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Newsletter #24

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Dear friend,

Welcome to the March 2016 Newsletter.

Events

March Lunchtime Seminar



[Rubbery elasticities and wobbly futures](#)

March 24, 2016, 12:15 pm

Lunchtime Seminar: Rubbery elasticities and wobbly futures - what uncertainty in customer responses means for energy forecasting, strategy, policy and productivity, by Robert Smith

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A Day in the Life Of..



[A Day In The Life Of](#)

March 24, 2016, 6:00 pm

'A Day in the Life Of' presents an opportunity to hear senior industry professionals reflect on their careers and provide valuable insight into a typical day in their job. Speakers for this event are confirmed as

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Emerging Economist Series

At our last EES lunch **Bernie Fraser** gave a highly entertaining and engaging talk ranging from the impact of the Korean War on his childhood rabbiting income to his time as Governor of the RBA, Secretary of the Treasury and Chairman of the Climate Change Authority. He concluded with an impassioned call for greater recognition of the importance of an informed and independent public service in ensuring sensible policy development and safeguarding Australia's future.

The date of the next Emerging Economist Series Lunch is set for 11 March.

Max Corden AC is Emeritus Professor of International Economics of Johns Hopkins University,

and has been a Professorial Fellow in the Department of Economics of the University of Melbourne since July 2002. He is well known for his work on the theory of trade protection and the **Dutch disease** model of **international trade**. He is an Honorary Foreign Member of the American Economic Association, a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, and a Fellow of the British Academy. He is a Distinguished Fellow and a former president of the Economic Society of Australia and member of the Group of Thirty.

Latest News

National Economic Panellists were recently asked to comment and vote on Innovation Policy.

Our first poll of the ESA National Economic Panel (NEP) for 2016 was inspired by the innovation agenda that has - since PM Turnbull came into power late last year - been propelled into the limelight and is fast becoming embedded in popular public/economic/policy discourse.

In the spirit of 'agility', we 'disrupted' our panellists and used our polling platform to 'crowd-source' their opinions on a key policy lever designed to stimulate innovation - tax incentives.

Specifically, the panel was polled on this proposition:

"New tax incentives for investments in technology and innovation business and start-ups are likely to be inefficient."

1) Poll results, charts and comments:

<http://business.monash.edu/economics-forum/tax-incentives-inefficient>

2) Overview of the results by Prof Beth Webster (Director of the Centre for Transformative Innovation at Swinburne University of Technology) :

<http://business.monash.edu/economics-forum/tax-incentives-inefficient/overview-of-poll-results-by-professor-beth-webster>

3) ESA-Monash Forum press release:

<http://business.monash.edu/news-and-events/news/are-tax-incentives-for-investment-in-technology-and-innovation-inefficient>

Please continue the discussion by sharing the results/commentary/press release via the social media buttons on each page or through your own networks.

Thanks again to the panellists and to Professor Beth Webster.

Stay tuned for our next NEP poll! *

Tom Chan & Buty Cardak
Co-creator/Curators
ESA-Monash Forum/ESA National Economic Panel

* *We're always on the lookout for good questions to put to the NEP. Submit your question ideas here: <http://bit.ly/ESANEP1>*

Careers

Keep an eye on our website for the latest career opportunities. Sometimes ads are placed mid-month and do not make it into this newsletter.

FUNDING GRANTS FOR WOMEN IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

In 2016 Women & Leadership Australia is administering a national initiative to support the development of female leaders across the professional services sector.

From February 10th 2016 the initiative will provide women in the professional services sector with grants for leadership development. More specifically, grant applications are open to women employed in the professional services sector at two levels.

Please click on the preferred program link for details. The deadline for expressing your interest for this funding in your sector ends on March 31st.

1. **Senior Management** and Executive level Women Leaders can apply for \$12,000 Individual Grants to undertake the **Advanced Leadership Program**.
1. **Women Managers** can apply for \$5,000 Individual Grants to undertake the **Accelerated Leadership Performance Program**.

Expressions of Interest - [Download the Eoi form](#)

Should you wish to discuss the initiative in more detail please contact Ian Johnson at the office of the National Industry Scholarship Program, Australian School of Applied Management on 03 9270 9016 or via ijohnson@wla.edu.au

Partner Events

Members may be interested in the below recordings of recent events held by the Lowy Institute's International Economy Program

[Conversation with Justin Wolfers](#)
[China's Economic Outlook](#)

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