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Newsletter #41

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Dear friend,

Welcome to ESA NSW's October newsletter.

Events

Lunchtime Seminar: Taking the lab to the field

Taking the lab to the field: using lab-in-the-field experiments to inform policy

Abstract Lab experiments conducted in a naturalistic environment, termed "lab-in-the-field" experiments, are becoming an increasingly popular methodology. This talk discusses the use of the methodology to inform policy decisions. Sarah focuses first on the ability of lab-in-the-field experiments to test for the external validity of results obtained in the lab, compares behaviour across various cultures, and explores behavioural mechanisms. Sarah then discusses specific examples of the use of these experiments to assist in the design and targeting of policy, particularly in developing countries.

Sarah Walker is a development economist whose research combines policy evaluation techniques and experimental economic methods in order to understand persistent and contemporary issues around poverty alleviation. In addition to her academic research, Sarah has served as a consultant to the World Bank on a number of projects, including the Afghanistan and Somiland Poverty Briefs, as well as a joint project with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR) which sought to evaluate the long-run effects of refugee inflows on the host community in northwestern Kenya. Sarah was trained in the design and administration of randomized control trials (RCTs) through her work as an Evaluation Coordinator at Innovations for Poverty Action / the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (IPA/J-PAL), and continues to implement these techniques in her own work.

Emerging Economist Series 2017/18

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Emerging Economist Series

2017/18

The Economic Society of Australia (NSW Branch) proudly sponsors the Emerging Economist Series. The series of six luncheons, held at the Reserve Bank of Australia in Sydney, gives young economists the opportunity to discuss critical issues with prominent Australian policymakers, as well as network with colleagues in business, academia and the public service. The luncheons include an interview-style discussion with the key-note speaker, exploring the issues they have faced during their careers and highlighting Australia's key economic challenges going forward.

The Series has been inspiring, educating and entertaining emerging economists for nine years. Join us for this, our special Ten Year Anniversary Series. We are delighted to announce our speaker line-up for 2017/18.



The Hon. Paul Keating
Prime Minister of Australia
1991 - 1996



Prof. Deborah Cobb-Clark
Professor of Economics
University of Sydney



Ross Gittins AM
Economics Editor
The Sydney Morning Herald



Helen Silver AO
Chief General Manager
Allianz Australia,



Tom Parry AM
Chairman & Adjunct
Professor, John Grill Centre
for Project Leadership,
Sydney University



Dr Matthew Butlin
Victorian Red Tape Commissioner
National President, ESA

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Latest News

Register of Economists

The ESA and the Women in Economics Network are delighted to announce the launch of our [Register of Economists](#) and [Women in Economics Register](#) for media and public speaking.

The ESA is regularly contacted by media organisations and conference conveners seeking comment by economists in different fields of expertise. The **Register of Economists**, hosted on the ESA Central Council website, will allow members of the ESA branches to make their details available to these groups. People placing their details on the register can nominate from the list of areas of expertise and choose to be contacted for media or public speaking opportunities (or both). Importantly, anyone on the register will not be speaking for the ESA - the Society does not speak publicly on such issues - but in their personal capacity which includes being a member of the Society.

Female members are especially encouraged to join the **Register of Economists** and to also put their details on the **Women in Economics Register**. Female economists are strongly underrepresented in the media. A [recent media survey](#) found that only 9 percent of people quoted as "economist" or "analyst" were women. Many journalists have expressed an interest in a dedicated list of female economists to allow them to present a broader range of voices. This register will sit on the Women in Economics website.

How to join the Register

ESA members that wish to appear on the Register should

- Login to your ESA branch website
- Navigate from the **My Menu** bar to **My Profile**
- Tick the box to join the **Central Council Register**
- Female members may also wish to **Join WEN*** and then be added to the **WEN Register**
- Add your Category of expertise for both Media and Public Speaking opportunities from the drop down box - you may select multiple categories
- Add your biography, photograph and remember to include your phone and email details
- Make sure you click Update My Details

Contact Us if you have any questions about the Registers or require any assistance in updating your profile.

**WEN is open to both male and female members of ESA.*

Partner Events

Energy, carbon, finance - The business of markets?

Dr Bruce Mountain, Director, CME Australia

Energy, carbon, finance - The business of markets?

Tuesday 17 October 2017

Details

Time: 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Venue: Preston Stanley Room, Parliament House, 6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

Cost: \$55 members, \$85 non-members, \$400 tables (of 8 guests each)

A light working lunch will be served.

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

We offer an on-line booking and payment facility.

To book on-line, please click [here](#)

Or go to to abe.org.au > Events

Registrations are transferable. Please advise us by phone or email as soon as you can. Cancellations advised five working days before the seminar will be reimbursed in full. For cancellations notified less than five working days before the event, no refund will be made.

Bruce Mountain

Bruce is a Melbourne based energy economist with 26 years' experience in this field. He specialises in the economic regulation of networks, and in the design of electricity markets and renewable energy policies. His clients have included energy regulators, government departments, industry and its associations, energy users and their associations, lenders, investment

banks, other consultancies and various non-governmental organisations. He has worked mainly in Australia, Britain and South Africa but has undertaken assignments in numerous other countries. He has a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master's degree in Power Systems Engineering from the University of Cape Town, a PhD in Economics from Victoria University and is qualified as a Chartered Management Accountant in England. Bruce is Director of CME Australia: <http://cmeaustralia.com.au>

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Careers

Keep an eye on our jobs page as opportunities sometimes come up after the newsletter has been distributed.

