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Dear friend,

We hope you and your families and communities are staying safe and well in these difficult times.

Webinar Series

ESA NSW is as committed as ever to bringing you interesting and engaging content on important economic issues during this difficult time.

The State Branches of the Economic Society and the Women in Economics Network are working together to bring you a series of national webinars. These livestream webinars will feature some of Australia and the world's best economists discussing topical issues. All the webinars will include Q&A so you can put your questions directly to our speakers.

The first of the Economic Society's national webinar series was held last week. Thanks to the hundreds of members that tuned in live for the event. If you missed the event, you can find it on the ESA Central Council website [here](#).

Upcoming Webinars

The next two events in the national series are:

COVID Labour Market Implications with Jeff Borland and Robert Breunig
Tuesday 19 May, 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm

Restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic are likely to affect Australian workers at levels not seen since the early 1990s. What are likely to be the impacts of the current economic crisis on different segments of the Australia labour market? What structural labour market issues are likely to emerge? And what are the implications for economic recovery and the taxation system?

Please join Professor Jeff Borland (University of Melbourne) and Professor Robert Breunig (ANU) as they discuss these issues and more.

Click here to [register](#)

Women in Economics Event - COVID, Care and Well-Being

26 May, 5.00pm to 6.30pm

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has put the brakes on Australia's paid market economy, our unpaid non-market economy – the cooking, cleaning and caring taking place within Australians' households – is still going strong. Join us for this online panel discussion, which is part of ESA's national webinar series and is brought to you by Women in Economics.

Click here to [register](#).

Details on these and subsequent webinars will be sent shortly. Please also keep an eye out for webinar events from other ESA Branches. The Central Council [Calendar](#) has all this information.

Coronavirus Reading and Listening



Below is a (non-exhaustive) selection of discussions and research by economists in Australia and around the world. We hope you find the views presented diverse and informative for understanding how economists are thinking about coronavirus, its economic implications and the costs of social distancing.

[Sharing the Economic Burden of Coronavirus Containment](#) by Paul Oslington
Professor of Economics and Theology, at Alphacrucis College, Sydney.

[Surviving COVID-19: How much is a human life worth](#) - ABC RN The Economists with Peter Martin and Gigi Foster

[An Open Letter from Australian Economists on Trade-Offs during the COVID-19 Crisis](#).

Reserve Bank of Australia - [Financial Stability Review April 2020](#)

[US National Bureau of Economic Research - COVID-19 Page](#)

Latest News

Becoming John Curtin and James Scullin

The book explores pivotal moments of Australian history that are directly linked to key points history and politics, the vision of the Australian nation and nationhood between Federation and 1914; the policies that were introduced to pursue this vision (especially by Labor); the race and gender based exclusions from this nationhood; the First World War and its effects (especially the conscription campaigns). As the book demonstrates, well before becoming Prime Ministers Curtin and Scullin were significant figures in these formative events

It is written with a narrative structure and accessible style that makes it suitable and appealing for leaders and students.

Copies can be pre-ordered and the following pre-sale discounts are available until 30th April 2020.

- 2+ copies: 15% off rrp
- 10+ copies: 20% off rrp
- 20+ copies: 25% off rrp

For more information or to place an order [contact Melbourne University Press](#)

Printing of Economic Record and Economic Papers

As more and more people are affected by COVID-19 restrictions, we want to share an important update from our publisher, Wiley, on decisions they're making to manage publishing operations during the pandemic.

By way of background, Wiley employs companies in Hong Kong and Singapore to print and distribute our two ESA journals Economic Record and Economic Papers.

Like many of us, Wiley and their vendor-partners in most regions are now working from home. This, in combination with some country-wide lockdowns, is leading to disruption throughout the publishing supply chain.

Right now, the most acute challenge is in the distribution of printed copies of the journals. In many countries, distribution of print material is suspended, making it impossible to ensure copies reach intended destinations. Fewer passenger flights and the need to prioritize medical supplies has also reduced the availability of air freight.

Given these obstacles and concerns, as well as desire to reduce pressure on supply-chain vendors to send their employees to work and increase their risk of exposure to the virus, Wiley has made the decision to suspend all printing and distribution of journal issues until further notice.

The online versions of our journals have NOT been suspended. They will still be available to all ESA members who have subscribed to the journal(s). Many subscribers access their journals via the Wiley Online Library already.

However, for those subscribers who rely solely on the printed copies please be assured that we are working closely with Wiley to assist you access the journal digitally. We'll share more information on options for alternative access as soon as possible.

COVID-19 is creating a very fast-moving situation, but both the ESA and Wiley are committed to ensuring the least disruption as possible to the dissemination of research in these challenging times.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the ESA National Secretary, Russell Ross, by email (secretary@esacentral.org.au) with any immediate questions. Russell is coordinating our response and we will work with Wiley to provide more information as we have updates.

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