

Reflecting Back and Forging Ahead

My first year at Monash Business School

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First year of my PhD research



I had this amazing view when I was heading to Cairns, Australia for a conference



Weekly Meetings with my PhD Supervisors

HDR Grant Writing Workshop organized by MPA

- How to write a grant proposal which will catch the attention of funding bodies

Critical Friend

"A trusted person who asks provocative questions, provides data to be examined through another lens, and offers critique of a person's work as a friend. A critical friend takes the time to fully understand the context of the work presented and the outcomes that the person or group is working toward. The friend is an advocate for the success of that work."

(Source: Costa, A & Kallick, B, 1993, *Through the Lens of a Critical Friend*. Educational Leadership)

**Everybody needs a critical friend.
But finding one is difficult.**



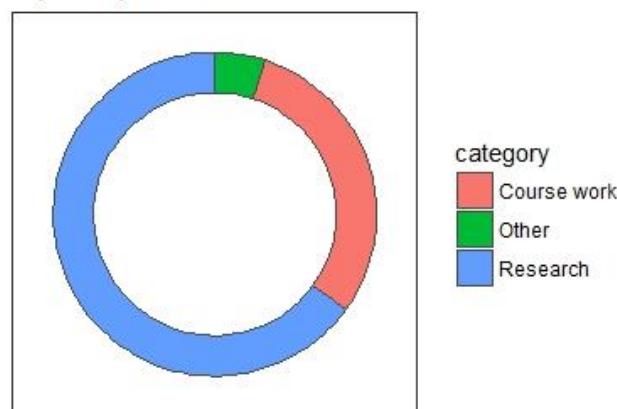
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Weekly Meetings with my PhD Supervisors (my critical friends)

Weekly summary

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Week1 - 22.2.16	Week2 - 29.2.16	week3 - 1.3.16	week4 - 7.3.19
week5 - 15.3.19	week6 - 22.3.16	week7 - 5.4.16 mvtspplot	week8 - 12.4.16,14.4.16 ts features
week9 - 19.4.16	week10 - 26.4.16	week11 - 03.5.16	week12 - 10.5.16
week13 - 19.5.16	week14 - 24.5.16 research plan	week15 - 31.5.16	week16,17 - 7.5.16
week18 - 28.6.16	week19 - 12.7.16	week20 - 19.7.16, feature literature	week21 - 27.7.16 -Thesis
week22 - 02.08.16	week23 - 10.08.16 Received FFT data	week24 - 16.08.16	week25 - 23.08.16
week26 - 30.09.16	week27 - 06.09.16	week28 - 13.09.16	week29 - 20.9.16
week30-5.10.16 - ben fulcher visit	week31 - 11.10.16	week32 - 19.10.16	week33 - 4.11.16 (after exams)
week34 - 8.11.16 thesis	week35 - 16.11.16 -wilkinson's paper	week36 - 22.11.2016	week37 - 29.11.16
week38 - 6.12.16	week39 - 13.12.16 clifton's work, HD outliers R	week40 - 6.01.17	week41 - 12.1.17
week42 - 17.1.17 EVT book coles; psi trans R	week43 - 24.1.16 confirmation report	week44 - 2.2.17 clifton gumbe only	week45 - 9.2.11
week46- confirmation ppt	zConfirmation documents		

