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Dear friend,

We hope that your 2021 is off to a good start. There's a number of excellent economics-focused events coming up that are sure to be of interest to you. Read on for more.

Upcoming Webinars

Joshua Gans: Covid-19 one year on - lessons learnt for the future

The Queensland Women in Economics Network and Economic Society of Australia invite you to join us for this event.

In this presentation, Joshua Gans will reflect on the lessons learnt from the different ways in which Covid-19 has been managed in different countries and how key economic principals can be applied to deciding on the effective health and economic policy response to pandemics. These lessons will be important in more effective responses to any future pandemics.

About the Presenter

Joshua Gans is a Professor of Strategic Management and holder of the Jeffrey S. Skoll Chair of Technical Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto (with a cross appointment in the Department of Economics). Joshua is also Chief Economist of the University of Toronto's Creative Destruction Lab.

Joshua holds a Ph.D. from Stanford University and an honours degree in economics from the University of Queensland. Among other awards, he received the Economic Society of Australia's Young Economist Award in 2007.

He has published extensively in top journals including the American Economic Review and Journal of Political Economy and well as many books.

His most recent book *The Pandemic Information Gap: The Brutal Economics of Covid-19* (MIT Press, 2020) which was initially released as an eBook in April 2020. It has proven to be a remarkably early and remarkably insightful work into the optimal policy responses to the pandemic.

Timing of this event: 12.00 - 1.00 pm Eastern Summer Time AEDT (Sydney Melbourne Canberra), 11am AEST (Queensland).

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.

2021 Australian Gender Economics Workshop

We are delighted to announce that **registrations** for the [2021 Australian Gender Economics Workshop](#) are now open.

The workshop will be held virtually during Australian Eastern Daylight Time (Sydney/Melb/Canberra) from **Monday the 8th – Tuesday 9th February 2021**.

You can view the [final program here](#).

Over the last four years our annual workshop has built and widened a professional, supportive and collegiate community. A community that has a shared goal of a deeper understanding of not only what drives gender inequality in our society and economy, but what works to reduce inequalities that exist and persist today.

We are especially delighted that so many **international colleagues** are able to join our workshop this year and that there is a **critical mass of students** presenting papers over the two days.

We have two exceptional **keynote speakers** – **Professor Yana Rodgers** from Rutgers University and **Professor Lata Gangadharan** from Monash University. Yana will be speaking on the very timely topic on the role that the care sector can play in leading the COVID-19 recovery, and Lata will be sharing her insights on the role gender plays in decision making.



Our policy symposium this year will be anchored by new findings from a randomised control trial on the role of mentoring in retaining women economic students, and I will be asking our very knowledgeable panellists **Alison Booth**, **Wendy Carlin**, **Leonora Risse** and **Justin Wolfers** their thoughts on **how should we educate the next generation of economists?** And importantly, how do we get more women involved?

There is a plethora of insightful new research to learn about – from the impact of **bushfires on domestic violence** to the **effects of parental leave policies on economic growth**. **Do men and women persuade differently?** And what's the impact of having lots of **multiple choice questions on gender differences in mathematics?** There are some big questions and issues and very clever ways of answering these in this years workshop.

We look forward to welcoming you all and building an even bigger community.

Workshop Registrations

Registrations are:

WENESA members: \$40

Non-members: \$80

Students: \$25 (please contact admin@esacental.org.au for a code).

Presenters and discussants do not need to register at this stage.

Links to join workshop sessions will be sent to you a day or two prior to the event.

To register please book via the link below. **Members are required to login prior to registering in order to obtain the member rate.**

Policy Symposium: Educating the Next Generation of Economists

The AGEW2021 Policy Symposium will be anchored by new findings from a randomised control trial on the role of mentoring in retaining women economic students, which will be presented by Catie Bradbear, Productivity Commission and Harry Greenwell, Behavioural Economics Team of the Australian Government.

This will be followed by a special panel session where we will hear from experts **Alison Booth** (ANU), **Wendy Carlin** (UCL), **Leonora Risse** (RMIT) and **Justin Wolfers** (Michigan) on 'how should we educate the next generation of economists?'

