



# PROGRAM subject to change

## Sunday 6 July

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| 6.00 – 8.00pm | <p><b>Welcome Reception</b></p> <p><i>The Calyx, Royal Botanic Garden Sydney</i></p> <p>Welcome: Prof Peter Abelson, ACE2025 Convenor<br/>Guest speaker: Danielle Wood, Chair, Productivity Commission</p> |
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## Monday 7 July

Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn St

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| 7.45am           | <p><b>GROUND FLOOR FOYER</b><br/>Registration Desk open</p> <p><b>RAWSON ROOM, Level 4</b><br/>QUIET ROOM – if you are looking for a spot for quiet contemplation, prayer, breastfeeding or a little bit of ‘time out’</p>                                                                                                                                          |
| 8.45am – 9.00am  | <p><b>GRAND LODGE</b></p> <p><b>Welcome to ACE2025:</b> ESA President, Catherine de Fontenay</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9.00am – 10.30am | <p><b>PLENARY</b><br/><b>Economics for a Changing World</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Prof Peter Abelson, ESA NSW President</p> <p>Challenges for Economics and the Economics Profession<br/><b>Dr Guy Debelle, University of Adelaide</b></p> <p>The global economic impacts of President Trump’s policies with a focus on Australia<br/><b>Prof Warwick McKibbin, ANU</b></p> |

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| 10.30 – 11.00am | <b>BANQUET HALL</b><br>Morning Refreshments                                                                            |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                               |                                            |                                           |                                                         |
| 11.00 – 12.30pm | <b>GRAND LODGE</b>                                                                                                     | <b>IONIC</b>                                                                                                      | <b>CORINTHIAN</b>                                                                                             | <b>COMPOSITE</b>                           | <b>TUSCAN</b>                             | <b>DORIC</b>                                            |
|                 | <b>SPECIAL SESSION</b><br><br><u>Education of Economists for a Changing World</u><br><br>CHAIR: Prof Gigi Foster, UNSW | <b>Keynesian Approaches to Stewardship of Economies</b><br><br>CHAIR: Prof Stephen Bartos, University of Canberra | <b>Valuation of the Environment and History</b><br><br>CHAIR: Assoc Prof Duygu Yengin, University of Adelaide | <b>Financial Markets</b><br><br>CHAIR: TBC | <b>Gender Relations</b><br><br>CHAIR: TBC | <b>Consumer Expenditure Decisions</b><br><br>CHAIR: TBC |

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|  | <p><b>RC Mills Lecture</b></p> <p>Introduction:<br/>Prof Stephen Whelan<br/>University of Sydney</p> <p><b>Prof Julie Berry Cullen</b><br/>University of California</p> <p>Unintended consequences of education reforms</p> <p><i>Sponsored by<br/>University of Sydney<br/>School of Economics</i></p> | <p><b>Changchen Ge</b><br/>Monash University</p> <p>The Inflationary Impact of Government Spending Shocks: Do Funding Choices Matter?</p> | <p><b>Md Sayed Iftekhar</b><br/>Griffith University</p> <p>Nonmarket values of ecosystem services of the coastal lagoons in small island developing states</p> | <p><b>Summer Xia</b><br/>Macquarie University</p> <p>Shareholder Participation and Wealth Transfer in Rights Offerings</p> | <p><b>Hong Ngoc (Ruby) Nguyen</b><br/>University of Adelaide</p> <p>How Origin Institutions Shape Immigrants' Gender Norms: Evidence from Australia</p> | <p><b>Eliyathamby Selvanathan</b><br/>Griffith University</p> <p>A new method to estimate the income elasticity of marginal utility of income in the absence of price data</p> |
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|  | <b>Tanya Livermore</b><br>Reserve Bank of<br>Australia<br><br>Declining Diversity<br>and Enrolment in<br>Australian<br>Economics<br>Education:<br>Challenges and | <b>Christopher Gibbs</b><br>University of<br>Sydney<br><br>Resolving New<br>Keynesian Puzzles | <b>Haikun Zhan</b><br>University of<br>Auckland<br><br>Sins of the Fathers:<br>The Legacy of<br>Frontier Violence<br>on Australian<br>Communities | <b>Kesavarajah<br/>Kathan Mayandy</b><br>UWA<br><br>Granular Firm<br>Shocks and Credit<br>Spreads: Evidence<br>from the U.S.<br>Equity Market | <b>Simin Tao</b><br>University of<br>Technology Sydney<br><br>Relative Earnings<br>and Decision Power<br>within the<br>Household: Evidence<br>from Australia | <b>Gan Xu</b><br>UTS<br><br>Money's Identity Crisis:<br>The Roles of Mental<br>Accounting and<br>Personality in Shaping<br>Spending Behaviours |
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|  | <p>Insights from Recent RBA Research</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Christine Dowd</b><br/>Queensland Economics Teachers' Association</p> <p>Economics in Queensland: A growth state</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Rebecca Cassells</b><br/>The Treasury</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Clare Cotton</b><br/><b>Paul Pagani</b><br/>NSW Education Standards Authority</p> <p>NSW Curriculum Review – Economics 11-12</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b><br/><b>The education of economists</b></p> | <p><b>Julian Pearce</b><br/>Griffith University</p> <p>A louder bark for Australia's Fiscal Watch Dog</p> | <p><b>Thames Kularatne</b><br/>Community and Patient Preference Research</p> <p>The Value of Heritage to the New South Wales Community</p> | <p><b>Kulsoom Bibi</b><br/>RMIT</p> <p>Financial Inclusion in a Changing Macroeconomic Environment</p> | <p><b>Luke Hartigan</b><br/>University of Sydney</p> <p>House prices and divorce: evidence from Australia</p> | <p><b>Debajyoti Chakrabarty</b><br/>Charles Darwin University</p> <p>Domestic Tourism Demand in Fortress Australia: Insights from a Natural Experiment</p> |
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| 12.30 – 1.30pm | <p><b>BANQUET HALL</b><br/>Lunch</p> <p><b>MARBLE FOYER</b><br/><b>Careers Fair</b></p> <p><b>BOARDROOM, LEVEL 4</b><br/><b>Heads of Department Lunch</b> (by invitation)</p>                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                             |                                                                     |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                 |
| 1.30 – 3.00pm  | <p><b>GRAND LODGE</b></p> <p><b>SPECIAL SESSION</b></p> <p><u>Economics from inside Government</u></p> <p>CHAIR:<br/>Geraldine Carter<br/>NSW Treasury</p> <p>MODERATOR:<br/>Peter Achterstraat<br/>Commissioner, NSW<br/>Productivity and<br/>Equality</p> | <p><b>IONIC</b></p> <p><b>SPECIAL SESSION</b></p> <p><u>The Economics of Housing Policies</u></p> <p>CHAIR: Prof Rachel Viforj, Curtin University</p> | <p><b>CORINTHIAN</b></p> <p><b>Labour Markets; Government Support</b></p> <p>CHAIR: TBC</p> | <p><b>COMPOSITE</b></p> <p><b>Commodities</b></p> <p>CHAIR: TBC</p> | <p><b>TUSCAN</b></p> <p><b>Economic policy studies: Australia</b></p> <p>CHAIR: TBC</p> | <p><b>DORIC</b></p> <p><b>Studies of Australian education (demand)</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Prof Gigi Foster, UNSW</p> |