My first year focus



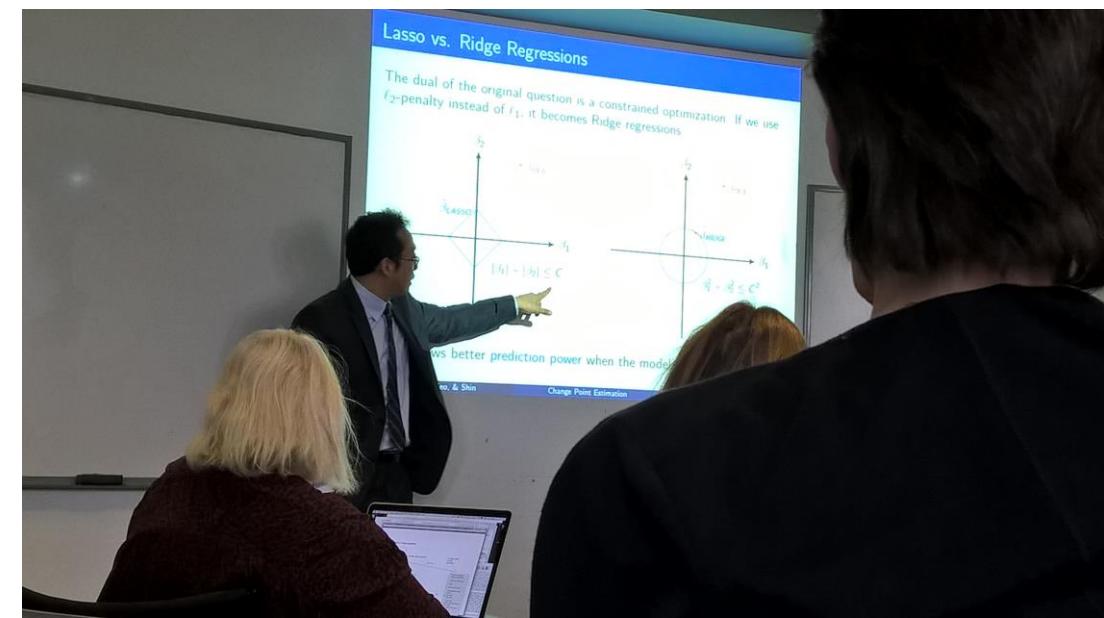
Training/workshop sessions organized by Monash Business School

- MBS Library Graduate Research Training Program:
 - Developing a plan for successful doctoral study
 - EndNote training
 - The literature review
 - Getting started with thesis writing
- Writing an Effective Abstract for a Conference Paper or Journal Article
- Preparing and Presenting a Conference Poster



EBS seminar

- Reading groups prior to seminars - discuss the paper and any relevant background material
- Special lecture Series for PhD Students (2 - 3 hrs)
 - Special lecture by Professor Gael Martin : " An introduction to Bayesian Inference "
 - Special lecture by Professor Brendan McCabe: "The Analysis of Integer-valued Time Series Models"
 - Special lecture by Professor Eric Renault: "GMM and Empirical Likelihood"
 - Special lecture Professor Jiti Gao on non-parametric



Three minutes competitions



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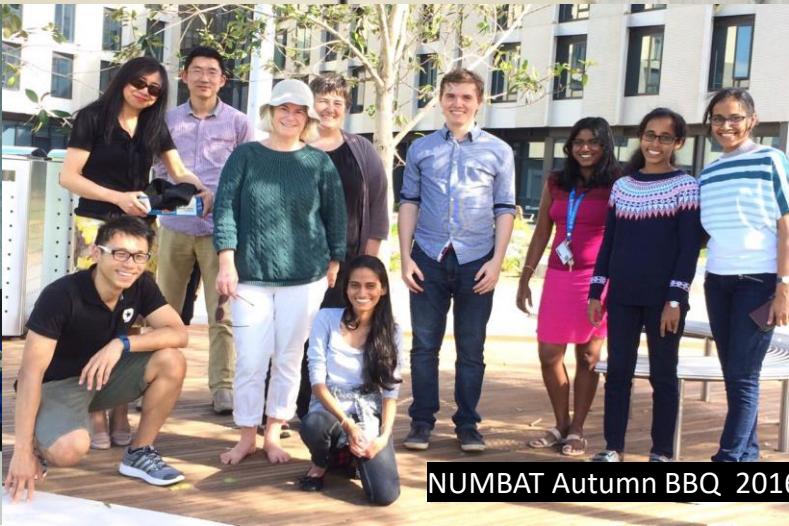
NUMBAT (News and Updates of the Monash Business Analytics Team)



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NUMBAT Christmas party 2016



NUMBAT Autumn BBQ 2016



NUMBATS @MCG watching T20 cricket match

Workshops and Conferences



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ISF 2017 (International Symposium of Forecasting) in Cairns, Australia

Travel grant from Department of
Econometrics and Business Statistics



Image Credit : ISF Conference website and my photo gallery

My next talk

Young
Statisticians
Conference
2017

Modelling Our Future
Sept. 2017



Image Credit : Conference website

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Brisbane R UnConference

- Brings together 40 data scientists from academia and industry
- Discuss challenges relating to open data, open science, reproducibility, and automation



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meetup Groups

R ladies Melbourne



Melbourne Users of R Network (MelbURN)



R Ladies is a world-wide organization to promote gender diversity in the R community