Do we need to change the curriculum or the way economics is taught? How do we recruit and retain more women and create greater diversity within the economics discipline? What factors contribute to achieving greater retention and engagement and how can this be achieved both in and outside the classroom?

Attendees of AGEW 2021 will automatically be registered to attend the Policy Symposium.

Cost

This event is being held as part of [AGEW 2021](#) and is free for members of ESA/WEN. Non-members fee is \$25 ([or join/renew via your local branch](#)). Attendees of AGEW 2021 will automatically be registered to attend the Policy Symposium).

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. The timing of this event is 5.00pm until 6.15pm AEDT (Sydney Melbourne Canberra).

WEN NSW Branch - AGM 2021-22

Notice is hereby given of the **Annual General Meeting** of the Women in Economics Network (NSW Branch).

Details

Date	Tuesday 16 March
Time	From 12.30pm
Register	Tuesday 9 March
Nominations	To be received by Tuesday 9 March
Location	Via Zoom - online only

If you would like to attend, please register below by Tuesday 9 March. **Zoom log in details will be provided to those who register closer to the time.**

Nominations for Council Positions

As per the [WEN Charter](#), the Annual General Meeting shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and up to ten (10) other members of the Network to form a Committee, which shall be responsible for the management of the affairs of the WEN (NSW).

All positions will be vacated for the election and we welcome the active participation of our members to help nurture and grow this important network.

To nominate:

Click [here](#) to download the Nomination Form.

Alternatively, you may nominate without a form by simply e-mailing the [administrator](#) with the following:

- State your name, contact details (address, email and contact number) and position you would like to be nominated for, and copy in at least one other ESA (NSW) financial member (the supporter of your nomination). The person(s) supporting your nomination will be required to follow up with a separate email endorsing your nomination. Please also disclose any possible conflicts of interest, including employer and role and other professional affiliation.
- Include the following text in your email:

I would like to be nominated for a vacant position on the WEN (ESA NSW Branch) Council for 2021-22. I am a financial member of the Society and I have read and agreed to the Council's Governance Statement (available on the 'Governance' section of the website).

Complete the nomination form and send to the [administrator](#). Nomination forms must be received by Tuesday 9 March. If you wish to attend the AGM you will need to register.

Partner Events

WEAI Virtual Conference 2021

Western Economic Association International invites you to present your latest research, organize a session, network with economists from around the world!

Volunteer abstract submission is now open - deadline to submit is 15 October 2020.

Click [here](#) for more information on the program and to register

Forecasting Conference: Outlook for policy, politics and markets

Wednesday 10 February 2021, 07:45 am to 10:00 am
By Zoom webinar

Featuring: Bradley **Jones**, Reserve Bank of Australia; Danielle **Wood**, Grattan Institute; Jacob **Greber**, *The Financial Review*; Diana **Mousina**, AMP Capital; Phil **Odonaghoe**, Deutsche Bank; Joanne **Masters**, Ernst & Young; Justin **Fabo**, Macquarie Group; Elysse **Morgan**, Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

Members no charge. You must be a currently financial member.

Non-members \$25. Renew or join to save.

Registration is essential. Please register online [here](#).

Please note: AFMA accredited individuals can claim up to a maximum of three hours of continuing education based on their attendance at the conference. Exact hours depend upon relevance to each individual's job role and can be determined by checking with your AFMA accreditation representative.

07:45 **Welcome and introduction**

Mr Stephen Walters, Chair, Australian Business Economists & Chief Economist, New South Wales

07:50 **Statement on monetary policy - Observations**

Dr Bradley Jones, Head of Economic Analysis, Reserve Bank of Australia

08:20 **Structural and budgetary issues in a Covid economy**

Ms Danielle Wood, Chief Executive Officer, Grattan Institute

08:50 **Political economy: An international perspective on the year ahead**

Mr Jacob Greber, United States Correspondent, *The Financial Review*

09:20 **Outlook for the economy and financial markets - Panel discussion**

Moderated by Dr Alexandra Heath, Head of Economic Analysis, Reserve Bank of Australia

Ms Diana Mousina, Senior Economist, AMP Capital

Mr Phil Odonaghoe, Economist, Deutsche Bank

Ms Joanne Masters, Partner | Chief Economist, Oceania, Ernst & Young

Mr Justin Fabo, Senior Economist, Macquarie Group

09:50 **Summary**

Mr Stephen Walters, Chair, Australian Business Economists

10:00 **Close**

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Live from America: US Economic Outlook and Monetary Policy