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|  | <p>What is the role of economics in government and how does economic policy made by Government shape our lives?</p> <p><b>Geraldine Carter</b><br/>Acting Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <p>NSW Productivity and Equality Commission – Housing Research</p> <p><b>Elliott James</b></p> | <p><b>James Graham</b><br/>University of Sydney</p> <p>Monetary policy and the home ownership rate</p>                | <p><b>Maathu Ranjan</b><br/>Australian National University</p> <p>Does disability funding impact employment prospects? A study of Australian carers and disability funding recipients</p> | <p><b>Aneeq Sarwar</b><br/>AUSMASA</p> <p>The Economic Impact of Critical Minerals: Nexus of strategic and analytical challenges</p>                                | <p><b>Lee Mead</b><br/>Ninesquared</p> <p>A Cost-Benefit Framework for Evaluating Investments in Improved Drinking Water Quality: An Australian Perspective</p> | <p><b>Emma Chow</b><br/>RBA</p> <p>Where have all the Economics students gone? Insights from recent RBA research</p>                                  |
|  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p><b>Gianni La Cava</b><br/>e61 Institute</p> <p>The effects of stamp duty on home purchase, mobility and prices</p> | <p><b>Matthew Maltman</b><br/>E61 Institute</p> <p>Who does the government support through Job Loss?</p>                                                                                  | <p><b>Natalia Ponomareva</b><br/>Macquarie University</p> <p>Impact of commodity price uncertainty on industries in a small open economy: the case of Australia</p> | <p><b>Ali Yasin Vergili</b><br/>e61 Institute</p> <p>Financial Incentives and Fertility: Evidence from Linked Administrative Data on Australia's Baby Bonus</p> | <p><b>Harshit Shah</b><br/>Australian National University/e61 Institute</p> <p>From study to work: the effect of extending post-study work rights</p> |

