Economics, Health Economics, Feminist Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, Economics of Education Review, Fiscal Studies and Economic Record.

In addition, she has been involved in several research projects providing evidence for policy makers, including a number of evaluation studies, such as the evaluation of the Paid Parental Leave scheme and the evaluation of the Try, Test and Learn Fund for the Department of Social Services. She is currently leading the evaluation of the Future Directions strategy, a large social housing policy reform in New South Wales, for the NSW Department of Communities and Justice.



Núria Rodríguez-Planas is Professor of Economics at CUNY, Queens College, Doctoral Faculty at The Graduate Center at CUNY, and Research Scholar at Barnard College at Columbia University. She is also the managing editor of the IZA Journal of Labor Policy. Prior to moving to New York, she was Research Fellow at IZA in Bonn, Visiting Professor at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Assistant Professor at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, among others. She has also held positions in Washington DC as an Economist at Mathematica Policy Research, the Board of Governors of the

Federal Reserve System, and the Brookings Institution. She received her Ph.D. in Economics in 1999 from Boston University.

Her major research interest has included evaluating the effectiveness of educational programs covering early childhood interventions; mentoring, education services, and financial rewards; vocational training; continuing education; and small business assistance programs, using a wide range of quantitative methods. A second major line of research focuses on showing that gender differences in cognitive development and engagement in risky behaviors are socially constructed. Finally, she has also addressed pressing public well-being policy issues, especially for low-income and disadvantaged individuals related to employment.

According to RePEC, as of May 2021, Professor Rodríguez-Planas is ranked in the top 2% of all economists in the last 10 years, the top 3% of all women economists, and the top 1% of all women economists of the last 10 years. She is also ranked in the top 10% of all economists in the sub-field of gender economics. She has received grants from the Russell Sage Foundation, The Carnegie Corporation of New York, BBVA, IZA, PSC-CUNY, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs, and Equal Opportunities, among others. She has published in the American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, and Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, among other journals. Much of her work has been written about in The Wilson Quarterly, The New York Times, El País, El Economista, and La Vanguardia, among others.

CALL FOR PAPERS

AGEW invites the submission of research papers from both junior and senior researchers on any topic related to gender economics. Both applied and theoretical papers that meet high standards of methodological rigour are invited. Papers should apply an economic framework and gender should be a core element of the analysis. Papers should also demonstrate real world relevance and applicability to addressing issues of social or economic concern.

Submissions are currently open and will close on Sunday 31 October 2021.

To accommodate continued uncertainties resulting from the global pandemic, the entire workshop will be accessible virtually and in-person. For this reason, the workshop welcomes submissions from domestic and international authors, **irrespective of their ability to travel to Canberra.**

Full papers or extended abstracts (min. 1500 words) can be submitted to the AGEW2022 Scientific Committee, [here](#).

We invite papers on the following themes and beyond:

- COVID-19 and its implications for gender equality
- Behavioural and experimental insights
- Gender norms
- Labour and workplace organisation

- Labour market participation
- Education and human capital
- Mental and physical health
- Conflict and domestic violence
- Household and interpersonal dynamics
- Macroeconomics and economic growth Economic development
- Poverty, inequality and disadvantage
- Housing, superannuation and retirement
- Tax and transfer policies
- Parental leave and childcare policies
- Evaluation of policy interventions

Presenters of any gender are welcome to the workshop. Gender economics does not necessarily entail an exclusive focus on women or exclusively on binary classifications of gender.

Please check out the [workshop website](#) for more information or feel free to contact the organising committee if you have additional questions at: agew2022@anu.edu.au

Kristen Sobek (Chair)
On behalf of the AGEW2022 Organising Committee
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The Reserve Bank has launched Unreserved

Earlier this year the Reserve Bank published a digital archive (called [Unreserved](#)) and released the first tranche of digitised archival records to the public. RBA archives span nearly 200 years of Australia's economic, financial and social history. (The records predate the Reserve Bank as it is known today because we descended from the original Commonwealth Bank of Australia which had a central banking function and had absorbed other banks with a colonial history.)

