



Lunchtime Seminar Series

Fairer Paid Parental Leave, Matthew Taylor, The Centre for Independent Studies

Topic: Fairer Paid Parental leave
Speaker: Matthew Taylor, The Centre for Independent Studies
Date: Tuesday 31 March 2015
Time: 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start
Venue: Ground Floor East Seminar Room, RBA, 65 Martin Place, Sydney

Presentations usually conclude between 1.15pm and 1.30pm.

Abstract:

In February this year the Prime Minister abandoned his controversial Paid Parental Leave (PPL) scheme that he had taken to two elections. The question of whether abandoning this scheme in favour of the status quo represents better PPL policy depends greatly upon what the agreed objectives of government intervention into PPL are. This presentation will examine the extent to which the stated objectives of taxpayer funded PPL payments such as human capital investment, gender equity and increasing labour supply justify taxpayer funded subsidies. The government's proposed PPL policy will then be contrasted with current statutory PPL and the prospect of PPL funded through a HECS style Income Contingent Loans scheme in terms of government expenditure and their distributional impacts.

Bio:

Matt is a Research Fellow in the Economics Program at CIS conducting research on income support policy. He has a Bachelor of Economics with Honours from Monash University with specialisations in economics and econometrics and has expertise in the development of micro-simulation models to assess the fiscal and distributional impacts of alternative tax and income support policies. Prior to joining CIS Matt worked for a number of Universities and Government agencies including the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling and the Australian Institute of Family Studies. View [Matt's profile here](#).

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Day In The Life.....

Young Economist Network Event

A DAY IN THE LIFE
12 MARCH 2015 - 6:00PM | ATTIC ROOM, ART HOUSE | DRESS CODE: BUSINESS CASUAL

Topic: A Day in the Life
Speakers: Panel - see below
Date: Thursday 12 March 2015
Time: 6.00 pm for a 6.30 pm start
Venue: Attic Room at the Art House, 275 Pitt Street, Sydney

A Day in the Life is a Young Economists Networking Event which provides an opportunity to hear

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industry professionals reflect on their careers and provide valuable insights into a typical day in their job. Come and investigate the many opportunities a career in economics can facilitate.

Speakers

- Jason Qu - Deloitte Access Economics
- Juliana Weingaertner - NSW Treasury
- Tobias Beckmann - RBA
- Atsushi Yamamoto - ACIL Allen Consulting
- Howard Zhang - University of Sydney

Sorry this event is fully booked - if you would like to join the waitlist, please [click here](#).

Article of the Month

What Good Are Economists? Robert J Schiller

NEW HAVEN – Since the global financial crisis and recession of 2007-2009, criticism of the economics profession has intensified. The failure of all but a few professional economists to forecast the episode – the aftereffects of which still linger – has led many to question whether the economics profession contributes anything significant to society. If they were unable to foresee something so important to people's wellbeing, what good are they?

Indeed, economists failed to forecast most of the major crises in the last century, including the severe 1920-21 slump, the 1980-82 back-to-back recessions, and the worst of them all, the Great Depression after the 1929 stock-market crash. In searching news archives for the year before the start of these recessions, I found virtually no warning from economists of a severe crisis ahead. Instead, newspapers emphasized the views of business executives or politicians, who tended to be very optimistic. [Continue Reading](#)

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Centre for Independent Studies

The Liberty and Society Student Conference / 8-10 MAY / SYDNEY / APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

If you are at university or recently moved into the workplace and you want to be involved in serious discussions about the future direction of western liberal democracies then this is the weekend conference for you. The L&S weekend conferences are a unique opportunity to learn about classical liberalism and to discuss how these ideas can be used to build a stronger, freer society.

The conference is free for successful applicants and travel support is available.

For those lucky enough to be selected, [Tom Palmer](#) one of the most hardworking libertarians in the world will be a special guest at the Sydney conference.

8-10 May - Sydney - [APPLY NOW](#)

US Studies Centre W21 Workshop

27 May 2015

Leadership for Gender Equality and Organisational Excellence

Date: Wednesday, 27 May 2014

Venue: Darlington Centre, University of Sydney

Time: 8.30 for 9.00am - 5.30pm workshop; 6 - 7.30pm public event

Visit [ESA's website](#) for more information about this event

Registration and enquiries: melissa.grah-mcintosh@sydney.edu.au; 02 9114 2607

The United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney together with the Behavioral Insights Group, Center for Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School and the Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School invite you to participate in the inaugural W21 workshop on Leadership for Gender Equality and Organisational Excellence facilitated by Professor Iris Bohnet of Harvard University who is a world-leading scholar on women, leadership and gender equality.

With gender equality increasingly a business imperative, in addition to being a human right, many leaders across the sectors wonder how we can get there. Building on research conducted around the world and curated in Harvard's searchable online platform, the Gender Action Portal (GAP), the workshop focuses on what works to close gender gaps. It is based on insights from behavioural economics and helps you design your organisation for gender equality and excellence.

- How can hiring and promotion procedures be restructured to make sure you do not discriminate against talent that does not look the part?
- How can we create diverse teams that excel?
- How can we create inclusive work environments where men and women can thrive, contribute and take on leadership roles?
- How can we empower leaders to treat men and women equally, embrace diversity and lead more effectively?

Australian Business Economists

The USA: an economic and monetary policy outlook

Dr John C Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer, San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank

Tuesday 24 March 2015 | Sydney and Melbourne

Details

Date: Tuesday 24 March 2015

Time: 12:15 pm - 2:00 pm

Venue: The Westin Sydney and The Westin Melbourne

[Via videolink from San Francisco](#)

Dr Williams has agreed to take questions from the floor. There will be no live broadcast of this function.

Cost: \$185 members, \$235 non-members, \$2250 tables (of 10 guests each). Lunch includes two courses and beverages. Enquiries: info@abe.org.au or call 0419 256 339

Australia, Japan & International Economic Outlook Seminar 2015

Tuesday March 17, 2015 - Shangri-La Hotel, The Rocks, Sydney

Registration, 14.30–15.00

Seminar 15.00–17.30

Cocktail Reception 17.30–19.00

SPEAKERS

Abenomics the Japanese Economy

Mr Tatsuo Yamasaki, Vice Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Japan

International Economic Developments

Ms HK Holdaway, Acting Executive Director, International Australian Treasury

Australia: Economic and Financial Outlook

Mr Warren Hogan, Chief Economist, ANZ

PLUS a Panel Discussion and Q&A

Cost \$99 per person or \$660 for table. For more:

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