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|  | Principal Economist,<br>Productivity Reform,<br>NSW Treasury<br><br>-----<br><br>First Nations<br>Investment<br>Framework<br><br><b>Laura Faulkner</b><br>Senior Analyst, First<br>Nations Economic<br>Wellbeing, NSW<br>Treasury<br><br><b>Eugenia Marembo</b><br>Senior Policy<br>Analyst, First Nations<br>Economic Wellbeing,<br>NSW Treasury<br><br>-----<br><br>National<br>Competition Policy<br><br><b>Anna Barker</b><br>Assistant Secretary,<br>Competition<br>Taskforce, | <b>Peter Siminski</b><br>University of<br>Technology Sydney<br><br>Housing, Income<br>Inequality and<br>Progressivity of<br>Taxes and Transfers | <b>Brendan Coates</b><br>Grattan Institute<br><br>Renting in<br>retirement: Why<br>Rent Assistance<br>needs to rise | <b>Cameron Murray</b><br>Fresh Economic<br>Thinking<br><br>Rent-controlled<br>resources: Why<br>are we under-<br>charging<br>Australia's mining<br>tenants? | <b>Aaron Korczak-<br/>Krzeczowski</b><br>Productivity<br>Commission<br><br>Birthday penalties?<br>Employment effects<br>of increases in the<br>discontinuous age-<br>based minimum<br>wage. Evidence from<br>Australian<br>Administrative Data | <b>Alec Zuo</b><br>Flinders University<br><br>Mental health impacts<br>on educational<br>outcomes: a<br>longitudinal study of<br>Australian children |
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|  | <div>Commonwealth<br/>Treasury</div> <div></div> <div>Panel Session</div> <div>Moderator:<br/><b>Peter Achterstraat</b>,<br/>Commissioner, NSW<br/>Productivity and<br/>Equality</div> <div>Panellists:</div> <div><b>Michael Gadiel</b><br/>Deputy Secretary,<br/>Procurement Reform<br/>and Banking, NSW<br/>Treasury</div> <div><b>Cass Wilkinson</b><br/>Executive Director,<br/>Centre for Economic<br/>Evidence, Economic<br/>Strategy and<br/>Productivity, NSW<br/>Treasury</div> <div><b>Anna Barker</b><br/>Assistant Secretary,<br/>Competition</div> |  |  |  |  |  |
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|               | <p>Taskforce,<br/>Commonwealth<br/>Treasury</p> <p><b>Christine Duke</b><br/>Assistant Secretary,<br/>Aged Care, Veterans<br/>and Care Workforce,<br/>Commonwealth<br/>Treasury</p> <p><i>Supported by<br/>NSW Treasury</i></p> |                                                               |                                                                        |                                                                                                                       |                                                                    |                                                                              |
| 3.00 – 3.30pm | <p><b>BANQUET HALL</b><br/>Afternoon Refreshments</p>                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                               |                                                                        |                                                                                                                       |                                                                    |                                                                              |
| 3.30 – 5.00pm | <b>GRAND LODGE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>IONIC</b>                                                  | <b>CORINTHIAN</b>                                                      | <b>COMPOSITE</b>                                                                                                      | <b>TUSCAN</b>                                                      | <b>DORIC</b>                                                                 |
|               | <p><b>SPECIAL SESSION</b></p> <p><u>Trump Tariffs and<br/>International Trade</u></p> <p>CHAIR: Dr Jenny<br/>Gordon, ANU</p>                                                                                                    | <p><b>AI, Technology and<br/>Labour</b></p> <p>CHAIR: TBC</p> | <p><b>2024 Young<br/>Economist Address</b></p> <hr/> <p>CHAIR: TBC</p> | <p><b>Economic<br/>student<br/>presentations</b></p> <p><b>LIGHTNING</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Prof Gigi<br/>Foster, UNSW</p> | <p><b>Economic policy<br/>studies: World</b></p> <p>CHAIR: TBC</p> | <p><b>Studies of Australian<br/>education (supply)</b></p> <p>CHAIR: TBC</p> |

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|  | <p><b>Prof Adnan Khan</b><br/>London School of Economics</p> <p>Trade and tariffs - adapting to a new system</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Gene Tunny</b><br/>Adept Economics</p> <p>Why Trump's Tariffs Are Better Than You Think—And Much Worse</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Prof Bob Gregory</b><br/>ANU</p> <p>Tariffs, Myths and the Big Picture.</p> | <p><b>Safdar Khan</b><br/>CoGC</p> <p>Employment Prospects in the Age of AI</p>                                      | <p><b>2024 Young Economist Address</b><br/>3.30-4.15pm</p> <p><b>Nathan Deutscher</b><br/>The Treasury / University of Technology Sydney</p> <p>Intergenerational mobility in Australia</p> | <p><b>Bowen Zhang</b><br/>Brisbane Grammar School</p> <p>The Dual Legacy of KAFTA: Trade Growth, Economic Gains, and Structural Risks in Australia-Korea</p> <p>Minerals/Metals Trade and Resource Dependency</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Michael Dore</b><br/>Brisbane Grammar School</p> <p>Australia's Trade with China Between 2014-2024 after the Signing of ChAFTA</p> | <p><b>Kwabena Addai</b><br/>Griffith University</p> <p>Maternal Access to Rural Advisory Services and Child Nutrition: Impacts and Pathways</p>                     | <p><b>Benjamin Vu</b><br/>University of Canberra</p> <p>School Funding and Students' Academic Performance: New Empirical Evidence across Geographical Locations and States in Australia</p> |
|  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b>Gabriela D'Souza</b><br/>Treasury</p> <p>Does hiring more tech workers make other workers more productive?</p> | <p><b>Peter Martin hosts a live recording of ABC Radio National <i>The Economy, Stupid</i></b><br/>4.15 – 5.15pm</p>                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Sujan Dhungel</b><br/>University of Queensland</p> <p>Consumer Preferences for Safe and Quality Milk in Nepal: Evidence from a Discrete Choice Experiment</p> | <p><b>Tunye Qiu</b><br/>Australian National University</p> <p>School Funding and Student Performance in Australia</p>                                                                       |
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|  | <p>“Making America Great Again”</p> | <p><b>Tris Sainsbury</b><br/>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</p> <p>What drives the emergence of new technology-driven industries in Australia?</p> |  | <p>-----<br/><b>Joel Pallikunnel</b><br/>Padua College</p> <p>International student market</p> <p>-----<br/><b>Anthony DeBellis</b><br/>Padua College</p> <p>Trade pattern dependence on Trade Liberalisation</p> <p>-----<br/><b>Lochlan Savoca</b><br/>Padua College</p> <p>Analysation of the impact of Trade Liberalisation on Electric Vehicles in Australia</p> <p>-----<br/><b>Thomas Moran</b><br/>Padua College</p> | <p><b>Hang Anh Nguyen</b><br/>University of Wollongong</p> <p>The Evolution of the Child Penalty and Impacts of Maternity Leave Reform</p> | <p><b>Jack Buckley</b><br/>e61 Institute</p> <p>Who stays, who goes? A new look at teacher attrition using administrative data</p> |
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| 5.30pm – 6.30pm                           | <div>CORINTHIAN</div> <div>Young Economist Network Debate</div>                                                                           |  |  |                                                            |  |  |
| 6.30pm<br>Depart Sydney<br>Masonic Centre | <div>Young Economist Network Social Event</div> <div>Surry Hills Hotel</div> <div>Cnr Elizabeth &amp; Campbell Streets, Surry Hills</div> |  |  |                                                            |  |  |