The second release includes the records series for:

- **Governors and senior personnel:** a set of records created by, and about, the central bank's early Governors and executives, most of which are from 1912 to 1948 and contain significant documents from the two world wars and the Great Depression. Specifically, the records relate to the first Governor, Denison Miller (term June 1912-June 1923) through to Hugh Armitage (term July 1941 to December 1948), along with those of their most senior staff. A particularly significant record is a draft of an unpublished book by the Bank's first economist, Leslie Melville, titled [The Unstable State](#).
- **Research Department:** the early economic analysis conducted by the central bank over the period from 1911 to 1970. In this release, there are sub-series about:
 - *Balance of payments:* Includes records about components of the balance of payments, their measurement and analysis, advice to the government Statistician, global and regional trends, and papers for committees and conferences (including international ones).
 - *Banking section:* Includes banking statistics, records about the administrative machinery for supervising banks, policies, banking conferences with academics and other central banks, and advice to the Board.
 - *Central bank:* These records contain the central bank's earliest economic research and analysis. They include briefing notes and documents that are precursors to the analytical notes, research discussion papers and Board papers of today. They also include records of the Bank's participation in the development of international architecture for the recovery of the world economy from the two world wars and the Great Depression.

For more information about Unreserved and examples of the research possibilities that can be obtained from using the records, see these [Series Guides and Research Guides](#).

If you have any queries, please contact the archivists directly at archives@rba.gov.au.

[Visit Unreserved website](#)

Upcoming Events

Early insights into gender impacts of COVID-19

The ACT Branch of the Women in Economics Network is pleased to host a webinar on the gender impact of COVID-19, featuring four contributors from September's Special Issue of the Australian Journal of Labour Economics. Their research provides early analysis on some of the key economic issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and explores gender issues raised by the pandemic both directly in the labour market and indirectly through its effects on particular aspects of economic and social life.

The panel will be facilitated by Linda Ward, ACT Chair of the Women in Economics Network, and will feature four panellists who were contributors to this Special Issue of the Australian Journal of Labour Economics.

Details

When: Thursday 4 November 2021

Time: 12pm – 1pm AEDT

Where: Held virtually via Zoom - register below

Cost: Free of Charge

Panellists



Professor Alison Preston is a labour economist and a leading authority on gender equality in Australia. From over two decades of research on the economics of gender Alison has published more than 100 works with a particular focus on wage determination, pay equity, workforce sex segregation, superannuation and financial literacy. She teaches in the area of micro-economics and the economics of public policy. Prior to joining academia Alison held senior roles in the Commonwealth Public Service in Canberra and was Senior Economist with the Trades and Labor Council (now UnionsWA). Alison, together with Elisa Birch, authored the paper: Women, COVID-19 and superannuation.



Tania Dey is a Research Economist at South Australian Centre for Economic Studies (SACES) at the University of Adelaide. Since joining SACES, Tania has worked on macroeconomic issues; labour market issues; economic evaluation and impact assessment; social issues; public policy and regional development. Prior to joining SACES, Tania worked as a Regulatory Analyst with the Essential Services Commission of South Australia. Tania has also previously worked as a Research Associate at the Centre for Regulation and Market Analysis (CRMA) of the University of South Australia, and as a lecturer at Monash and Flinders universities. Tania, together with Associate Professor Michael O'Neil, authored the paper: COVID-19: An opportunity to reset policy levers for better gender equality in the economy and society.



Elise Klein is a Senior Lecturer of Public Policy at the Crawford School, Australian National University. Her research focuses on development policy with a specific interest in work, redistribution, decoloniality and care.

Elise, together with Kay Cook, Susan Maury and Kelly Bowey, authored the paper: Gendered impacts of changing social security payments during COVID-19 lockdowns: an exploratory study



Kay Cook is a Professor and the Associate Dean of Research in the School of Social Sciences, Media, Film and Education at Swinburne University. Her work explores how new and developing social policies such as welfare-to-work, child support and child care policies, transform relationships between individuals, families and the state.