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Featuring:

Dr Richard Clarida, Vice Chair, US Federal Reserve Board

Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM, Chancellor, Macquarie University

Ms Nadine Blayney, Head of Content, *ausbiz*

Thursday 25 February, by webinar only

in partnership with **AmCham Australia**

ABE and AmCham present a brisk breakfast session with Dr Richard Clarida, Vice Chair of the US Federal Reserve Board. In conversation with Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM, former member of the Reserve Bank Board, former chair of the Australian Office of Financial Management and the Council of Financial Regulators. Moderated by Head of Content at *ausbiz*, Nadine Blayney.

Details

Time: 09:00 am - 09:30 am

Venue: By webinar only. **Registration is essential.** Details provided on registration.

Cost: Free of charge. **Register online [here](#)**

Enquiries: info@abe.org.au or call 0419 256 339

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Please also keep an eye out for webinar events from other ESA Branches. The Central Council **Calendar** has all this information.

Reading and Listening

Attendees of the recently held **CBA Forum** can catch up on recordings via our website. You'll need to be logged in for access.

Catch up on ESA Central Council's National Webinar Program **[here](#)**.

Careers and Graduate Opportunities

Advertising an economics position on the ESA website is a good way to get wide exposure for a role.

If you would like to advertise a role on the website, please contact our **administrator** for more information. There is a small fee of \$110 inc GST.

Current opportunities include:

Economics Director

Job Title: Economics Director (Requisition ID:33372 | Job Category: Consulting)

With over six decades of business and technical experience in the mining, energy, and infrastructure sectors, we understand that challenges are changing rapidly in every industry. We respond quickly with solutions that are smarter, more efficient, and innovative. We draw upon our 9,000 staff with experience in over 150 countries to challenge the status quo and create positive change for our clients, our employees, and the communities we serve.

Hatch is seeking a Director of Economics/Urban Economics to join its multi-disciplinary Urban Solutions practice in Australia. The global Urban Solutions team brings together experts in planning/master planning, urban design, economics, transport, engineering, infrastructure, and development strategy to inspire positive change in cities and communities across the world.

The Director will be responsible for growing an Australian economics business alongside Hatch Roberts Day (formerly Roberts day) and will ideally can be based out of any major Australian city such as Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane or Perth, a 60-person award-winning place-led design and planning practice which recently became part of the Hatch group of companies. The Director will provide leadership in developing an economics consultancy business and integrating economics into planning/master planning, urban design, and placemaking services to create a truly integrated place-led consulting service. The Director will also be responsible for related business development, client engagement, technical oversight of deliverables and project financial performance.

Responsibilities:

- Take a lead role in the development of economic consulting proposals and deliverables;
- Contribute to growing the business, and achieving business development targets through client relationships and project pursuits;
- Support the bid development processes by managing technical proposals and providing written technical inputs as necessary.
- Engage with the global Urban Solutions team to contribute to strategic planning of short and long-term business direction;
- Liaise, network and encourage collaboration across Hatch's disciplines and businesses that contribute to the integrated placemaking offer;
- Work closely with other managers on all ongoing projects and staffing;
- Provide quality assurance of ongoing projects, reports, bid submissions and products;

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree (Masters preferred) in economics, urban planning, real estate, or related fields;
- 15+ years of experience in economic development consulting, transit economics or a related field with a strong economic element
- A track record of economic consulting with respect to planning/master planning, and some experience in infrastructure, large-scale mixed-use/transit-oriented developments with private and public sector clients
- Robust knowledge of the Australian marketplace; international experience a plus
- Understanding of public sector urban development/transport/infrastructure business case methodology;
- Previous experience in managing project and team commercial performance in a consultancy environment;
- Demonstrated ability to lead and manage project teams in a multi-disciplinary environment;
- Demonstrable track record of successful business development and achievement of targets;
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively; build relationships and influence effectively, with colleagues, clients and stakeholders;
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and teamwork skills in complex and changing environments;

The success of the role will be directly related to the ability of the individual to drive the economic performance of the Australian business and achieve growth by the implementation of a robust economics plan.