From 6.00pm

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Adjacent ticketed event organised by [Australian Dialogues](#) and Australians for Science and Freedom

**A Big Dialogue: Australia's Cost of Living Problem - Why It Arose and How To Fix It?**

**MC: Gigi Foster, UNSW**

**Moderator: Cameron Murray, Fresh Economic Thinking**

**Panellists: Jennifer Westacott WSU, Adam Creighton IPA, and Alison Preston UWA**

For more information and to purchase tickets, see [here](#)

Special ticket price available for ACE; discount code will be emailed to all ACE registered delegates

## Tuesday 8 July

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| 8.00am         | Registration Desk open<br><br><b>RAWSON ROOM, Level 4</b><br>QUIET ROOM – if you are looking for a spot for quiet contemplation, prayer, breastfeeding or a little bit of ‘time out’ |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                              |                                                         |                                                      |                                                                                         |
| 9.00 – 10.30am | GRAND LODGE                                                                                                                                                                          | IONIC                                                                                                                 | CORINTHIAN                                                                                   | COMPOSITE                                               | TUSCAN                                               | DORIC                                                                                   |
|                | <b>SPECIAL SESSION</b><br><br><u>History and Role of Indigenous Economic History</u><br><br>CHAIR: Prof Hugh Harley, University of Sydney                                            | <b>Economic Analyses and Contributions by the Public Service</b><br><br><b>LIGHTNING</b><br><br>CHAIR: Michael Potter | <b>Aged Care and Older Workers</b><br><br><br><br>CHAIR: Dr Evelyn Lee, University of Sydney | <b>Development and Labour</b><br><br><br><br>CHAIR: TBC | <b>Econometric Methods</b><br><br><br><br>CHAIR: TBC | <b>Inflation, Monetary Policy, Expectations and Behaviour</b><br><br><br><br>CHAIR: TBC |

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|  | <p><b>Prof Boyd Hunter</b><br/>ANU</p> <p>What economics<br/>can contribute to<br/>understanding this<br/>long journey</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Prof Dennis Foley</b></p> | <p><b>Nicholas Gray</b><br/>RBA</p> <p>AI-driven<br/>information<br/>retrieval from<br/>Liaison: The Reserve<br/>Bank of Australia’s<br/>new tool</p> | <p><b>Heng Zhe Zhao</b><br/>Macquarie University</p> <p>Distributional Impact<br/>of Means-Test Reform<br/>in Residential Aged<br/>Care</p> | <p><b>Matteo Lanzafame</b><br/>Asian<br/>Development<br/>Bank</p> <p>Structural Change<br/>and Growth<br/>Trajectories<br/>through<br/>Counterfactual<br/>Quantile<br/>Decomposition</p> | <p><b>Meimei Chen</b><br/>Macquarie<br/>University</p> <p>Causal Inference<br/>with Time-to-Event<br/>Outcomes: A<br/>Debiased Machine<br/>Learning<br/>Framework for<br/>Treatment<br/>Parameters</p> | <p><b>Ashton de Silva</b><br/>RMIT</p> <p>Nowcasting<br/>Australian inflation</p> |
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|  | <p>Federation<br/>University Australia</p> <p>The current state of<br/>play for indigenous<br/>Australia</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Prof Stephanie<br/>Schurer</b><br/>University of Sydney</p> <p>Using advanced<br/>quantitative<br/>techniques to<br/>understand the<br/>successes and<br/>pitfalls of policy<br/>interventions<br/>directed at<br/>indigenous<br/>Australians</p> | <p><b>Sarah Davies</b><br/>Treasury</p> <p>A new methodology<br/>for measuring and<br/>tracking<br/>concentration and<br/>business<br/>employment at the<br/>regional and<br/>industry level</p> | <p><b>Alison Preston</b><br/>UWA</p> <p>Caregiving and the<br/>Labour Market<br/>Outcomes of Older<br/>Australians</p> | <p><b>Kerong Song</b><br/>The Australian<br/>National<br/>University</p> <p>Green Finance<br/>and High-Quality<br/>Economic<br/>Development:<br/>Examining the<br/>Mediating Role of<br/>Regional Talent<br/>Dividend and the<br/>Moderating<br/>Impact of<br/>Innovation<br/>Efficiency</p> | <p><b>Dan Liu</b><br/>The University of<br/>Technology Sydney</p> <p>Distance as a<br/>Barrier to Care:<br/>Evidence from the<br/>Expansion of Cancer<br/>Treatment Centres<br/>Using a Continuous<br/>Difference-in-<br/>Differences<br/>Approach</p> | <p><b>Emily Shaw</b><br/>Reserve Bank of<br/>Australia</p> <p>Household Interest-<br/>Rate Expectations<br/>and Monetary<br/>Policy Decisions</p>                                    |
|  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p><b>Carolyn Currie</b><br/>Public Private<br/>Sector Partnerships<br/>Pty Ltd</p> <p>One Ocean –<br/>Stopping Oceanic<br/>Pollution is the<br/>biggest challenge of<br/>Climate Change</p>     | <p><b>Van Trung Vu</b><br/>Loughborough<br/>University</p> <p>Population aging and<br/>productivity growth</p>         | <p><b>Jawid Ahmad<br/>Gulistani</b><br/>Chonnam<br/>National<br/>University</p> <p>Making the<br/>Invisible Visible:<br/>International<br/>Evidence on the</p>                                                                                                                               | <p><b>Simon Sagerer</b><br/>WSP</p> <p>Applying a mixed-<br/>effects beta<br/>regression approach<br/>in rail mode share<br/>modelling—a case<br/>on Greater Sydney</p>                                                                                | <p><b>Matthew Fink</b><br/>Reserve Bank of<br/>Australia</p> <p>Changes in<br/>Australian price-<br/>setting behaviour<br/>around a large<br/>shock: evidence<br/>from microdata</p> |