Kay, together with Elise Klein, Susan Maury and Kelly Bowey, authored the paper: Gendered impacts of changing social security payments during COVID-19 lockdowns: an exploratory study



Linda Ward is a First Assistant Parliamentary Budget Officer at the Parliamentary Budget Office. She served as the Acting Parliamentary Budget Officer throughout most of 2020 and recently completed a 6-month engagement as the interim CEO at the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust. Prior to joining the PBO in 2018, Ms Ward was a senior executive at the Commonwealth Treasury. She has also previously worked as an economic adviser to a senior Cabinet minister, as a senior

macroeconomist at BHP Billiton's Singapore Office and at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Registration and Joining this Webinar

To register please book online below. The link to join this webinar will be included in your auto-generated invoice email - please look out for this and keep it safe until the webinar is due to be broadcast. Note, these emails sometimes get caught in spam folders. Timing of this event is AEDT.

In Conversation with Ross Garnaut

Ross Garnaut delves into the economic impact of the pandemic, by exploring the challenges Australia carried into the pandemic, identifying alternative paths forward for our nation in the post-pandemic world, and demonstrating how Australia can reset its economy and build a successful future. Timing of this event is 4pm AEDT.

About our Speaker

Professor Garnaut is Professor Emeritus within the University of Melbourne in Business and Economics. He is the author of numerous publications in scholarly journals on international economics, public finance and economic development, particularly in relation to East Asia and the Southwest Pacific. Recent books include *The Great Crash of 2008* (with David Llewellyn-Smith, 2009); *Dog Days: Australia After the Boom* (2013); *Forty Years of Reform and Development in China* (2018) and *Superpower: Australia's low carbon opportunity, Black Inc.*, 2019. and *RESET: Restoring Australia after the Pandemic Recession*, 2021.

He is Distinguished Fellow of the Australian Economic Society, Distinguished Fellow of the Australian Agricultural and Resources Economic Society, Fellow of the Australia Academy of Social Sciences and Honorary Professor of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Professor Garnaut has had longstanding senior roles as policy advisor, diplomat and businessman. He was the senior economic policy official in Papua New Guinea's Department of Finance in the years straddling Independence in 1975, principal economic adviser to Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke 1983-1985, and Australian Ambassador to China 1985-1988.

He is the author of a number of influential reports to the Australian Government, including *Australia and the Northeast Asian Ascendancy*, 1989, *The Review of the Federal State Financial Relations* (with Vince Fitzgerald) 2002, *The Garnaut Climate Change Review* 2008, and *The Garnaut Review 2011: Australia and the Global Response to Climate Change*.

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2021 Ted Evans Public Policy Lecture, by Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM

Navigating an Uncertain Future: Is Australia up to meeting the challenges and grasping the opportunities that await?

As Australia looks to rebuild after the health and economic devastation associated with the COVID pandemic, Martin Parkinson will explore some of the challenges and opportunities the nation will need to navigate. Join the latest instalment in the Ted Evans Public Lecture Series as Martin Parkinson discusses:

- the fiscal outlook
- the need for structural reform
- the importance of a bipartisan approach to climate policy, and
- the need for economists to become contributors to emerging thinking on geo-strategic issues.

About the presenter

Dr Martin Parkinson served in Commonwealth Government leadership positions on all facets of economic, social, foreign, defence and national security policies for almost 40 years.

As the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and The Treasury, Martin was Australia's most senior public servant. During his tenure at PM&C and as Secretary to the Treasury between 2011 and 2019, Martin led our key public sector organisations during a period of considerable political uncertainty, serving under five prime ministers during this time.

Martin is currently Chancellor of Macquarie University, and non-executive director of Worley, North Queensland Airports, Champions of Change Coalition and O'Connell Street Associates.

About the lecture series

The Economic Society of Australia (Qld) in conjunction with the University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology and Griffith University has established an annual Ted Evans Public Policy lecture, with the inaugural lecture in 2017 delivered by Ted Evans, AC, former Secretary to the Treasury from 1993 to 2001 and Chair of Westpac from 2007 to 2011.