Opportunities with WA Regulator

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About ERA

The Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) is an independent statutory authority established by the Parliament of Western Australia. As the economic regulator for WA, the ERA has the purpose of benefiting the WA community by promoting an efficient and customer focused economy. We have a transparent and ordered approach to our decision making process and are committed to consultation with our stakeholders throughout each stage of the process. By maintaining an impartial position we are able to work in the best long-term interests of all Western Australians.

The ERA has three main functions. The first is to ensure utilities are operating in the best long term interests of consumers. The second is to ensure the wholesale electricity market is operating effectively. The third is to conduct independent inquiries on important economic issues and make recommendations to the State Government. Current inquiries include reviews of water pricing and the Emergency Services Levy.

To find out more about the Economic Regulation Authority please visit our website www.erawa.com.au.

Current Opportunities

The ERA currently have two career opportunities in the Regulation and Inquiries (R and I) division as below:

1. **Principal Regulatory Advisor** at Level 9. This is a permanent role based in Perth CBD. Salary is negotiable.

This senior leadership position works across the different teams in the R and I division. It provides expert analytical guidance and specialist and strategic advice to the ERA's regulatory and inquiry functions ensuring the ERA's analytical capability is maintained as best practice in dealing with regulatory issues. It leads significant projects, including research, analysis and consultation, particularly in relation to analysis of the efficiency of service providers, the appropriate return on capital, and financial modelling. The position also provides high level representation on committees and working parties and liaises with persons and groups in regulated industries. The successful applicant will work together with the Executive Director to develop the analytical skills of staff.

CLOSING DATE: 2 OCTOBER 2017, 4pm WST. Please access the advert and JDF [here](#).

2. **Manager Projects** at Level 7 with a salary range of \$115,725 - \$124,033 plus 9.5% superannuation. This is a fixed term contract for 12 month period with a possibility of extension / permanency based in Perth CBD.

This job would be suitable for a regulatory economist, financial analyst, or economic policy expert/professional.

You will undertake economic and financial analysis that is complex in nature and considered to have a significant impact on regulated industries including preparation of written advice and recommendations to the ERA Governing Body. You will then be required to work collaboratively with the project team to present the ERA's considerations, economic and financial analysis and policy conclusions in a decision document for the Authority's approval. In this role you will also liaise with senior industry representatives, Government, representative bodies and other stake holders in relation to a specified regulated industry.

Your analytical and report writing skills will be of a very high standard as you will provide professional support and written advice in relation to economic, financial policy, legislative and regulatory matters. In this role you will be required to undertake research and analysis both for the ERA's statutory responsibilities relating to access arrangements, and also on general inquiries or references referred to the ERA by Government. You may also be required to manage public consultation processes with industry, Government, representative bodies and other stakeholders.

CLOSING DATE: 10 OCTOBER 2017, 4pm WST. Please access the advert and JDF [here](#).

The advert link will take you to the respective job advertisement on the JobsWA website, www.jobs.wa.gov.au, where you can access further information and Job Description Form.

Submitting your Application

Applicants are requested to submit a comprehensive CV and provide a covering letter demonstrating your knowledge, skills and ability to effectively undertake this role in accordance with the position competencies. All position competencies as listed in the attached Job Description Form, available on JobsWA, will be assessed during the selection process.

The application can only be submitted through JobsWA website by clicking “Apply for job” button located at top and bottom of the advert.

Smart Sodium Storage Solution Project PhD Scholarship

The Faculty of Business at the University of Wollongong (UOW) is seeking a high-calibre candidate to undertake a PhD in modelling the economic impact of sodium-ion batteries for renewable energy storage. This research is part of a 4 year, \$10.5m project to develop and demonstrate sodium-ion batteries in residential and utility settings.

The Faculty of Business at UOW is an internationally recognised faculty that provides flexible and innovative educational and research opportunities with strong ties to the business community. We develop professionals, managers and business leaders with critical thinking skills so that they can succeed (and maximise their potential) in their chosen fields. The candidate will be based in the School of Accounting, Economics and Finance with supervisors drawn from the Faculty’s Centre for Contemporary Australasian Business and Economics Studies.

The PhD candidate will also work closely with world-renowned researchers at the Institute for Superconducting and Electronic Materials (ISEM), the Sustainable Buildings Research Centre (SBRC), the Australian Power Quality and Reliability Centre (APQRC) and also with industry partners involved in the S4 Project. The candidate will play a key role in developing an understanding of the costs of bringing sodium-ion battery technology to the market, the economic impact this technology will have on the energy storage marketplace in Australia and worldwide, and will get to see their work influence the development of real-world energy storage systems.

Successful applicants will have a bachelor degree in economics or commerce/business with a major in economics. Demonstrated quantitative and modelling skills and knowledge of energy economics would be extremely beneficial, and will be highly valued during the selection process. The successful candidate will be expected to be able to clearly and concisely report on their research and findings to a number of different audiences, and, therefore, excellent communication skills are essential.

To Apply

Applicants must address the selection criteria provide a CV, include a brief cover letter outlining their research interests and provide the names of at least two referees.

Further Information

For further information on the economic, commercial and modelling dimensions relating to the project and PhD position, please contact [Assoc. Prof. Charles Harvie](#), or for technical information about the project, scholarship and application process contact [Jonathan Knott](#).

Click [here](#) for further information including selection criteria.

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.

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