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|  |  | <div><div><b>Chris Mornement</b><br/>Department of<br/>Industry, Science<br/>and Resources</div><div>A health check on<br/>Australia's mineral<br/>exploration sector</div></div> |  | <div>Economic Value<br/>of<br/>Socioemotional<br/>Skills</div> |  |  |
|  |  | <div><div><b>Lachlan Butler</b><br/>Treasury</div><div>Migration and<br/>dwelling demand –<br/>analysis of average<br/>household<br/>representation<br/>propensity</div></div>    |  |                                                                |  |  |

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| 10.30 – 11.00am | <b>BANQUET HALL</b><br>Morning Refreshments                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                 |                                                                          |                                                                                                   |                                            |
| 11.00 – 12.30pm | <b>GRAND LODGE</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>IONIC</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>CORINTHIAN</b>                                                               | <b>COMPOSITE</b>                                                         | <b>TUSCAN</b>                                                                                     | <b>DORIC</b>                               |
|                 | <p><b>SPECIAL SESSION</b></p> <p><u>Celebrating Women Economists in the Past 100 Years</u></p> <p>CHAIR: Assoc Prof Lyla Zhang, Macquarie Business School</p> | <p><b>Labour and Health</b></p> <p><b>LIGHTNING</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Prof Gigi Foster, UNSW</p>                                                                                                                | <p><b>Housing</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Prof Stephen Bartos, University of Canberra</p> | <p><b>Food Waste Policy</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Samuel Miller, NSW Farmers</p> | <p><b>Behavioural Economics</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Assoc Prof Virginie Masson, Adelaide University</p> | <p><b>Innovation</b></p> <p>CHAIR: TBC</p> |

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|  | <p>This session honours the contributions of women economists who have shaped the discipline over the past century in Australia — across academia, public policy, and industry. Speakers will reflect on the legacies of pioneering figures, highlight ongoing challenges, and discuss the progress made in fostering a more inclusive economics profession. The session aims to inspire the next generation by showcasing the impact and leadership of</p> | <p><b>Christopher Carter</b><br/>University of Technology Sydney</p> <p>Exploring Declining Job Mobility in Australia: The Role of Demographic Changes</p> | <p><b>Tim Helm</b><br/>Prosper Australia</p> <p>Zoning and housing supply: empirics in search of a theory</p>                                                                                                   | <p><b>Kat Heinrich</b><br/>Rawtec</p> <p>The Economics of Food Waste: What Are We Really Throwing Away?</p>                                                                                                                                           | <p><b>Omer Majeed</b><br/>Treasury</p> <p>Price elasticity and habit formation: The Australian Aviation Sector</p>                         | <p><b>Brodie Dobson-Keeffe</b><br/>Ip Australia</p> <p>The Impact of Labour Mobility on Innovation in Australia</p>                  |
|  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>Riley Smithers</b><br/>The Treasury</p> <p>Understanding trends in full-time labour force participation of Australian-born men</p>                   | <p><b>Marcel Peruffo</b><br/>University of Sydney</p> <p>The Short-Term Impact of Net Overseas Migration on Residential Real Estate Prices and Rents - Evidence from Australia<br/>Neighbourhood-Level Data</p> | <p><b>Sijia Liu</b><br/>The University of Adelaide</p> <p>The impact of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) services on recovery rate, diversion rate and total disposed: Empirical evidence from New South Wales and Victoria in Australia.</p> | <p><b>Stan Cheung</b><br/>Queen Mary University of London</p> <p>Policy Evaluation Under the Crowding-In and Out of Social Preferences</p> | <p><b>Yi-Ling Cheng</b><br/>National Sun Yat-sen University</p> <p>Product Bundling and Quality Innovation in Network Industries</p> |