Ted Evans was one of Australia's greatest public servants, and this named lecture is a recognition of his significant contributions to the development and implementation of effective economic policy.

Details

This event was to be held face to face in Brisbane but due to travel restrictions has been moved online. All previous registrations have been re-registered for this online event.

When: Wednesday 24 November 2021

Time: 6pm SYD/CBR/MEL/HOB, 5.30pm SA, 5pm QLD, 3pm WA

Where: Online via Zoom - register below

Cost: Free of charge

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To register please book online below. The link to join this webinar will be included in your auto-generated invoice email - please look out for this and keep it safe until the webinar is due to be broadcast. Note, these emails sometimes get caught in spam folders.

The annual Ted Evans Public Policy Lecture is a partnership between ESA Qld, UQ, QUT and Griffith University.



Nobel Night

Economics to the people! Learn how the contributions of the 2021 Nobel Laureates in economics can improve policy and lives

The Economic Society of Australia's New South Wales branch invites you to celebrate the achievements of this year's winners of the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, and to engage with their implications for Australian public policy. A panel discussion with a group of expert Australian economists – including one who once shared a lift with one of the winners, one who previously worked with a close colleague of another winner, and one who sits proudly on one winner's academic family tree – will be followed by audience Q&A. Economics teachers and students are particularly welcome.

The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel for 2021 has just been awarded to David Card "for his empirical contributions to labour economics", and to Joshua Angrist and Guido Imbens "for their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships". What is the importance of these achievements, and why are they relevant for people outside the ivory tower?

Through their work, Card, Angrist, and Imbens have contributed to our understanding of the causes – and our ability to assess proposed solutions – to core social and economic problems. Their work led to awareness of the power of "natural experiments": random events that happen in society or institutions without the manipulation of researchers. This year's laureates showed how to exploit natural experiments to get traction on problems that simply cannot be studied with laboratory-style randomised controlled trials. The toolbox of methods contributed by the 2021 laureates can be applied to evaluate real-world policies – such as gauging the effects of pandemic policy, minimum wages, immigration, gender discrimination, or universal health insurance – in an accessible way that lay audiences can understand.

This award is a fitting follow-up to the 2020 prize awarded to Esther Duflo, Abhijit Banerjee, and Michael Kremer for their work on controlled trials in developing countries. Perhaps the best-known work behind this year's award is *Myth and Measurement: The New Economics of the Minimum Wage* (Princeton 1995).

Date and Time:

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

6 PM for 6:30 start

Closing by 7:30 PM

Attendance is free of charge - no catering is available.

Location:

Macquarie University City Campus

Room2415 level 24

123 Pitt Street (Angel Place) Wynyard

About our Panel

Moderator



Professor Gigi Foster is a Professor with the School of Economics at the University of New South Wales. Formally educated at Yale University (BA in Ethics, Politics, and Economics) and the University of Maryland (PhD in Economics), she works in diverse fields including education, social influence, time use, lab experiments, behavioural economics, and Australian policy, and publishes in both specialised and cross-disciplinary outlets. Her innovative teaching was awarded a 2017 Australian Awards for University Teaching (AAUT) Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning. Named 2019 Young Economist of the Year by the Economic Society of Australia, Professor Foster regularly serves the profession and engages heavily on economic matters with the Australian community as one of Australia's leading economics communicators. Her regular media appearances include co-hosting *The Economists*, a national economics talk-radio program and podcast series, with Peter Martin AM on ABC Radio National.

