

34th PHD CONFERENCE IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

Day 1: Thursday 11 November

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| Thursday 11 November 8:40 – 9:00 am (AEST) |
| Welcoming speech, introduction, and housekeeping rules |
| Prof. Daniel Zizzo |

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| Session 1 Thursday 11 November 9:00-10:45 am (AEST) | |
| Session 1A: Education | Session 1B: Macroeconomics |
| <i>Education, Health, and Health-related Behaviour: A Natural Experiment in Egypt</i> | <i>Cyber Security and Financial Stability</i> |
| Presenter: Islam Khalil (Deakin University) | Presenter: Chanelle Duley (University of Auckland) |
| Discussant: David Johnston | Discussant: Mei Dong |
| <i>The Impacts of Outdoor Time-use on Children's School Readiness</i> | <i>The Effect of Credit Constraints on House Prices: (Further) Evidence from a Survey Experiment</i> |
| Presenter: Thao Nguyen (University of Melbourne) | Presenter: Tom Cusbert (University of Sydney) |
| Discussant: Mario Fiorini | Discussant: Yunho Cho |
| <i>The Impacts of School Autonomy on Student Outcome: Evidence from the PISA Data</i> | <i>Financial Inclusion and Economic Growth</i> |
| Presenter: Elcin Tuzel (University of Queensland) | Presenter: Mughees Bhalli (University of Tasmania) |
| Discussant: Gigi Foster | Discussant: Pedro Gomis Porqueras |
| Chair: Rigissa Megalokonomou | Chair: Andrés Bellofatto |

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| Session 2 Thursday 11 November 11:00 am-12:45 pm (AEST) | |
| Session 2A: Applied Economics I | Session 2B: Energy |
| <i>The Effects of Temperature on Economic Preferences in Developing Countries</i> | <i>Does Income Affect Climbing the Energy Ladder? A New Utility-Based Approach for Measuring Energy Poverty</i> |

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| Presenter: Michelle Escobar (Monash University) | Presenter: Luan Nguyen (Griffith University) |
| Discussant: Sarah Walker | Discussant: Andrea La Nauze |
| <i>How Society Moves: Social and Physical Infrastructures</i> | <i>Real-time Price Elasticity in Electricity: Evaluating Regression-based Methods</i> |
| Presenter: Steve Bickley (Queensland University of Technology) | Presenter: Jieyang Chong (Monash University) |
| Discussant: Paul Raschky | Discussant: Paul Burke |
| <i>Does Uncertainty Matter for Trade Flows of Emerging Economies?</i> | <i>Foreign Aid and Energy Poverty: Sub-national Evidence from Senegal</i> |
| Presenter: Tayushma Sewak (University of Adelaide) | Presenter: Musharavati Ephraim Munyanyi (RMIT) |
| Discussant: Pascalis Raimondos | Discussant: Pushkar Maitra |
| Chair: Vera te Velde | Chair: KK Tang |

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DISCUSSION PANEL ON ENERGY ECONOMICS Thursday 11 November 2:00-3.15 pm (AEST)

[Gordon Leslie](#) (Monash University): How pricing network congestion changes the path of a clean energy transition

[Flavio Menezes](#) (University of Queensland): The ESB post-2025 market design process: the good, the bad and the ugly

[Tim Nelson](#) (Griffith University): What's next for the Renewable Energy Target – resolving Australia's integration of energy and climate change policy?

Chair: Marco Faravelli

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| Session 3 Thursday 11 November 3:30-5:15 pm (AEST) | |
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| Session 3A: Applied Economics II | Session 3B: Other Topics in Economics |
| <i>An Analysis of the Gender Pay Gap in Bangladesh Using Generalized Entropy Measures 2010-2017</i> | <i>Disparities of Power in Nonprofit Governance</i> |
| Presenter: Rafiqul Islam (Macquarie University) | Presenter: Penny York (University of Western Australia) |
| Discussant: Rebecca Edwards | Discussant: Luke Connelly |
| <i>Central Administration and the Rise of Local Institutions: Evidence from Imperial China</i> | <i>Monetary Policy Transmission in the Sri Lankan Economy</i> |
| Presenter: Haikun Zhan (University of Melbourne) | Presenter: Muhammadu Theseem (University of Wollongong) |