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|  | <p>women in economics, both past and present.</p> <p><b>Professor Deborah Cobb-Clark</b><br/>University of Sydney</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Dr Luci Ellis</b><br/>Westpac Banking Group</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Dr Jenny Gordon</b><br/>Lowy Institute and Centre for Social Research and Methods, ANU</p> | <p><b>Bowen Wang</b><br/>Australian National University</p> <p>Impact of Adult Migrant English Program on Government Benefit Receipt: Evidence from Australian Humanitarian Migrants</p> <p><b>Duc Vo</b><br/>University of Western Australia</p> <p>Financial Literacy as a Pathway to Better Mental Health: A Global Perspective</p> | <p><b>Philipp Grozinger</b><br/>Reserve Bank of Australia</p> <p>Do Homeowners Consume Gains in their Home Equity by Refinancing?</p> | <p><i>TBC</i></p> | <p><b>Russell Thomson</b><br/>Swinburne University of Technology</p> <p>Persuading voters with partisan TV news: a natural experiment using spatial reception data</p> | <p><b>Kevin Nguyen</b><br/>IP Australia</p> <p>Exploring Innovation Pathways: An Insight into the Drivers of Patenting Among Australia's R&amp;D Firms</p> |
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| 12.30 – 1.30pm | <p><b>BANQUET HALL</b><br/>Lunch</p> <p><b>MARBLE FOYER</b><br/><b>WEN Lunch</b> (by RSVP only)</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |  |  |  |

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| 1.30 – 3.00pm | <p>GRAND LODGE</p> <p><b>PLENARY</b></p> <p><b>Productivity</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Prof Robert Breunig, Crawford School of Public Policy ANU</p> <p><b>Prof Amanda Pallais</b> Harvard University<br/>Working from Home</p> <p><b>Danielle Wood</b> Productivity Commission<br/>Productivity in Australia</p> <p><b>Prof Beth Webster</b> Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research<br/>Lifting Business Productivity</p> <p><i>Sponsored by</i><br/><i>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</i></p> |       |            |           |        |       |
| 3.00 – 3.30pm | <p>BANQUET HALL</p> <p>Afternoon Refreshments</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |       |            |           |        |       |
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| 3.30 – 5.00pm | <b>SPECIAL SESSION</b><br><br><u>Environment:</u><br><u>Australia's</u><br><u>Superpower</u><br><u>Opportunity</u><br><br>CHAIR: Dr Jonathan Mirrlees-Black, Morrison | <b>SPECIAL SESSION</b><br><br><u>History and Role of</u><br><u>Economic Society</u><br><u>of Australia (ESA)</u><br><br>CHAIR: Prof Hugh Harley, University of Sydney | <b>Labour and Health</b><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>CHAIR: Dr Evelyn Lee, University of Sydney       | <b>Tariffs and Trade</b><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>CHAIR: Samuel Miller, NSW Farmers                | <b>Public Service Economics Session</b><br><br><b>LIGHTNING</b><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>CHAIR: Michael Potter                               | <b>Wealth and Income Distributions</b><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>CHAIR: Assoc Prof Duygu Yengin, University of Adelaide           |
|               | <b>Dr Reuben Finighan</b><br>The Superpower Institute<br><br>Australia's comparative advantage in renewable energy<br><br><b>Dr Ingrid Burfurd</b>                    | <b>Dr Alex Millmow</b><br>Federation University<br><br>An Evolving Record: A Centennial History of the Economic Society of Australia                                  | <b>Nary Hong</b><br>UNSW<br><br>The Cost of Chronic Pain: Labour Market Outcomes and the Role of Painkillers | <b>Xinyi Zhao</b><br>The University of Auckland<br><br>Global Supply Chain Resilience and the Trump Election | <b>Angus Wheeler</b><br>The Cabinet Office<br><br>An evaluation of the economic outcomes achieved from the NSW 2021 COVID-19 business support programs | <b>Jamie van Netten</b><br>Fair Work Commission<br><br>Award-reliant employees' position in the household income distribution of employees |