Panellists



Andreas Ortmann is a professor of behavioural and experimental economics with the School of Economics at the University of New South Wales. He received his PhD from Texas A&M University and habilitated at CERGE-EI in Prague, Czech Republic. He has more than 125 refereed articles and handbook chapters to his name which have been widely cited (Google Scholar >13,400, h-index of 37). His Kardashian index is less than 0.2 (which he considers good news). His research interests range from industrial organisation and public economics to methodological issues broadly construed and the history of economic thought. More details, links to social-media accounts and a wikipedia page, and testimonials can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/site/professorortmann/>



Professor Stefanie Schurer (University of Sydney) is Australia's leading economist of human development. She has helped advance the construction and use of big data to study the consequences of Australia's key family, welfare, and medical policies, in particular for Indigenous children. She is a Visiting Scholar at the University of Chicago, a Research Fellow at the IZA Bonn and the Secretary of the international Association for Economic Research of Indigenous Peoples. She is on the editorial board of the *European Economic Review* and the *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*. The recipient of numerous awards, she obtained her postgraduate training in economics at Germany's progressive Ruhr Graduate School in Economics and the UK's University of York. She is the academic granddaughter of David Card. <https://www.stefanie-schurer.com/>



Professor Peter Siminski (UTS) is one of Australia's leading applied microeconomists. Much of his research applies modern impact evaluation techniques to study the causal effects of Australian government policies and programs on people's lives. He has taught impact evaluation methods, applied microeconometrics and causal inference to undergraduate and postgraduate students since 2009. He has published in leading journals such as the *Journal of Labor Economics*, *AEJ: Applied Economics*, and *The Review of Economics and Statistics*. He is Associate Editor of the *Economic Record* and is on the Editorial Board of the *Economics of Education Review*. <https://sites.google.com/view/petersiminski>

Please also keep an eye out for webinar events from other ESA Branches. The [Central Council Upcoming Events](#) page has further information.

Partner Events

The Economic Impact of COVID on Women

Online LITE Event: Guest Speaker Danielle Wood on the Economic Impact of COVID on Women

Introduction by Prof Lisa Magnani

When: 10:15am -11:30am

Date: Wednesday 10 November

Zoom Link: <https://macquarie.zoom.us/j/83714577694?pwd=M3ZFeDN5QllhdTkrTS9PMXpmVWV1Kdz09>

Media Enquiries Contact: communications@mq.edu.au (ph 02 9850 6766)

Danielle Wood is the president of Economic Society Australia and the CEO of Grattan Institute, where she heads a team of leading policy thinkers, researching and advocating policy to improve the lives of Australians. She also leads Grattan's Budgets and Government Program. Danielle has published extensively on economic reform priorities, budgets, tax reform, generational inequality, and reforming political institutions. She is a sought-after media commentator and speaker on policy issues.

Danielle was previously Principal Economist and Director of Merger Investigations at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, Senior Economist at NERA Economic Consulting, and Senior Research Economist at the Productivity Commission. She holds an Honours degree in Economics from the University of Adelaide and two Masters degrees, one in Economics and one in Competition Law, from the University of Melbourne.

Recent developments in the domestic and global economies

Australian Business Economists

are pleased to present a briefing and discussion with

Dr Philip Lowe, Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia

Recent developments in the domestic and global economies

In the current circumstances ABE is unable to host our annual dinner featuring as guest speaker Dr Philip Lowe. Instead we'll present a webinar. We hope that you'll join us. And we hope to back in the room from early next year.

Date: Tuesday 16 November 2021

Details

Time: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm AEDT
Venue: By Zoom webinar only. Details provided on registration
Cost: Free of charge for members, \$25 for non-members
Educators and students are welcome at no charge
Registration in advance is essential
Register and pay online [here](#)
Dr Lowe has agreed to take questions from the audience.
Enquiries: info@abe.org.au or call 0419 256 339

Register [here](#)



Dr Philip Lowe

Philip Lowe is Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia. Dr Lowe holds a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a B.Comm (Honours) in Economics/Econometrics from the University of New South Wales. He has authored numerous papers, including on the linkages between monetary policy and financial stability. He commenced as Governor in September 2016. He is Chair of the Reserve Bank Board and Payments System Board, and Chair of the Council of Financial Regulators. He also serves on the FSB Steering Committee. Prior to his current role, he held the positions of Deputy Governor, Assistant Governor (Economic) and Assistant Governor (Financial System). He also spent two years with the Bank for International Settlements working on financial stability issues. Dr Lowe is Chair of the Financial Markets Foundation for Children and a director of The Anika Foundation. Dr Lowe is a signatory to The Banking and Finance Oath.