Organize monthly meeting on R-related topics to share knowledge and experience

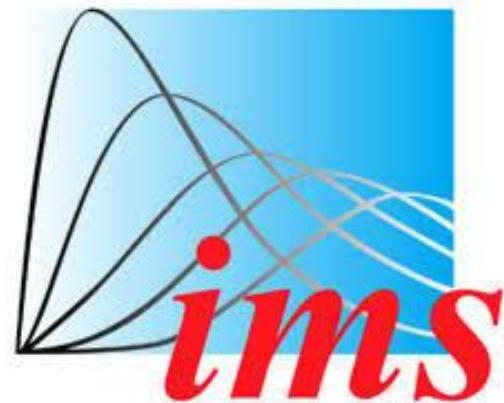
To join - search "[Meetups near Melbourne](#)"

Image Credit : Meetup group website

Membership of Associations

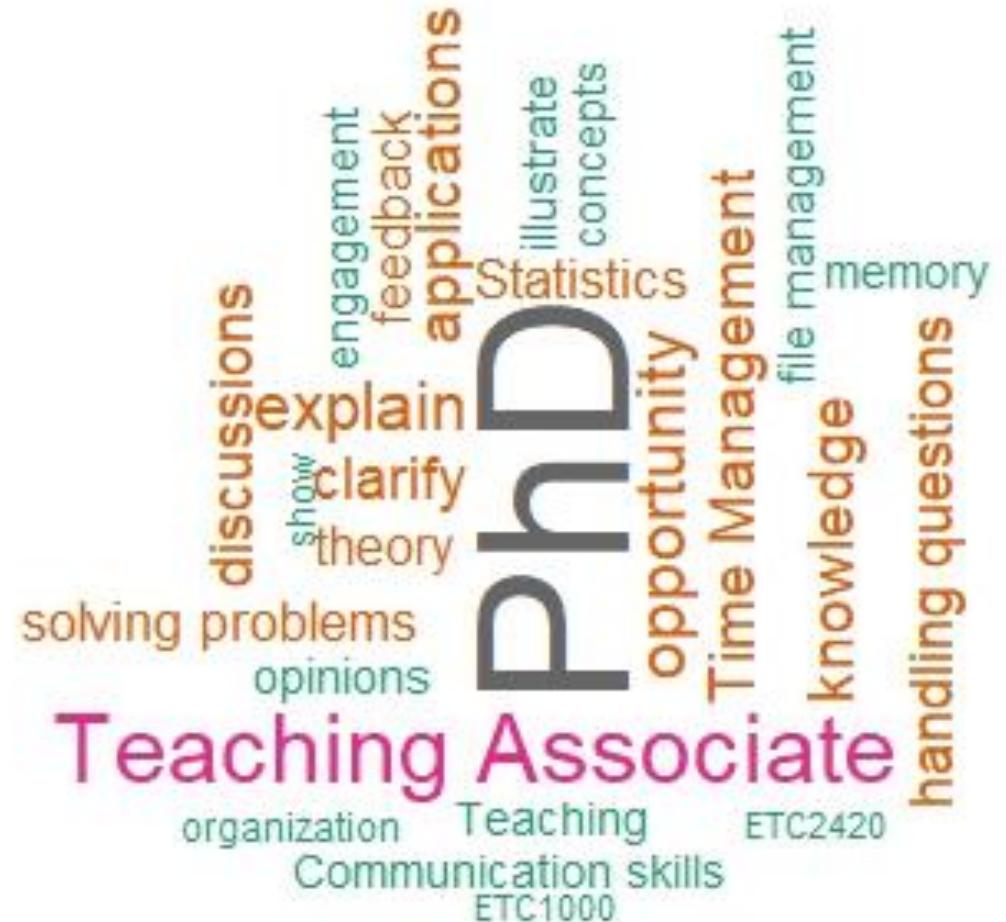
- Travel grants (offer financial support to selected conferences)
- Reduced fees for Workshops and Conferences
- Subsidised registration fees for conferences
- Subscription to the Society's Newsletters (announcements, and upcoming events.)

Student membership costs just 10 - 25AUD
it's well worth it!



Teaching Associate

- Professional Development Session for Teaching Associates organized by Monash Business School
- Time Management - It's all about our priorities



Monash Library Facilities

- Online request to have the item send to a chosen pick up location
- Items can be returned to any library



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MPA Volunteering



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Learn to Travel. Travel to Learn



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Permanent
head
Damage

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Perfect
healthy
Diet



MONASH
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*Come aboard
to take your
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journey...*



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