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|  | <p>The Superpower Institute</p> <p>Policies to correct market failures and to harness Australia's comparative advantage in green iron exports</p> <p><b>Prof Philip Adams</b><br/>Victoria University</p> <p>Carbon pricing when an emissions trading scheme is off the table</p> | <p>-----</p> <p><b>Prof Jose Merigo</b><br/>University of Technology Sydney</p> <p>Centennial anniversary of the Economic Record: A bibliometric retrospective</p> | <p><b>Ashani Abayasekara</b><br/>Monash University</p> <p>Mental health and differential belief updating: Evidence from unemployment shocks</p> | <p><b>Owen Gabbitas</b><br/>Productivity Commission</p> <p>US trade policy impacts on Australia and the world – analysis</p>       | <p><b>Sam Mathieson</b><br/>NSW Treasury</p> <p>Understanding the NSW First Nations business sector</p>                                                                                                                | <p><b>Silvia Griselda</b><br/>E61 Institute</p> <p>Gender, Age, and Test Premia: How Firms Shape the Distribution of Earnings Over the Lifecycle</p>                |
|  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>Juliana Goncalves</b><br/>University of Sydney</p> <p>Wings of Growth: a mindset intervention in rural China</p>                          | <p><b>Thuy Hang Duong</b><br/>Australian National University</p> <p>The Trade-Inflation Nexus: The Role of Production Networks</p> | <p><b>Jessica Xu</b><br/>NSW Treasury</p> <p>NSW Performance and Wellbeing Framework</p> <p><b>Patrick Elkington</b><br/>Reserve Bank of Australia</p> <p>Identifying Risk Characteristics of New Mortgage Lending</p> | <p><b>Dipanwita Sarkar</b><br/>Queensland University of Technology</p> <p>Are preferences for redistribution and fairness norms sensitive to income inequality?</p> |

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| 7.00pm | <p><b>ACE2025 Conference Dinner</b><br/> The Strangers' Room, Parliament House<br/> 6 Macquarie Street Sydney</p> <p>ESA Annual Awards and celebration of ESA 100-year anniversary<br/> Dinner speaker: Prof R G Gregory <i>Then and Now: 100 years of the Economics Society; Manufacturing, Good Jobs and All that Jazz</i></p> |  |  |  |                                                                                                                                                                               |  |

## Wednesday 9 July

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| 8.00am | <p>Registration Desk open</p> <p><b>RAWSON ROOM, Level 4</b><br/> QUIET ROOM – if you are looking for a spot for quiet contemplation, prayer, breastfeeding or a little bit of 'time out'</p> |
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| 9.00 – 10.30am  | <p><b>GRAND LODGE</b></p> <p><b>PLENARY</b><br/> <b>History of Australian Economic Policy</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Prof Guay Lim, University of Melbourne</p> <p><b>What has Australian macroeconomic thought achieved in the past century – and where can it contribute in the next?</b><br/> Andrew Hauser, Deputy Governor RBA</p> <p><b>History of Economic Policy in Australia</b><br/> Ross Gittins, SMH</p> |                                                                                                  |                                                                        |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                  |                                                                             |
| 10.30 – 11.00am | <p><b>BANQUET HALL</b><br/> Morning Refreshments</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                  |                                                                        |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                  |                                                                             |
| 11.00 – 12.30pm | <p><b>GRAND LODGE</b></p> <p><b>SPECIAL SESSION</b><br/> <u><b>Fiscal Policy and Tax Reform</b></u></p> <p>CHAIR: Prof James Morley, University of Sydney</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b>IONIC</b></p> <p><b>Economic Impacts of COVID</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Prof Gigi Foster, UNSW</p> | <p><b>CORINTHIAN</b></p> <p><b>Health Policy</b></p> <p>CHAIR: TBC</p> | <p><b>COMPOSITE</b></p> <p><b>Climate</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Dr Tom Longden, Western Sydney University</p> | <p><b>TUSCAN</b></p> <p><b>Economic Theory</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Assoc Prof Duygu Yengin, University of Adelaide</p> | <p><b>DORIC</b></p> <p><b>Trade / Energy / Labour</b></p> <p>CHAIR: TBC</p> |

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|  | <p><b>Prof Ben Philips</b><br/>ANU</p> <p>A better tax and transfer system for Australia</p> <p><b>Stephen Bartos</b><br/>University of Canberra</p> <p>Does independent scrutiny of government spending proposals improve fiscal outcomes?</p> <p><b>Robert Breunig</b><br/>ANU</p> <p>Fiscal Policy and Tax Reform: Where are we headed?</p> | <p><b>Jeff Borland</b><br/>University of Melbourne</p> <p>Decline to boom and back again: The Australian labour market in the COVID-19 era (2000-2024)</p> | <p><b>Persis Eskander</b><br/>Productivity Commission</p> <p>Financial mechanisms for better value hospital care</p>                                                      | <p><b>Sadhana Srivastava</b><br/>Infisum Modelling Inc</p> <p>Climate change risks and its differential impacts on income inequality: An empirical investigation using threshold analysis</p> | <p><b>Duygu Yengin</b><br/>Uni of Adelaide</p> <p>Reconciling Fairness and Efficiency: A Game-Theoretic Approach to Compulsory Acquisition under Legal Uncertainty</p> | <p><b>Rahul Sen</b><br/>Auckland University of Technology</p> <p>A Quantitative Evaluation of Static and Dynamic effects of expanding CPTPP membership and free trade in the backdrop of Trade War 2.0</p> |
|  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p><b>William Morton</b><br/>Productivity Commission</p> <p>Productivity before and after COVID-19</p>                                                     | <p><b>Sebastian Broadhurst</b><br/>Productivity Commission</p> <p>Powering Down Pollution: Health and Economic Benefits of PM10 Reductions from Coal Station Closures</p> | <p><b>Mohammad Razib Hossain</b><br/>The University of Adelaide</p> <p>Effects of extreme weather events on economic resilience: Empirical evidence from Australian households</p>            | <p><b>Hugh Harley</b><br/>University of Sydney</p> <p>Implications of recent advances in evolutionary biology for economic policy and theory</p>                       | <p><b>Fangyuan Liu</b><br/>The University of Auckland</p> <p>Understanding Women's Energy Poverty in China: Evidence from CFPS and Spatial Panel Methods</p>                                               |