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Let us know if you have any economics events you'd like us to share.

Reading and Listening

A reminder - you can catch up on ESA Central Council's National Webinar Program [here](#) and NSW branch webinars [here](#).

Careers and Graduate Opportunities

Lecturer in Economics, School of Economics, The University of Queensland (UQ)

Key responsibilities include:

1. Teaching

- Contribute to the development of new programs and course material in the area of focus, by consulting with program advisors and stakeholders, ensuring courses are engaging, relevant and contemporary.
- Teach across different settings and actively contribute towards educational practice and innovative curriculum design including online learning and alternative teaching methods.
- Coordinate courses, prepare and deliver lectures and tutorials, and undertake assessment and marking for undergraduate and postgraduate courses.
- Maintain and improve the quality of courses as measured through evaluation instruments to meet industry and educational standards.
- Provide high quality service to students, including academic counselling and advice.
- Understand and apply University Rules relevant to teaching and learning practice.

2. Research

- Develop a record of publications in world leading or internationally excellent journals, within any field of Economics or Econometrics, and with a preference in Applied Economics.
- Work with colleagues and postgraduates in the development and conduct of joint research projects and applications for competitive research funding support.
- Contribute in applications for external research funding, which includes actively seeking, obtaining and managing research funding.
- Present at key domestic and international conferences, as well as at other key universities.

3. Supervision and Researcher Development

- Contribute to the supervision of Masters, Honours and Higher Degree by Research students.
- Recruitment, selection and onboarding of appropriately qualified employees in accordance with University policy and procedures.
- Working to promptly resolve conflict and grievances when they arise in accordance with University policy and procedures.

4. *Citizenship and Service*

- Actively develop partnerships by fostering relationships with colleagues, industry, government departments, professional bodies and the wider community.
- Shows leadership of self and others through mentoring and collaboration.
- Efficiently manage allocated internal service roles and processes, including participation in decision-making and service on relevant committees.
- Effectively perform a range of administrative functions as required.
- Provide support to other academic positions as needed and during absences.
- Consistently demonstrates the UQ values.

5. *Other*

Ensure you are aware of and comply with legislation and University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including but not exclusive to:

- The **University's Code of Conduct**.
- Requirements of the Queensland occupational health and safety (OH&S) legislation and related **OH&S responsibilities and procedures** developed by the University or Institute/School.
- The adoption of sustainable practices in all work activities and compliance with associated legislation and related University **sustainability responsibilities and procedures**.
- Requirements of the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000, the National Code 2007 and associated legislation, and related **responsibilities and procedures** developed by the University.
- Any other duties as reasonably directed by your supervisor(s).

About the School of Economics

UQ's **School of Economics** ranks in the top 50 among economics departments worldwide for our research (RePEc). We are one of the leading economics departments in Australia.

Currently, we employ approximately 60 academic staff (FTE) in research and teaching duties. Our staff undertake world-class research across a range of fields including economic theory, econometrics and applied economics.

We host an ARC Future Fellow, as well as several research academics working on externally funded projects. Within the School is a number of research groups including the Centre for Efficiency and Productivity Analysis, which ranks third in the world. Our active seminar and visitor program provides exposure to leading researchers from around the world. The School hosts the Behavioural and Economic Science Cluster and collaborates closely with the University Centre for Business and Economics of Health, and the Faculty Australian Institute for Business and Economics.

We are a leading provider of economics education in Australia. Many of our academic staff have won prestigious national and UQ teaching awards and our teaching programs benefit significantly from our high-quality research. We offer a wide range of programs, from the only Bachelor of Economics in Queensland, to our flagship honours program, postgraduate coursework master's programs, and world-class PhD program. In 2020, more than 2,100 domestic and international students were enrolled in our courses.

