



The University of Western Australia



**2006 PhD Conference in Economics and Business  
Australian National University  
8 – 10 November 2006**

<b>DAY 1: Wednesday 8 November</b>	
<b>6.30-9.00pm</b>	Welcome BBQ and Registration : University House
<b>DAY 2: Thursday 09 November</b>	
<b>8.30am</b>	Late Registration – Foyer Coombs Lecture Theatre
<b>8.45am</b>	Conference Welcome and Opening –Foyer Coombs Lecture Theatre
<b>9.00 – 11.00am</b>	<p><b>Session 1: Seminar Room A</b></p> <p><b>1.</b> Tesfaye Gebremedhin, University of Sydney <i>Poverty Dynamics and Persistence in Urban Ethiopia</i> Discussant: Robert Breunig</p> <p><b>2.</b> Adam Komarek, University of Sydney <i>An Empirical Analysis of Market Access and Production Constraints in Ugandan Agriculture</i> Discussant: Prem Thapa</p> <p><b>3.</b> Quoc Hoi Le, University of Adelaide <i>Foreign Direct Investment and Wage Spillovers in Vietnam: Evidence from Firm Level Data</i> Discussant: Satish Chand</p> <p><b>Session 2: Seminar Room B</b></p> <p><b>1.</b> Shane Worner, Australian National University <i>The Effects of Assortative Mating on Income Inequality: A Decompositional Analysis</i> Discussant: Steven Kennedy</p> <p><b>2.</b> Duc Hong Vo, University of Western Australia <i>Measuring Fiscal Decentralisation: An Entopic Approach</i> Discussant: David Gruen</p> <p><b>3.</b> Sunny Yang, Australian Graduate School of Management <i>Competing Investment Strategies with Fixed Costs and Uncertainty</i> Discussant: Joshua Gans</p>
<b>11:00-11.30am</b>	<b>Morning Tea – Coombs Lecture Theatre Foyer</b>

<p><b>11.30-1.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Session 3: Seminar Room A</b></p> <p>1. Ryan Greenaway-McGrevy, University of Auckland <i>Common Factor Structure, Covariate Component Representation and Panel Predictive Regressions: Application to Stock Returns.</i> Discussant: Richard Heaney</p> <p>2. Sambit Bhattacharyya, Australian National University <i>Which Institutions Matter Most For Growth?</i> Discussant: John Asker</p> <p>3. Laurence Lester, Flinders University <i>An Index of Labour Market Success: Reflective, Formative and MIMIC Models with Reference to Immigrants to Australia</i> Discussant: Nick Carroll</p> <p><b>Session 4: Seminar Room B</b></p> <p>1. TBA – paper withdrawn</p> <p>2. Lan Dang, University of Melbourne <i>International Trade in Education and Implications For Australian Universities’ Cost Structure</i> Discussant: Chris Ryan</p> <p>3. Witada Anukoonwattaka, University of Melbourne <i>Outsourcing Decisions of a Multinational: A Theoretical Model and Empirical Evidence from Toyota, Thailand</i> Discussant: Bill Schworm</p>
<p><b>1.30-2.45pm</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch University House</b></p>
<p><b>2.45-4.05pm</b></p>	<p><b>Session 5: Seminar Room A</b></p> <p>1. Sherryl Broderick, University of New England <i>Consumer perceptions of “clean, green and humane” Lamb production in Australia</i> Discussant: Clevo Wilson</p> <p>2. James Bugden, La Trobe University <i>Neighbourhood and Quality Effects in Repeat-Sales House Price Indices</i> Discussant: Jennifer Foster</p> <p><b>Session 6: Seminar Room B</b></p> <p>1. Christian Roessler, University of Melbourne <i>Can Rivalry Increase Prices?</i> Discussant: Arghya Ghosh</p> <p>2. Martin Byford, University of Melbourne <i>A Constrained Coalitional Approach to Price Formation</i> Discussant: Rohan Pitchford</p>
<p><b>4.05-4:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Afternoon Tea – Coombs Lecture Theatre Foyer</b></p>
<p><b>4:30-5:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Invited Lecture: Professor Ian Harper Chairman of the Australian Fair Pay Commission</b></p>
<p><b>6:30 to 11.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Dinner at The Boat House by the Lake Restaurant</b></p>

## DAY 3: FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER

9.00—11:00am

### Session 7: Seminar Room A:

1. Iqbal Syed, University of New South Wales *Estimating Price Rigidity in coffee markets: A cross country comparison*

Discussant: Trevor Breusch

2. Tim Davis, University of Sydney

*Demand Under Product Differentiation: An Empirical Analysis of the US Wine Market*

Discussant: Ken Clements

3. Daniel Buncic, University of New South Wales

*A re-examination of some recent empirical non-linear real exchange rate models*

Discussant: Penny Smith

### Session 8: Seminar Room B

1. Simon Angus, University of New South Wales

*Cooperation Networks: Endogeneity & Complexity*

Discussant: Paul Frijters

2. Lisa Yu-Ting Lee, University of Sydney

*Efficient Water Allocation in a Heterogeneous Setting*

Discussant: Flavio Menezes

3. Stephen Poletti, University of Auckland

*Market Power, Real-Time Pricing and Government Procurement of Peak Generating Capacity in the Electricity Market*

Discussant: Keiron Meagher

11.00-11:30am

Morning Tea – Coombs Lecture Theatre Foyer

11.30-12:50pm

### Session 9: Seminar Room A.

1. Luis Martinez, Queensland University of Technology

*The bivariate adaptive kernel-based nearest neighbour Bootstrap technique: a new bivariate time series resampling technique*

Discussant: Farshid Vahid

2. SzeKee Koh, University of Western Australia

*Capital Structure and the use of market timing-The Australian Evidence*

Discussant: Geoff Kingston

### Session 10: Seminar Room B.

1. Clayton Weatherston, University of Otago

*Another comment on the Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: Multiple Instruments for Multiple Processes.*

Discussant: Luke Willard

2. Katy Cornwell, Monash University

*The Economics of Freedom in Post-Apartheid South Africa: Black Empowerment and Income Mobility*

Discussant: Peter Robertson

<b>12:50-2.00pm</b>	<b>Lunch University House</b>
<b>2.00-4.00pm</b>	<p><b>Session 11: Coombs Lecture Theatre.</b></p> <p><b>1.</b> Derek Headey, University of Queensland <i>The Principal Components of Growth</i> Discussant: Steve Dowrick</p> <p><b>2.</b> Ratbek Djumashev, Monash University <i>Corruption, Uncertainty and Growth</i> Discussant: Raul Barreto</p> <p><b>3.</b> Tom Skladzien, Washington University in St Louis <i>Strategic Interaction between Corrupt Governments in a growth Model</i> Discussant: Andrew Leigh</p>
<b>4.00- 4.30pm</b>	Voting, Awards, Presentations and Conference Closing