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### Wednesday, 15 November 2023

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Melbourne Business School  
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Thursday, 16 November 2023

Chair: Reshad Ahsan (UOM)

8:30 – 08:55

Welcome remarks & group photo (FBE-205)

Speaker: Paul Koffman (Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Melbourne)

9:00 – 10:30

Session 1A (FBE-205)

*Development*

Session 1B (FBE-211)

*Macroeconomics I*

9:00 – 9:45

Chair: Victoria Baranov (UOM)

Ali Yasin Vergili (UTS)

Failure of International Laws in Local Contexts: The Case of the Child Rights Act in Nigeria

Discussant: Anu Rammohan (UWA)

Chair: Bruce Preston (UOM)

K K C Sineth Kannangara (UWA)

Taxation, Underground Economy, and Economic Performance

Discussant: Christian Gillitzer (USYD)

9:45 – 10:30

Chaonuo Dai (ANU)

Education Transmission and Children's Education Effort: Evidence from Secondary School Student in China

Discussant: Silvia Griselda (e61)

Yunpeng Deng (UOM)

Public Debt Management and Fiscal Hedging

Discussant: Mariano Kulish (USYD)

10:30 – 10:55

Morning Tea  
Level 2 Foyer

11:00 – 12:30	<b>Session 2A (FBE-205)</b> <b>Technology Adoption</b>	<b>Session 2B (FBE-211)</b> <b>Econometrics I</b>	<b>Session 2C (FBE-214)</b> <b>Finance I</b>
11:00 – 11:45	<b>Chair:</b> Paul Jensen (UOM) <b>Zeenatul Islam (Curtin)</b> <i>Evaluating Farmers' Dispositions for the Diffusion of Climate-smart Technology: Evidence from Choice and Natural Experiments</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Yong Song (UOM) <b>Ruofan Xu (Monash)</b> <i>Conditional Asset Pricing Models with Panel Quantile Functional-Coefficient Model</i>	<b>Chair:</b> James Brugler (UOM) <b>Quoc Cuong Phan (Monash)</b> <i>Information accessibility and mutual funds' investment in distant firms: Evidence from the EDGAR implementation</i>
11:45 – 12:30	<b>Discussant:</b> Anke Leroux (Monash) <b>Xin Shao (UWA)</b> <i>Economic Policy Uncertainty and Domestic R&amp;D Knowledge Embodied in Inputs</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Beth Webster (Swinburne)	<b>Discussant:</b> Yong Song (UOM) <b>Fangzhou Yu (UNSW)</b> <i>Tests for Heterogeneous Treatment Effect</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Guo Yan (UOM)	<b>Discussant:</b> James Brugler (UOM) <b>Fujie Zhao (UWA)</b> <i>Liability of Foreignness and Global Sustainable Strategy</i> <b>Discussant:</b> Cara Vansteenkiste (UNSW)
12:30 – 13:55	<b>Lunch</b> <b>Level 2 Foyer</b>		
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Session 3A (FBE-205)</b> <b>Theory and Experiments</b>	<b>Session 3B (FBE-211)</b> <b>Labour I</b>	<b>Session 3C (FBE-214)</b> <b>Macroeconomics II</b>
14:00 – 14:45	<b>Chair:</b> Nisvan Erkal (UOM) <b>Hairong Hu (QUT)</b> <i>The Impacts of Soft Affirmative Action:</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Mick Coelli (UOM) <b>Jiacheng Kang (ANU)</b> <i>Industries as in a Network: Micro Evidence</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Viet Nguyen (MI) <b>Muhammadu Theseem (UOW)</b> <i>Tech Waves: How US Innovation Ripples</i>

14:45 – 15:30	<u>Experimental Evidence</u>	<u>from Job Search</u>	<u>Through Emerging Markets</u>
	<b>Discussant: Andreas Leibbrandt (Monash)</b>	<b>Discussant: Jonathan Hambur (RBA)</b>	<b>Discussant: Renee Fry-McKibbin (ANU)</b>
	<b>Nicholas Umashev (UQ)</b> <u>Bayesian Social Norms Nudging</u>  <b>Discussant: Greg Kubitz (QUT)</b>	<b>Olga Sudareva (Auckland)</b> <u>Unveiling the Impact of Crimes Against Women on Gender Disparities in Labour Market Outcomes</u>  <b>Discussant: Maryam Nejad (UTS)</b>	<b>Tristan Truuvert (USYD)</b> <u>Fear of Floating or Death by Drowning: Currency Regime Switches and Economic Volatility</u>  <b>Discussant: Qinyuan Du (Monash)</b>

15:30 – 15:55	Afternoon Tea Level 2 Foyer
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16:00 – 17:00	Session 4 (FBE-205)
	<b>Keynote Lecture</b>
	<b><u>Chair:</u> Kalvinder Shields (UOM)</b>  <b>James Morley (USYD)</b> <u>Does the Survey of Professional Forecasters Help Predict the Shape of Recessions in Real Time?</u>