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| Discussant: Umair Khalil <i>The Value of Names - Civil Society, Information, and Governing Multinational on the Global Periphery</i> | Discussant: Tim Kam <i>Modelling the Effects of Banking Capital Regulation in Australia and NZ</i> |
| Presenter: David Kreitmeir (Monash University) | Presenter: Julian Peters (University of New South Wales) |
| Discussant: Lionel Page | Discussant: Francesco Carli |
| Chair: Haishan Yuan | Chair: Satoshi Tanaka |

Day 2: Friday 12 November

| Session 1 Friday 12 November 9:00-10:45 am (AEST) | |
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| Session 1A: Microeconomics | Session 1B: Banking |
| <i>Experts, Trust and Competition</i> | <i>Empowering the Powerless: Financial Inclusion in Developing Africa and Asia</i> |
| Presenter: James Li (University of Queensland) | Presenter: Ha Trang Vo (University of Adelaide) |
| Discussant: Uwe Dulleck | Discussant: Lisa Cameron |
| <i>Competing Sellers in Security-Bid Auctions under Risk-Averse Bidders</i> | <i>Money, Credit and Imperfect Competition Among Banks</i> |
| Presenter: Diego Carrasco Novoa (University of Queensland) | Presenter: Ieng Man Ng (Australian National University - Research School of Economics) |
| Discussant: Juan Carlos Carbajal | Discussant: Nicolas De Roos |
| <i>Affirmative Actions with Multi-Dimensional Privileged Types</i> | |
| Presenter: Hao Zhou (University of Technology Sydney) | |
| Discussant: Metin Uyanik | |
| Chair: Carlos Oyarzún | Chair: Frederique Bracoud |

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| Session 2 Friday 12 November 11:00 am-12:45 pm (AEST) | |
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| Session 2A: Finance I | Session 2B: Econometrics I |
| <i>What Are Mutual Funds Really Good At?</i> | <i>Has R&D Contributed to Productivity in China? The Role of Basic, Applied and Experimental R&D Activities</i> |
| Presenter: Mengchuan Wang (University of Melbourne) | Presenter: Sudyumna Dahal (ANU Crawford School) |

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| Discussant: Eric Tan | Discussant: Antonio Peyrache |
| <i>Organization Capital and Labor Investment Efficiency</i> | <i>Financial Distress and Forecast Errors</i> |
| Presenter: Trinh Hue Le (University of Queensland) | Presenter: Brooke Peel (Monash University) |
| Discussant: Lizi Yu | Discussant: Mengheng Li |
| <i>Capital and Bank Failures in the Presence of Network Effects</i> | <i>Individual Causal Inference Using Panel Data With Multiple Outcomes</i> |
| Presenter: Emiliano Carlevaro (University of Western Australia) | Presenter: Wei Tian (University of New South Wales) |
| Discussant: Prasanna Sudhir Gai | Discussant: Bin Peng |
| Chair: Shino Takayama | Chair: Christiern Rose |

POSTER SESSION Friday 12 November 12:45-2:00 pm (AEST)

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PLENARY SESSION Friday 12 November 2:00-3.15 pm (AEST)

Presenter: [Marina Agranov](#) (California Institute of Technology)

Title: “Information Aggregation on Networks: an Experimental Study” (Agranov, M., Gillen, B., and Persitz, D.)

Chair: Allan Hernández-Chanto

| Session 3 Friday 12 November 3:30-5:15 pm (AEST) | |
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| Session 3A: Finance II | Session 3B: Econometrics II |
| <i>Social Media Management: Evidence on Seasoned Equity Offerings</i> | <i>Estimating Heterogenous Treatment Effects by an Extension to Bayesian Additive Regression Tree</i> |
| Presenter: Ruiqi Mao (University of Sydney) | Presenter: Yu Yang (University of New South Wales) |
| Discussant: Frank Liu | Discussant: Gael Martin |
| <i>Stock Liquidity and Corporate Labor Investment</i> | <i>On Measuring the Sampling Variability of Estimated Combinations of Distributional Forecasts</i> |
| Presenter: He Huang (University of Sydney) | Presenter: Ryan Zischke (Monash University) |
| Discussant: Huu Duong | Discussant: Eric Eisenstat |

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| <i>Equity Offering Following Cyberattacks</i> | <i>The Dynamic Dirichlet Process Mixture Model: An Application to Bank Size Distribution</i> |
| Presenter: Xiaohui Liu (University of Adelaide) | Presenter: Xuan Vu (University of Melbourne) |
| Discussant: Elizabeth Zhu | Discussant: Mohamad Khaled |
| Chair: Axel Wieneke | Chair: Fu Ouyang |