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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Agricultural Markets, Commodity Prices, Political Violence, Economic Forecasting

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

2023– Associate Professor – School of Economics, University of Sydney

EDUCATION

2010 Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics – Purdue University (USA)
Dissertation: Nonlinear Multivariate Modelling and Forecasting of Commodity Prices

RESEARCH

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TEACHING

Recognition

2017 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences **Teaching Excellence Award**

Current Courses

2018– Agricultural Markets

2013– Forecasting for Economics and Business

Previous Courses

Agribusiness Marketing (2013-2014); Commodity Market and Price Analysis (2015-2017); Econometric Analysis (2015-2019); Environmental Economics (2016,2019-2021); Industrial Organization (2013-2014,2016); Introduction to Econometrics (2021); Research Exercises (2012-2013)