Friday, 17 November 2023

9:00 – 10:30	Session 5A (FBE-205) <i>Gender</i>	Session 5B (FBE-211) <i>Finance II</i>
9:00 – 9:45	<p><u>Chair:</u> Diana Contreras-Suarez (MI)</p> <p><b>Yee Wah Chan (Monash)</b> <i>Effects of Mandatory Ethics Training</i></p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Maria Recalde (UOM)</p>	<p><u>Chair:</u> Andrea Lu (UOM)</p> <p><b>Chunxiao Lu (UoM)</b> <i>Institutional Investors, Political Uncertainty and Stock Prices</i></p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Neal Galpin (Monash)</p>
9:45 – 10:30	<p><b>Alice Calder (UNSW)</b> <i>One Question at a Time: The Impact of the American Civil War on Mobilization for Women's Suffrage</i></p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Ashani Amarasinghe (USYD)</p>	<p><b>Kesara Prabhashwary Hewage (Swinburne)</b> <i>Unraveling the Nexus of ESG News based Public Sentiment, Media Attention, and Stock Price Crash Risk</i></p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Jacquelyn Humphrey (UQ)</p>
10:30 – 10:55	Morning Tea Level 2 Foyer	



11:00 – 12:30	Session 6A (FBE-205) <i>Macroeconomics III</i>	Session 6B (FBE-211) <i>Health</i>	Session 6C (FBE-214) <i>Environment</i>
11:00 – 11:45	<b>Chair:</b> Chris Edmond (UOM)  <b><u>Yuancheng Han (UQ)</u></b> <i>Service Trade, Regional Specialization, and Welfare</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Kevin Staub (UOM)  <b><u>Anushiya Vijayasivajie (Macquarie)</u></b> <i>Inequality of Opportunity of Body Mass in Australia: Evidence using HILDA Survey</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Leslie Martin (UOM)  <b><u>Hannah Nguyen (Deakin)</u></b> <i>The Economic Impacts of the 2010/2011 Queensland Flood on Australian Businesses</i>
11:45 – 12:30	<b>Discussant:</b> Michelle Rendall (Monash)  <b><u>Donghoon Koo (UOM)</u></b> <i>Estate Taxation, Inherited Wealth and Rising Wealth Inequality</i>	<b>Discussant:</b> Mark Harris (Curtin)  <b><u>Ali Furkan Kalay (UQ)</u></b> <i>Social Interactions in the Demand for Private Health Insurance: Evidence from Linked Employee-Employer Data</i>	<b>Discussant:</b> Haishan Yuan (UQ)  <b><u>Andrew Ireland (Monash)</u></b> <i>Extreme Heat, Work Attendance and Hours Worked</i>
	<b>Discussant:</b> George Kudrna (UNSW)	<b>Discussant:</b> Nathan Kettlewell (UTS)	<b>Discussant:</b> Michelle Escobar (UOM)
12:30 – 13:55	Lunch Level 2 Foyer		
14:00 – 15:30	Session 7A (FBE-205) <i>Labour II</i>	Session 7B (FBE-211) <i>Macroeconomics IV</i>	Session 7C (FBE-214) <i>Econometrics/Finance</i>
14:00 – 14:45	<b>Chair:</b> Lisa Cameron (MI)  <b><u>Ji Li (ANU)</u></b> <i>Born with Burden? The Effect of Family-Planning Above-quota Sanctions on Children's Education in Rural China</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Lawrence Uren (UOM)  <b><u>Trang T. Le (UNSW)</u></b> <i>Human Capital and Fertility Choices in Developing Countries: The Role of Private Transfers</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Sam Tsiaplias (MI)  <b><u>Yanqi Zhang (UNSW)</u></b> <i>Identifying summary and parameter structures in ABC: A Gaussian Graphical Model approach</i>

14:45 – 15:30

Discussant: Simon Chang (UWA)

Kristen Sobeck (ANU Arndt Corden)

Does decreasing the generosity of payments to single parents have employment and earnings effects?

Discussant: Barbara Broadway (MI)

Discussant: Solmaz Moslehi (Monash)

Darapheak Tin (ANU)

Aggregate Implications of Child-Related Transfers with Means Testing

Discussant: James Graham (Sydney)

Discussant: David Frazier (Monash)

Nico Oefeke (UWA)

Are Stablecoins the Money Market Mutual Funds of the Future?

Discussant: Peter O'Neill (UNSW)

15:30 – 15:55

Afternoon Tea  
Level 2 Foyer

16:00 – 17:00

Session 8 (FBE-205)

*Panel on the job market*

Chair: Mei Dong (UOM)

Panelists: Ashani Amarasinghe, Ken Clements, Jonathan Hambur, James Morley

18:00 – 20:00

Conference Dinner and Awards Presentation  
Registered Guests Only  
Matthei Room  
University House  
112 Professors Walk, The University of Melbourne