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| 12.30 – 1.15pm | <b>BANQUET HALL</b><br>Lunch                                                           |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                             |                                                                    |  |
| 1.15 – 2.45pm  | <b>GRAND LODGE</b>                                                                     | <b>IONIC</b>                                                                               | <b>CORINTHIAN</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>COMPOSITE</b>                                                                                                                       | <b>TUSCAN</b>                                                                                               | <b>DORIC</b>                                                       |  |
|                | <b>SPECIAL SESSION</b><br><br><u>Inequality</u><br><br>CHAIR: Prof Alison Preston, UWA | <b>Energy</b><br><br>CHAIR: Dr Tom Longden, Western Sydney University                      | <b>Economic Policy Modelling</b><br><br>CHAIR: TBC                                                                                    | <b>Productivity and Asset Pricing</b><br><br>CHAIR: TBC                                                                                | <b>Sustainability, Trust, and Performance</b><br><br>CHAIR: TBC                                             | <b>Labour Markets: Governance and Regulation</b><br><br>CHAIR: TBC |  |

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|  | <b>Catherine De Fontenay</b><br>Productivity Commission | <b>Anthony Rush</b><br>Australian Energy Market Commission                                                                   | <b>James Morley</b><br>University of Sydney                                                                    | <b>Hong Gayeon</b><br>Seoul National University                                     | <b>Amarendra Sharma</b><br>Binghamton University                                                                   | <b>Joel Bowman</b><br>Domain                                                                     |
|  | -----                                                   | Projecting electricity and energy costs over the transition                                                                  | Assessing monetary-fiscal interactions in New Zealand using a regime-switching Bayesian Local Projection model | Demand-Shifting Intangibles, Market Concentration and the Pricing of Risk           | Trust as a Driver of Economic Growth: Evidence from OECD Countries Using Double Boosted Machine Learning Estimator | Examining the Macroeconomic Costs of Occupational Entry Regulations                              |
|  | <b>Roger Wilkins</b><br>University of Melbourne         |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                  |
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|  | <b>Victoria Baranov</b><br>University of Melbourne      | <b>Marc Jim Mariano</b><br>CSIRO                                                                                             | <b>James Lennox</b><br>Victoria University                                                                     | <b>John Hawkins</b><br>University of Canberra                                       | <b>Susantha Dissanayake</b><br>University of New England                                                           | <b>Andrew Wait</b><br>University of Sydney                                                       |
|  |                                                         | Understanding structural change from transitioning to a low-carbon economy: an integrated multi-model approach for Australia | Planning to Construct: a DSGE model of the Australian Economy                                                  | The Pricing of Real and Virtual Collectibles: the Case of Damien Hirst's 'Currency' | Measuring fiscal sustainability: A novel multidimensional index, a developed country perspective                   | Depression, unobserved management effects and the endogeneity of job demands and control at work |

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|               |                                                                | <p><b>Nadira Barkatullah</b><br/> Director of Economics<br/> - Advisory, Aurecon Australasia/Aurecon Australasia/ UN Representative<br/> The OECD Working Party on Energy Economics</p> <p>The Economics of Small Modular Reactors: Challenges and Approaches</p> | <p><b>John Dundas</b><br/> NSW Treasury</p> <p>Smarter regulation through experiments</p> | <p><b>Ayasha Akter</b><br/> Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission</p> <p>Drivers of Productivity in the Australian States and Territories: A Comparative Analysis</p> | <p><b>Hassan Gholipour Fereidouni</b><br/> Western Sydney University</p> <p>The Impact of Anti-Money Laundering Regulations on House Prices in OECD Countries</p> | <p><b>Andrew Clarke</b><br/> University of Melbourne</p> <p>Gender Differences in Labour Market Outcomes for Recent Skilled Immigrants to Australia: The Confounding Effects of Gender and Application Status</p> |
| 2.45 – 3.00pm | <p><b>MARBLE FOYER</b><br/> <i>Stretch and drink break</i></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| 3.00 – 4.00pm | <p><b>GRAND LODGE</b></p> <p><b>PLENARY</b></p> <p><b>Shaping Australia’s Economic Future: Prosperity, Productivity and Countering Inequality</b></p> <p>Panel Q&amp;A</p> <p>Moderator: Prof Peter Abelson, ESA NSW President</p> <p><b>Dr Angelia Grant</b> The Treasury</p> <p><b>Prof Deborah Cobb-Clark</b> University of Sydney</p> <p><b>Prof Gigi Foster</b> UNSW</p> <p><b>Prof James Morley</b> University of Sydney</p> <p><b>Prof Jeff Borland</b> University of Melbourne</p> <p><b>Prof Warwick McKibbin</b> ANU</p> |
| 4.00 – 4.15pm | <p><b>Conference Close:</b> ESA President, Catherine de Fontenay</p> <p><b>2026 Conference Launch</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4.15pm        | <p><b>MARBLE FOYER</b></p> <p>Afternoon Refreshments</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |