



## PROGRAM **subject to change**

### Sunday 6 July

6.00 – 8.00pm	<p><b>Welcome Reception</b></p> <p>The Calyx, Royal Botanic Garden Sydney</p> <p><i>Guests to access via Morshead Gate on the corner of Macquarie Street and Shakespeare Place</i></p> <p>Welcome: Prof Peter Abelson, ACE2025 Convenor</p> <p>Guest speaker: Danielle Wood, Chair, Productivity Commission</p>
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Monday 7 July

Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn St

7.45am	<p><b>GROUND FLOOR FOYER</b> Registration Desk open</p> <p><b>RAWSON ROOM, Level 4</b> QUIET ROOM – if you are looking for a spot for quiet contemplation, prayer, parenting duties or a little bit of ‘time out’</p>
8.00am	<p><b>BANQUET HALL</b> Arrival tea and coffee</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> <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 <b>Dr Guy Debelle, University of Adelaide</b></p> <p>The global economic impacts of President Trump’s policies with a focus on Australia <b>Prof Warwick McKibbin, ANU</b></p>

10.30 – 11.00am	<b>BANQUET HALL</b> 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>  <b>Education of Economists for a Changing World</b>  CHAIR: Prof Gigi Foster, UNSW	<b>Keynesian Approaches to Stewardship of Economies</b>  CHAIR: Prof Stephen Bartos, University of Canberra	<b>Valuation of the Environment and History</b>  CHAIR: Assoc Prof Duygu Yengin, University of Adelaide	<b>Financial Markets</b>  CHAIR: Dr Nadira Barkatullah, Aurecon Australasia	<b>Gender Relations</b>  CHAIR: Harshit Shah, ANU	<b>Consumer Expenditure Decisions</b>  CHAIR: Prof Maneka Jayasinghe, Charles Darwin University

	<p><b>RC Mills Lecture</b></p> <p>Introduction: Prof Stephen Whelan University of Sydney</p> <p><b>Prof Julie Berry Cullen</b> University of California</p> <p>Unintended consequences of education reforms</p> <p><i>Sponsored by University of Sydney School of Economics</i></p>	<p><b>Changchen Ge</b> Monash University</p> <p>The Inflationary Impact of Government Spending Shocks: Do Funding Choices Matter?</p>	<p><b>Md Sayed Iftekhar</b> Griffith University</p> <p>Nonmarket values of ecosystem services of the coastal lagoons in small island developing states</p>	<p><b>Summer Xia</b> Macquarie University</p> <p>Shareholder Participation and Wealth Transfer in Rights Offerings</p>	<p><b>Hong Ngoc (Ruby) Nguyen</b> University of Adelaide</p> <p>How Origin Institutions Shape Immigrants' Gender Norms: Evidence from Australia</p>	<p><b>Eliyathamby Selvanathan</b> 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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	<p><b>Tanya Livermore</b> Reserve Bank of Australia</p> <p>Declining Diversity and Enrolment in Australian Economics Education: Challenges and</p>	<p><b>Christopher Gibbs</b> University of Sydney</p> <p>Resolving New Keynesian Puzzles</p>	<p><b>Haikun Zhan</b> University of Auckland</p> <p>Sins of the Fathers: The Legacy of Frontier Violence on Australian Communities</p>	<p><b>Kulsoom Bibi</b> RMIT</p> <p>Financial Inclusion in a Changing Macroeconomic Environment</p>	<p><b>Simin Tao</b> University of Technology Sydney</p> <p>Relative Earnings and Decision Power within the Household: Evidence from Australia</p>	<p><b>Gan Xu</b> UTS</p> <p>Money's Identity Crisis: The Roles of Mental Accounting and Personality in Shaping Spending Behaviours</p>
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	<p>Insights from Recent RBA Research</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Christine Dowd</b> Queensland Economics Teachers' Association</p> <p>Economics in Queensland: A growth state</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Rebecca Cassells</b> The Treasury</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Clare Cotton</b> <b>Paul Pagani</b> NSW Education Standards Authority</p> <p>NSW Curriculum Review – Economics 11-12</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b> <b>The education of economists</b></p>	<p><b>Julian Pearce</b> Griffith University</p> <p>A louder bark for Australia's Fiscal Watch Dog</p>	<p><b>Thames Kularatne</b> Community and Patient Preference Research</p> <p>The Value of Heritage to the New South Wales Community</p>		<p><b>Luke Hartigan</b> University of Sydney</p> <p>House prices and divorce: evidence from Australia</p>	<p><b>Debajyoti Chakrabarty</b> 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