Details on our academic programs, research groups and staff profiles are available on the School's web site:

<https://economics.uq.edu.au/>

School Vision

The School strives for academic excellence in everything we do.

By leveraging on, and extending our strengths in economics research and education, we seek to be leaders in addressing the big challenges that are faced globally by private and public sector organisations.

We want to empower our students to be the adaptable, game-changing and global leaders and citizens of the future, bearing their education and employability at the forefront.

We support innovative thinking in research and education. We have a social responsibility by which we see the benefits of combining outstanding research and education with delivering impact of benefit to public sector, corporate, non-profit partners and the broader community locally and globally.

The School's strategic plan 2019 – 2024 is available on the School's website at: <https://economics.uq.edu.au/about/strategic-plan>

Information for Prospective Staff

Information about life at UQ including staff benefits, relocation and UQ campuses is available at <https://staff.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/human-resources>.

About You

Applicants should possess a doctorate in Economics or a directly relevant field. Additionally, you will demonstrate:

- Evidence of a current and active program of research, expected to lead to publications in world leading and internationally excellent journals, and a pipeline of research-in-progress targeting world leading and internationally excellent journals in any field of Economics or Econometrics, and preferably in Applied Economics.
- Evidence of high quality teaching at undergraduate or postgraduate levels.
- An ability to supervise doctoral and other students to completion.
- An ability to make effective contributions to citizenship and service.
- High-level communication, inter-personal and collaboration skills consistent with UQ values.

You will also preferably demonstrate:

- Evidence of publications in, or at least papers already and credibly submitted to, world leading or internationally excellent journals in Economics or Econometrics.
- An ability to work across disciplinary boundaries.
- Prior participation in applications for competitive research funding.
- Prior involvement in service activities, and potential of non-academic impact from your research.

- Experience in course and program development or other teaching innovations.

What We Can Offer

This is a full-time (1.0 FTE) continuing position at Level B.

The full-time equivalent base salary will be in the range AUD\$99,543 - \$118,207 per annum, plus super of up to 17%. The total FTE package will be in the range AUD\$116,465 - \$138,302 per annum. An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

The following flexible employment options may be available for this role: some working from home; variable start or finish times; compressed hours; purchased leave; flex-time.

For further information about UQ's benefits, please visit [Why Work at UQ](#) and review [The University of Queensland's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement 2018-2021](#).

Questions?

To discuss this role please contact Professor Claudio Mezzetti at c.mezzetti@uq.edu.au.

For application queries, please contact recruitment@uq.edu.au stating the job reference number in the subject line.

Want to Apply?

All applicants must supply the following documents:

- Cover letter addressing Selection Criteria (up to 3 pages)
- Resume
- One Job Market/Research Paper
- Three references

Applicants should also provide the names and contact details of their referees in the application form. To satisfy prerequisite questions and ensure your application can be considered in full, all candidates must apply via the [UQ Careers portal](#) by the job closing deadline. Applications received via other channels, including direct email, will not be accepted.

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About The Selection Process

The selection process will have two stages. Longlisted candidates will be invited for an initial interview. Following the initial interview, shortlisted candidates will be required to present a seminar and mock lecture to members of the school community prior to their scheduled final interview. Research seminars and lecture topics will be provided with adequate notice to shortlisted candidates.

For those candidates who are unable to attend in person, video interview options will be available.

Other Information

Visa sponsorship may be available for this appointment.

All final applicants for this position may be asked to consent to a criminal record check. Please note that people with criminal records are not automatically barred from applying for this position. Each application will be considered on its merits.

We value diversity and inclusion, and actively encourage applications from those who bring diversity to the University. Our [Diversity and Inclusion webpage](#) contains further information if you require additional support. Accessibility requirements and/or adjustments can be directed to recruitment@uq.edu.au.

If you are a current employee of the University, or hold an unpaid or affiliate appointment with the University, please login to your staff [Workday account](#) and visit the internal careers board to apply for this opportunity. Please do NOT apply via the external job board.

Job No. R-00805

Applications Close: 30 November 2021

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