If this role is of interest, we would like to hear from you!

As an accredited Employer of Choice for Gender Equality (WGEA) and Equal Opportunity Employer, we are committed to fostering a workforce in each of our locations that reflects the diversity of the communities in which we operate. Within Australia, supporting and encouraging a flexible workplace, we offer our employees comprehensive benefits, including up to 12 weeks leave per year as part of our Lifestyle Leave Program. If you have any special needs requirements, please discuss with us and we will do our utmost to accommodate your request.

[APPLY NOW](#)

Closing Deadline: 28 February 2021

For more information or enquiries please contact Martine White on 02 8202 8000

Consultant and Senior Consultant

Consultant

As a Consultant, you will have the autonomy to focus on development, and we will provide the support to ensure that you reach your potential. You will find the first year at Nous exciting, intense, and challenging. However, in line with the experience of your colleagues, your professional growth at Nous will far exceed your expectations. We offer active career support, training and mentor programs.

As a Consultant at Nous, you will build trusting and credible relationships with clients on projects, demonstrate a good understanding of Nous business offers/sector issues, and contribute valuable content to projects and proposals by articulating sound knowledge of Nous business offers, methodologies and digital tools aligned to client contexts.

You are:

- passionate and driven about doing work that matters and creates positive influence, in an environment that values diversity and thrives on creativity
- a collaborator; you bring energy and enthusiasm for collaborating with others throughout the project design and delivery process
- intelligent and academically accomplished – a distinction average or above is essential
- self-directed; you enjoy working in a self-managed environment with lots of autonomy
- enthusiastic and interested in working across our service lines and a variety of sectors

And the practical experience:

- work experience in a professional services environment with a consulting lens to developing solutions to problems
- bachelor qualifications in finance, economics, accounting, business, engineering or a related discipline
- experience in applying economic analytical methods to projects/advisory work
- experience in financial modelling such as building models from scratch
- strong analytical skills and the capacity to interpret qualitative and quantitative data
- the capability to think, articulate and write logically
- strong problem-solving ability applied in a structured way
- excellent communication, organisational analytical, interpersonal skills
- ability to flourish both autonomously and as part of a team
- work experience and education in areas related to our sectors and capability areas (look under Work at nousgroup.com to learn more)

Senior Consultant

As a Senior Consultant you will contribute significantly to the design and structure of project content, critically distilling and translating complex and multifaceted data into recommendations, and managing small to medium sized projects.

You are:

- **Passionate and driven** about doing work that matters and creates positive influence, in an environment that values diversity and thrives on creativity
- **Resilient**; Solving complex problems is hard work. You will need to be resilient as you balance the various different pressures our clients face when deciding what changes can be made and how to get the most value quickly from them. Understanding and engaging with people and content will be key.
- **Innovative**; develop and share IP through projects, teams and practice groups to enhance our existing methods and frameworks
- **Collaborative**; You bring energy and enthusiasm for collaborating with others throughout the project design and delivery process
- **Enthusiastic and interested** in working across our service lines and a variety of sectors

And the practical experience:

- 5+ years in a consultative role with project management at the forefront
- degree in finance, economics, accounting, business or related discipline
- strong analytical skills and the capacity to interpret data
- the capability to think, articulate and write logically
- experience in financial modelling including experience building models from scratch
- experience and understanding of applying economic analytical techniques to projects and advisory work
- excellent analytical, communication, organisational, interpersonal skills
- ability to flourish working autonomously and contributing to a team
- strong problem solving ability applied in a structured way
- relevant work experience in the sectors we work in including education, defence, financial services, health & ageing, human services, and government
- relevant work experience in the Nous capability areas (look under *Work* at nousgroup.com for details)

Finally, the important details...

Nous is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees. We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Nous is a flexible workplace that offers consulting opportunities on a full-time and part-time basis.

We seek people who demonstrate an ability to work effectively with individuals with diverse backgrounds. We are committed to diversity and inclusion.

If you have experience working on complex problems and want to be part of a dynamic team that puts people at the centre of everything, then we'd love to hear from you! Please click Apply below.

To apply for a role at Nous in Australia you must have Australian Permanent Residency or right to work in Australia.

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