**BANQUET HALL**

Lunch

**Posters** – meet the authors 12.50-1.20pm

**MARBLE FOYER**

**Careers Fair**

*Our exhibitors:*

Reserve Bank of Australia

The Treasury

Department of Industry, Science and Resources

NSW Treasury

RBB Economics

Oxford Economics

Houston Kemp Economists

NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research

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**BOARDROOM, LEVEL 4**

**Heads of Department Lunch** (by invitation)

	GRAND LODGE	IONIC	CORINTHIAN	COMPOSITE	TUSCAN	DORIC
1.30 – 3.00pm	<p><b>SPECIAL SESSION</b></p> <p><b>Economics from inside Government</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Geraldine Carter NSW Treasury</p> <p>MODERATOR: Peter Achterstraat Commissioner, NSW Productivity and Equality</p>	<p><b>SPECIAL SESSION</b></p> <p><b>The Economics of Housing Policies</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Prof Rachel Viforj, Curtin University</p>	<p><b>Labour Markets; Government Support</b></p> <p>CHAIR:</p>	<p><b>Economic student presentations</b></p> <p><b>LIGHTNING</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Prof Gigi Foster, UNSW</p>	<p><b>Economic policy studies: Australia</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Dr Nadira Barkatullah, Aurecon Australasia</p>	<p><b>Studies of Australian education (demand)</b></p> <p>CHAIR: Assoc Prof Duygu Yengin, University of Adelaide</p>



	<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> Acting Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury</p>	<p><b>James Graham</b> University of Sydney</p> <p>Monetary policy and the home ownership rate</p>	<p><b>Maathu Ranjan</b> Australian National University</p> <p>Does disability funding impact employment prospects? A study of Australian carers and disability funding recipients</p>	<p><b>Bowen Zhang</b> Brisbane Grammar School</p> <p>The Dual Legacy of KAFTA: Trade Growth, Economic Gains, and Structural Risks in Australia-Korea Minerals/Metals Trade and Resource Dependency</p>	<p><b>Lee Mead</b> Ninesquared</p> <p>A Cost-Benefit Framework for Evaluating Investments in Improved Drinking Water Quality: An Australian Perspective</p>	<p><b>Emma Chow</b> RBA</p> <p>Where have all the Economics students gone? Insights from recent RBA research</p>
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	<p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <p>NSW Productivity and Equality Commission – Housing Research</p> <p><b>Elliott James</b> Principal Economist, Productivity Reform, NSW Treasury</p> <p>-----</p> <p>First Nations Investment Framework</p> <p><b>Laura Faulkner</b> Senior Analyst, First Nations Economic Wellbeing, NSW Treasury</p>	<p><b>Gianni La Cava</b> e61 Institute</p> <p>The effects of stamp duty on home purchase, mobility and prices</p>	<p><b>Matthew Maltman</b> E61 Institute</p> <p>Who does the government support through Job Loss?</p>	<p><b>Michael Dore</b> Brisbane Grammar School</p> <p>Australia's Trade with China Between 2014-2024 after the Signing of ChAFTA</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Joel Pallikunnel</b> Padua College</p> <p>International student market</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Anthony DeBellis</b> Padua College</p> <p>Trade pattern dependence on Trade Liberalisation</p>	<p><b>Ali Yasin Vergili</b> e61 Institute</p> <p>Financial Incentives and Fertility: Evidence from Linked Administrative Data on Australia’s Baby Bonus</p>	<p><b>Harshit Shah</b> Australian National University/e61 Institute</p> <p>From study to work: the effect of extending post-study work rights</p>
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	<p><b>Eugenia Marembo</b> Senior Policy Analyst, First Nations Economic Wellbeing, NSW Treasury</p> <p>-----</p> <p>National Competition Policy</p> <p><b>Anna Barker</b> Assistant Secretary, Competition Taskforce, Commonwealth Treasury</p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>Panel Session</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Peter Achterstraat</b>, Commissioner, NSW Productivity and Equality</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p><b>Michael Gadiel</b> Deputy Secretary,</p>	<p><b>Peter Siminski</b> University of Technology Sydney</p> <p>Housing, Income Inequality and Progressivity of Taxes and Transfers</p>	<p><b>Brendan Coates</b> Grattan Institute</p> <p>Renting in retirement: Why Rent Assistance needs to rise</p>	<p><b>Lochlan Savoca</b> Padua College</p> <p>Analysation of the impact of Trade Liberalisation on Electric Vehicles in Australia</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Thomas Moran</b> Padua College</p> <p>Is JAEPA still an effective FTA for the Australian economy</p>	<p><b>Aaron Korczak-Krzeczowski</b> Productivity Commission</p> <p>Birthday penalties? Employment effects of increases in the discontinuous age-based minimum wage. Evidence from Australian Administrative Data</p>	<p><b>Alec Zuo</b> Flinders University</p> <p>Mental health impacts on educational outcomes: a longitudinal study of Australian children</p>
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	<p>Procurement Reform and Banking, NSW Treasury</p> <p><b>Cass Wilkinson</b> Executive Director, Centre for Economic Evidence, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury</p> <p><b>Anna Barker</b> Assistant Secretary, Competition Taskforce, Commonwealth Treasury</p> <p><b>Christine Duke</b> Assistant Secretary, Aged Care, Veterans and Care Workforce, Department of Finance</p> <p><i>Supported by NSW Treasury</i></p>					
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3.00 – 3.30pm	<b>BANQUET HALL</b> Afternoon Refreshments					
3.30 – 5.00pm	<b>GRAND LODGE</b>	<b>IONIC</b>	<b>CORINTHIAN</b>	<b>COMPOSITE</b>	<b>TUSCAN</b>	<b>DORIC</b>
	<b>SPECIAL SESSION</b>  <b>Trump Tariffs and International Trade</b>  CHAIR: Dr Jenny Gordon, ANU	AI, Technology and Labour  CHAIR: Phillipa Chong, Chong & Jones Consulting	<b>2024 Young Economist Address</b> <hr/> <b>Young Economist Network Debate</b>	Commodities  CHAIR:	Economic policy studies: World  CHAIR:	Studies of Australian education (supply)  CHAIR: Prof Selva Selvanathan, Griffith University

	<p><b>Prof Adnan Khan</b> London School of Economics</p> <p>Trade and tariffs - adapting to a new system</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Gene Tunny</b> 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> ANU</p> <p>Tariffs, Myths and the Big Picture. “Making America Great Again”</p>	<p><b>Safdar Khan</b> CoGC</p> <p>Employment Prospects in the Age of AI</p>	<p><b>2024 Young Economist Address</b></p> <p><i>3.30-4.15pm</i></p> <p><b>Nathan Deutscher</b> The Treasury / University of Technology Sydney</p> <p>Intergenerational mobility in Australia</p>	<p><b>Aneeq Sarwar</b> AUSMASA</p> <p>The Economic Impact of Critical Minerals: Nexus of strategic and analytical challenges</p>	<p><b>Kwabena Addai</b> Griffith University</p> <p>Maternal Access to Rural Advisory Services and Child Nutrition: Impacts and Pathways</p>	<p><b>Benjamin Vu</b> 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> Treasury</p> <p>Does hiring more tech workers make other workers more productive?</p>	<p><b>Young Economist Network Debate</b></p> <p><i>4.30-5.15pm</i></p> <p>Would a huge increase in the price of oil be a good thing?</p> <p>Moderator: Brendan Coates, Grattan Institute</p>	<p><b>Natalia Ponomareva</b> Macquarie University</p> <p>Impact of commodity price uncertainty on industries in a small open economy: the case of Australia</p>	<p><b>Sujan Dhungel</b> 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> Australian National University</p> <p>School Funding and Student Performance in Australia</p>

		<p><b>Tris Sainsbury</b> Department of Industry, Science and Resources</p> <p>What drives the emergence of new technology-driven industries in Australia?</p>		<p><b>Cameron Murray</b> Fresh Economic Thinking</p> <p>Rent-controlled resources: Why are we under-charging Australia's mining tenants?</p>	<p><b>Hang Anh Nguyen</b> University of Wollongong</p> <p>The Evolution of the Child Penalty and Impacts of Maternity Leave Reform</p>	<p><b>Jack Buckley</b> e61 Institute</p> <p>Who stays, who goes? A new look at teacher attrition using administrative data</p>
5.30pm – 6.30pm	<p><b>CORINTHIAN</b></p> <p>Peter Martin hosts a live recording of ABC Radio National's <i>The Economy, Stupid</i></p>					
6.30pm Depart Sydney Masonic Centre	<p><b>Young Economist Network Social Event</b></p> <p>Surry Hills Hotel Cnr Elizabeth &amp; Campbell Streets, Surry Hills</p>					

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 delegates; discount code ACE2025



Tuesday 8 July

8.00am	<div>BANQUET HALL</div> <div>Registration Desk open</div> <div>Arrival tea and coffee</div> <div>RAWSON ROOM, Level 4</div> <div>QUIET ROOM – if you are looking for a spot for quiet contemplation, prayer, parenting duties or a little bit of ‘time out’</div>					
9.00 – 10.30am	GRAND LODGE	IONIC	CORINTHIAN	COMPOSITE	TUSCAN	DORIC
	<div>SPECIAL SESSION</div> <div>History and Role of Indigenous Economic History</div> <div>CHAIR: Prof Hugh Harley, University of Sydney</div>	<div>Economic Analyses and Contributions by the Public Service</div> <div>LIGHTNING</div> <div>CHAIR: Michael Potter</div>	<div>Aged Care and Older Workers</div> <div>CHAIR: Dr Evelyn Lee, University of Sydney</div>	<div>Development and Labour</div> <div>CHAIR: Angus Woods, NSW Treasury</div>	<div>Econometric Methods</div> <div>CHAIR: Jessica Xu, NSW Treasury</div>	<div>Inflation, Monetary Policy, Expectations and Behaviour</div> <div>CHAIR: Prof Ashton de Silva, RMIT</div>

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

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

		<p><b>Oscar Lane</b> Department of Industry, Science and Resources</p> <p>The impacts of business participation in the government's largest business advisory program, the Entrepreneurs' Programme</p>				
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	<p><b>SPECIAL SESSION</b></p> <p><b>Celebrating Women Economists in the Past 100 Years</b></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: Prof Phil Lewis, University of Canberra</p>

	<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> University of Technology Sydney</p> <p>Exploring Declining Job Mobility in Australia: The Role of Demographic Changes</p>	<p><b>Tim Helm</b> Prosper Australia</p> <p>Zoning and housing supply: empirics in search of a theory</p>	<p><b>Kat Heinrich</b> Rawtec</p> <p>The Economics of Food Waste: What Are We Really Throwing Away?</p>	<p><b>Omer Majeed &amp; Adrian Domazet</b> Treasury</p> <p>Price elasticity and habit formation: The Australian Aviation Sector</p>	<p><b>Brodie Dobson-Keeffe</b> Ip Australia</p> <p>The Impact of Labour Mobility on Innovation in Australia</p>
		<p><b>Riley Smithers</b> The Treasury</p> <p>Understanding trends in full-time labour force participation of Australian-born men</p>	<p><b>Marcel Peruffo</b> University of Sydney</p> <p>The Short-Term Impact of Net Overseas Migration on Residential Real Estate Prices and Rents - Evidence from Australia Neighbourhood-Level Data</p>	<p><b>Sijia Liu</b> 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> 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> National Sun Yat-sen University</p> <p>Product Bundling and Quality Innovation in Network Industries</p>

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

		<p><b>Lixin Cai</b></p> <p>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</p> <p>Targeting Labour Market Programs Towards the Disadvantaged: An Analysis of the Effects of Job Seeker Streaming in Australia</p>				
12.30 – 1.30pm	<p><b>BANQUET HALL</b> Lunch</p> <p><b>MARBLE FOYER</b> <b>WEN Lunch</b> (by RSVP only)</p>					



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

	<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> Victoria University</p> <p>Carbon pricing when an emissions trading scheme is off the table</p>	<p>-----</p> <p><b>Prof Jose Merigo</b> University of Technology Sydney</p> <p>Centennial anniversary of the Economic Record: A bibliometric retrospective</p>	<p><b>Ashani Abayasekara</b> Monash University</p> <p>Mental health and differential belief updating: Evidence from unemployment shocks</p>	<p><b>Owen Gabbitas</b> Productivity Commission</p> <p>US trade policy impacts on Australia and the world – analysis</p>	<p><b>Sam Mathieson</b> NSW Treasury</p> <p>Understanding the NSW First Nations business sector</p>	<p><b>Silvia Griselda</b> 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> University of Sydney</p> <p>Wings of Growth: a mindset intervention in rural China</p>	<p><b>Larry Liu</b> Reserve Bank of Australia</p> <p>The Trade-Inflation Nexus: The Role of Production Networks</p>	<p><b>Jessica Xu</b> NSW Treasury</p> <p>NSW Performance and Wellbeing Framework</p> <p><b>Patrick Elkington &amp; Anna-Sophia Cetin</b> Reserve Bank of Australia</p> <p>Identifying Risk Characteristics of New Mortgage Lending</p>	<p><b>Dipanwita Sarkar</b> Queensland University of Technology</p> <p>Are preferences for redistribution and fairness norms sensitive to income inequality?</p>

					<p><b>Angus Woods</b> NSW Treasury</p> <p>Development of NSW specific carbon values which are mandatory for use in cost-benefit analysis across the NSW public sector</p>	
7.00pm	<p><b>ACE2025 Conference Dinner</b> The Strangers' Room, Parliament House 6 Macquarie Street Sydney</p> <p>ESA Annual Awards and celebration of ESA 100-year anniversary 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

8.00am	<div>BANQUET HALL</div> <div>Registration Desk open</div> <div>Arrival tea and coffee</div> <div>RAWSON ROOM, Level 4</div> <div>QUIET ROOM – if you are looking for a spot for quiet contemplation, prayer, parenting duties or a little bit of ‘time out’</div>					
9.00 – 10.30am	<div>GRAND LODGE</div> <div>PLENARY</div> <div>History of Australian Economic Policy</div> <div>CHAIR: Prof Guay Lim, University of Melbourne</div> <div>What has Australian macroeconomic thought achieved in the past century – and where can it contribute in the next?</div> <div>Andrew Hauser, Deputy Governor RBA</div> <div>History of Economic Policy in Australia</div> <div>Ross Gittins, SMH</div>					
10.30 – 11.00am	<div>BANQUET HALL</div> <div>Morning Refreshments</div>					
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11.00 – 12.30pm	<b>SPECIAL SESSION</b>  <b>Fiscal Policy and Tax Reform</b>  CHAIR: Prof James Morley, University of Sydney	<b>Economic Impacts of COVID</b>  CHAIR: Prof Gigi Foster, UNSW	<b>Health Policy</b>  CHAIR: <i>tbc</i>	<b>Climate</b>  CHAIR: Dr Tom Longden, Western Sydney University	<b>Economic Theory</b>  CHAIR: Assoc Prof Duygu Yengin, University of Adelaide	<b>Trade / Energy</b>  CHAIR: <i>tbc</i>
	<b>Prof Ben Philips</b> ANU  A better tax and transfer system for Australia  <b>Stephen Bartos</b> University of Canberra	<b>Jeff Borland</b> University of Melbourne  Decline to boom and back again: The Australian labour market in the COVID-19 era (2000-2024)	<b>Persis Eskander &amp; Nick Sladden</b> Productivity Commission  Financial mechanisms for better value hospital care	<b>Mohammad Razib Hossain</b> The University of Adelaide  Effects of extreme weather events on economic resilience: Empirical evidence from Australian households	<b>Duygu Yengin</b> University of Adelaide  Reconciling Fairness and Efficiency: A Game-Theoretic Approach to Compulsory Acquisition under Legal Uncertainty	<b>Rahul Sen</b> Auckland University of Technology  A Quantitative Evaluation of Static and Dynamic effects of expanding CPTPP membership and free trade in the backdrop of Trade War 2.0

	<p>Does independent scrutiny of government spending proposals improve fiscal outcomes?</p> <p><b>Robert Breunig</b> ANU</p> <p>Fiscal Policy and Tax Reform: Where are we headed?</p>	<p><b>William Morton &amp; Archana Subramaniam</b> Productivity Commission</p> <p>Productivity before and after COVID-19</p>	<p><b>Sebastian Broadhurst</b> Productivity Commission</p> <p>Powering Down Pollution: Health and Economic Benefits of PM10 Reductions from Coal Station Closures</p>	<p><b>Rabindra Nepal</b> University of Wollongong</p> <p>Channelling aid towards equality: Climate finance funds and carbon inequality</p>	<p><b>Hugh Harley</b> University of Sydney</p> <p>Implications of recent advances in evolutionary biology for economic policy and theory</p>	<p><b>Fangyuan Liu</b> The University of Auckland</p> <p>The "She-Power" in the Household: The Managerial Advantage of Women in China's Energy Poverty and Its Boundary</p>
		<p><b>Blair Chapman</b> Seek</p> <p>The Australian Beveridge curve in the wake of COVID-19</p>	<p><b>Nataliya Ilyushina</b> RMIT</p> <p>How Digital Abilities Shape Wellbeing and Social Inclusion: An Empirical Study of Victorians</p>	<p><b>Sadhana Srivastava</b> Infisum Modelling Inc</p> <p>Climate change risks and its differential impacts on income inequality: An empirical investigation using threshold analysis</p>	<p><b>Riko Stevens</b> University of Notre Dame</p> <p>Alfred Marshall on the Microeconomics of Speculation</p>	

12.30 – 1.15pm	<b>BANQUET HALL</b> Lunch  <b>Posters</b> – meet the authors 12.45-1.10pm						
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>  <b>Inequality</b>  CHAIR: Prof Alison Preston, UWA	<b>Energy</b>  CHAIR: Dr Tom Longden, Western Sydney University	<b>Economic Policy Modelling</b>  CHAIR: <i>tbc</i>	<b>Productivity and Asset Pricing</b>  CHAIR: Dr Alex Millmow, Federation University	<b>Sustainability, Trust, and Performance</b>  CHAIR: <i>tbc</i>	<b>Labour Markets: Governance and Regulation</b>  CHAIR: Prof Jeff Borland, University of Melbourne	
	<b>Catherine De Fontenay</b> Productivity Commission  -----  <b>Roger Wilkins</b> University of Melbourne	<b>Anthony Rush</b> Australian Energy Market Commission  Projecting electricity and energy costs over the transition	<b>James Morley</b> University of Sydney  Assessing monetary-fiscal interactions in New Zealand using a regime-switching Bayesian Local Projection model	<b>Hong Gayeon</b> Seoul National University  Demand-Shifting Intangibles, Market Concentration and the Pricing of Risk	<b>Hassan Gholipour Fereidouni</b> Western Sydney University  The Impact of Anti-Money Laundering Regulations on House Prices in OECD Countries	<b>Joel Bowman</b> Domain  Examining the Macroeconomic Costs of Occupational Entry Regulations	



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2.45 – 3.00pm	<p><b>MARBLE FOYER</b>  <i>Stretch and drink break</i></p>					

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>