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Project title: Roles of human capital and technological progress in a comparative growth analysis of India and China.

This project looks at examining factors such human capital, technology, labour, trade etc., which may act as a threshold level for successful growth in China and India in the long run. We intend to collect data on education on various levels, technology, population and other factors for India and China in aggregate and also by sectors, which goes back at least 50 years.

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Project title: Measuring transaction costs in Australian water markets
High costs in market transactions can lead to reduced activity and/or inefficient outcomes (e.g. less transfers of much needed water resources to environmental flows). This research project will help capture data on transaction costs in water markets, which has never been fully explored before. The work is being conducted as part of the water research group at UniSA, and is funded as part of a national Discovery grant program, which is highly competitive and renowned. It will provide good experience and recognisable future work benefits to the successful candidate.

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Project title: Measures of agricultural technological progress in nineteenth and twentieth century
This project aims to find relevant, consistent and continuous measures to quantify technological progress, in the Australian agricultural sector, in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. We aim to identify and record consistent and continuous data from the records of the Royal Agricultural Societies, state libraries and botanic gardens located in each state. As several of these organisations were founded shortly after colonisation, their records extend back further, and more consistently than data collected by post-Federation institutions. The data will allow us to analyse changes to innovation, local technological adoption and thus assess aspects of Australian agricultural productivity and efficiency over an extended period.

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