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# The Economics of Child Care

A one-day conference to be held on Thursday 12 March 2009

Venue: Finkel Lecture Theatre, John Curtin School of Medical Research, Australian National University

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## 8.15-8.30am Coffee & Registration

**8.30-8.45am Lisa Paul, Secretary of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations** *Opening speech*

**8.45-9.45am David Blau, Ohio State University** [with Wilbert van der Klaauw]  
*What Determines Family Structure?*

**Discussant:** Alison Booth, Australian National University

## 9.45-10.15am Morning Tea

**10.15-11.15am Chikako Yamauchi, Australian National University**

*The Effect of Child Care Centre Openings on Child Care Arrangement and Maternal Labor Supply*

**Discussant:** Bob Breunig, Australian National University

**11.15-12.15pm Stephen Whelan, University of Sydney** [with Anu Rammohan and Chikako Yamauchi]  
*Child Care Subsidies and Well-being of Families: Evidence from Australia's Introduction of Child Care Tax Rebate*

**Discussant:** Xiaodong Gong, Australian Treasury

## 12.15-1.30pm Lunch

**1.30-2.30pm Michael Keane, University of Technology, Sydney**

*Childcare and Child Cognitive Development*

**Discussant:** Juergen Meinecke, Australian National University

**2.30-3.30pm Andrew Leigh** [with Chikako Yamauchi]

*Which Children Benefit from Formal Daycare?*

**Discussant:** Gigi Foster, University of South Australia

## 3.30-4.00pm Afternoon Tea

**4.00-5.00pm What Principles Should Guide Childcare Policy? (Policy Roundtable)**

*Participants: Michele Bruniges (Director of the Australian Government's Office of Early Childhood Education and Child Care, DEEWR), David Blau and Michael Keane. Chair: Chikako Yamauchi*

**6.30pm Conference Dinner, Chairman & Yip, 108 Bunda St, Civic**

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- *Sessions will cover the latest economic research on childcare, parents' workforce participation, and children's development. This event is particularly well-suited to policymakers and experts working on the welfare of families with small children.*
- *The conference is organized by Chikako Yamauchi and Andrew Leigh, presented by the Economics Program and the 'Productive Australia in the World Economy' Theme of the Research School of Social Sciences, and partially funded by the Outreach program of the ANU College of Business and Economics.*
- *Each paper has been allocated 1 hour, which will be comprised of a 30 minute presentation, a 10 minute discussant's critique, and 20 minutes of questions from the audience.*



**REGISTRATION FORM - Conference on the Economics of Childcare  
Australian National University, Thursday 12 March 2009**

Participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible as places are limited.

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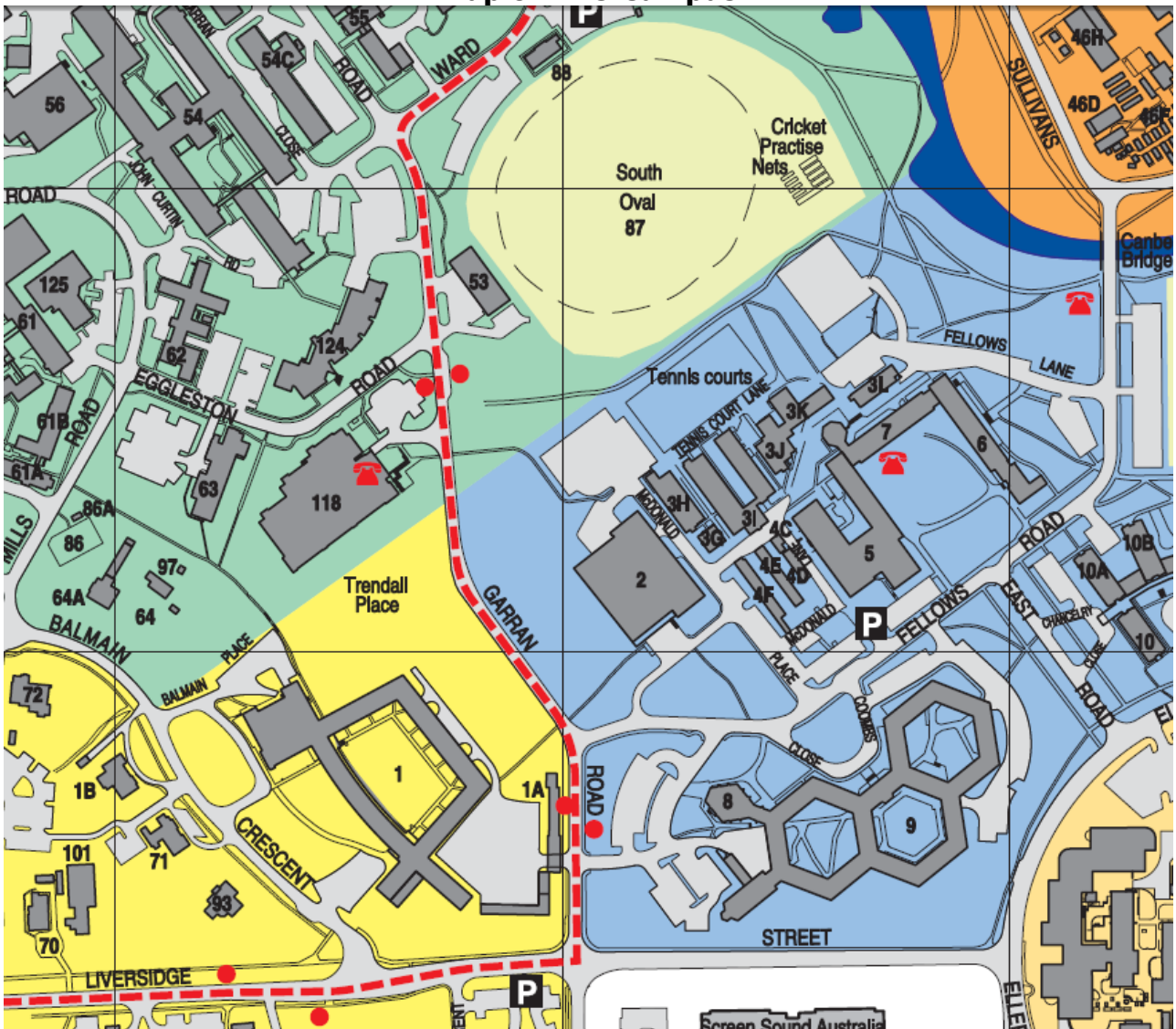
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**Building 54 - John Curtin School of Medical Research (conference venue)**

**Building 1 - University House (on-campus accommodation)**

**Building 9 – Coombs Building (Economics RSSS)**