

Friday, August 11

9:00 – 9:20 *Registration and Welcome*

Session 1

CHAIR: Russell Ross, University of Sydney

9:20 – 10:10 Alison Booth, University of Essex and Australian National University, Melvyn Coles, I.C.R.E.A. and I.A.E. and **Xiaodong Gong**, Australian National University
INCREASING RETURNS TO EDUCATION: THEORY AND EVIDENCE
Discussant: Jenny Williams, University of Melbourne

10:10 – 11:00 Buly A. Cardak, La Trobe University and **Chris Ryan**, Australian National University
WHY ARE HIGH-ABILITY INDIVIDUALS FROM POOR BACKGROUNDS UNDER-REPRESENTED AT UNIVERSITY?
Discussant: Mick Coelli, University of Melbourne

11:00 – 11:20 *Morning Tea & Coffee*

Session 2

CHAIR: Garry Barrett, University of New South Wales

11:20 – 12:10 **Andrew Leigh**, Australian National University
ESTIMATING TEACHER QUALITY FROM CHANGES IN STUDENTS' TEST SCORES
Discussant: Steve Stillman, Motu

12:10 – 1:00 S. Bradley, Lancaster University, C. Green, Lancaster University and **Gareth Leeves**, University of Queensland
PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY EFFECTS ON TEACHER TURNOVER AND MOBILITY
Discussant: Deborah Cobb-Clark, Australian National University

1:00 – 2:10 *Lunch*

Session 3

CHAIR: Aydogan Ulker, Australian National University

2:10 – 3:00 Guyonne Kalb, University of Melbourne and **Sholeh A. Maani**, University of Auckland
THE IMPORTANCE OF DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL BEFORE TAKING EXAMINATIONS IN ANALYSING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
Discussant: Bob Breunig, Australian National University

3:00 – 3:50 **Chikako Yamauchi**, Australian National University
CAN INVESTMENT IN HOUSEHOLD ENTERPRISE ADVANCE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE?
Discussant: Pauline Halchuk, University of South Australia

3:50 – 4:15 *Afternoon Tea & Coffee*

4:15 – 5:30 Invited Speaker: **William E. Becker**, Indiana University
ECONOMICS, ECONOMETRICS AND POLICY STUDIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Saturday, August 12

9:00 – 9:20 *Late Registrations*

Session 1

CHAIR: Elliott Fan, Australian National University

9:10 – 10:10 **Bruce Bradbury**, University of New South Wales
THE IMPACT OF YOUNG MOTHERHOOD IN AUSTRALIA
Discussant: Bob Gregory, Australian National University

10:10 – 11:00 Michelle Cunich, University of Sydney and **Stephen Whelan**, University of Sydney
NURSING BEHAVIOUR IN NEW SOUTH WALES
Discussant: Malathi Velamuri, Victoria University of Wellington

11:00 – 11:20 *Morning Tea & Coffee*

Session 2

CHAIR: Sholeh Maani, University of Auckland

11:20 – 12:10 **Denise Doiron**, University of New South Wales and Tue Gørgens, Australian National University
STATE DEPENDENCE IN YOUTH LABOUR MARKET EXPERIENCES
Discussant: Andrew Leigh, Australian National University

12:10 – 1:00 **Peng Yu**, Australian National University
LOW EARNINGS: A STICKY STEPPING STONE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT RECIPIENTS
Discussant: Paul Frijters, Queensland University of Technology

1:00 – 2:10 *Lunch*

Session 3

CHAIR: Mike Shields, University of Melbourne

2:10 – 3:00 **Lixin Cai**, Melbourne Institute
THE EFFECTS OF HEALTH ON WAGES OF AUSTRALIAN MEN
Discussant: Bruce Bradbury, University of New South Wales

3:00 – 3:50 **Paul Frijters**, Queensland University of Technology and Aydogan Ulker, Australian National University
THE ROBUSTNESS OF THE DIFFERENT HEALTH MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO LIFE STYLE CHOICES
Discussant: Elizabeth Savage, University of Technology Sydney

3:50 – 4:30 *Afternoon Tea & Coffee*

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