

60th Annual Conference of the New Zealand Association of Economists

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WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2019

TIME	KEYNOTE 1	TALK TITLE			
9:00 - 10:30AM	Prasanna Gai Chair: Room: RHLT1	Deal or No Deal? Private Investment, Politics, and Policy Uncertainty			
10:30 - 11:00AM	MORNING TEA				
11:00 - 12:30PM	SESSION TITLE	PAPER TITLE	PRESENTER/S	CO-AUTHOR	PAPER
1.1 Data and Evidence for Policy Themed Session Chair: Ben Wallace Room: RHLT1		Extricating land price indexes from improved property price indexes for New Zealand	Frances Krsinich		✓
		Medium-long term detailed Employment Outlook: Illustrative Trade disruption and Automation scenarios compared to Baseline results	Ram SriRamaratnam		
		Using Regional Economic Activity Tools for rapid regional economy analysis	Ben Wallace		✓
1.2 Beyond GDP Themed Session Chair: Tim Ng Room: RHLT2		Lenses on Wellbeing	Anita King		
		Beyond GDP: Cultural vibrancy, cultural capital and cultural wellbeing	Paul Dalziel	Caroline Saunders Catherine Savage	
		From wellbeing principles to policy action: some institutional considerations	Tim Ng		
1.3 Environment & Resources Chair: Odmaa Narantungalag Room: RHLT3		Institutions and Sustainable Development: The Application of Social-Ecological Systems (SESs) Framework for Environmental Management	Mohammad Salimifar		✓
		The Spatial Effects of Resource Dependence in Indonesia	Rian Hilmawan	Jeremy Clark	
		The effect of mining on household income and consumption: Evidence from Mongolia	Odmaa Narantungalag		✓
1.4 Accounting and Banking Chair: Adam Tipper Room: RHMZ02		Effects of Customers' Personal Characteristics on the Use of Online Banking in New Zealand	Saba Azeem		✓
		Effects of health expenses and education on Bank deposits	Nikhil Srivastava	David Tripe Oscar Lau	
		Environmental-economic accounting and climate change	Adam Tipper		
1.5 Crime Chair: Peer Ebbesen Skov Room: RHMZ03/04		A Policy Evaluation of Home Detention on Recidivism: Evidence from New Zealand	Livy Mitchell		
		The minimum legal drinking age and crime in New Zealand: A difference-in-discontinuities approach	Christopher Erwin	Kabir Dasgupta Alexander Plum Gail Pacheco	
		Labor Market Consequences of a Criminal Record	Peer Ebbesen Skov	Mikkel Baggesgaard Mertz	
1.6 Economic Geography Chair: Arthur Grimes Room: RHMZ05/06		Who lives in deprived places? The association between individual and area-level socioeconomic position.	Lucas Chen	Daniel Exeter Nichola Shackleton Jinfeng Zhao	
		Exchange rate, remittances and expenditure of foreign-born households: evidence from Australia	Syed Hasan	Nazmun Ratna	✓
		Contrasting Importance of Quality of Life and Quality of Business for Domestic and International Migrants	Arthur Grimes	Kate Preston David Mare Shaan Badenhorst	

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1:30 - 3:00PM	SESSION TITLE	PAPER TITLE	PRESENTER/S	CO-AUTHOR	PAPER
	2.1 Transport Themed Session Chair: Geoff Parr Room: RHLT1	Relative values of non-market transport benefits	Joanne Leung	Wayne Heerdegen	
		Reviewing Surface Transport Costs and Charges	Sandy Fong		
		Social impact assessment of transport policies: the Ministry of Transport's proposed approach	Geoff Parr		
	2.2 Fiscal Policy Chair: Andrew Binning Room: RHLT2	Trade Policy Uncertainty and Economic Activity	Tom Fraser	Murat Ungor	
		The New Zealand Superannuation Fund - clarifying how it works and explaining its outcomes	Matthew Bell		
		Sky's the Limit? Investigating Fiscal Limits in New Zealand Using a Neoclassical Growth Model	Andrew Binning	Passi Hemant	
	2.3 Agriculture Chair: Daniel C. Voica Room: RHLT3	Estimating the impact of climate change and drought persistence on farmland values in New Zealand	Farnaz Pourzand	Ilan Noy, Kendon	✓
		Optimal Land Use Switching Policy	Mahdi Yadipur	Toby Daglish, Yigit Saglam	✓
		Crop Insurance under Restricted Access to Financial Markets	Daniel C. Voica		✓
	2.4 Firm Governance Chair: Kabir Dasgupta Room: RHMZ02	Fire or keep? Leave or stay? The other side of CEO retention	Tom Stannard		✓
		Re-estimating the effect of the User Cost of Capital on the investment behaviour of NZ firms	Gulnara Huseynli	Lynda Sanderson	
		The Effect of Interest Caps on Bankruptcy: Synthetic Control Evidence from Recent Payday Lending Bans	Kabir Dasgupta	Brenden Mason	
	2.5 Firm & Social Investment Chair: Lynn Riggs Room: RHMZ03/04	Do the drivers of foreign direct investment have a reverse impact on foreign divestment?	Anh Nguyen		
		FDI Provincial Competitions and Investment Incentive Policies: A Case in Vietnam	Linh Ho	Christopher Gan Baiding Hu	
		The Burden of Disease Attributable to Poor Housing Conditions in New Zealand	Lynn Riggs		
	2.6 NZ Economy 1 Chair: Viv Hall Room: RHMZ05/06	The New Zealand Financial Cycle: 1968 - 2017	Caitlin Davies	Prasanna Gai	✓
		The impact of global shocks on the New Zealand economy: A Bayesian VAR approach	Nam Ngo		
		Changes in New Zealand's Business Insolvency Rates after the GFC	Viv Hall	John McDermott	✓
3:00 - 4:00PM AFTERNOON TEA AND EXTENDED POSTER SESSION					
4:00 - 5:30PM	SESSION TITLE	PAPER TITLE	PRESENTER/S	CO-AUTHOR	PAPER
	3.1 Labour Markets & Monetary Policy Chair: Murat Ozbilgin Room: RHLT1	Employer concentration and income growth in New Zealand	Christopher Ball		✓
		Monetary Policy and Labour Markets: Evidence from an Agnostic Identification	Tugrul Vehbi	Ozer Karagedikli	
		Low wage growth, and job-to-job transitions: Evidence from administrative data in New Zealand	Murat Ozbilgin	Nicholas Groshenny Ozer Karagedikli Christopher Ball Finn Robinson	
	3.2 Workforce & Future of Work Chair: Lynda Sanderson Room: RHLT2	Short-term impacts of the pay equity settlement in the aged care sector	Corey Allan	Shakked Noy	✓
		Implications of technology change for an ageing workforce	Corey Allan		
		Preparing for our aging population: Age profiles of business owners and employees in New Zealand	Lynda Sanderson Donna Purdue		
	3.3 Health 1 Chair: TBC Room: RHLT3	Cost-utility modelling for the evaluation of primary mental health initiatives	Angela Boswell		
		The Effect of Influenza Vaccination Subsidy on Respiratory Mortality among Elderly Australians	Dominic White		✓

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	3.4 Equality Chair: Matthew Nolan Room: RHMZ02	Estimating intergenerational income mobility in New Zealand	Leon Iusitini		
		The Economic Status of Women in New Zealand Since the 1980s: An Institutional Perspective	Mary Jo Vergara		
		Tax-transfer systems and New Zealand's income inequality experience	Matthew Nolan		
	3.5 Education 1 Chair: Sean Kimpton Room: RHMZ03/04	Success at the cost of pimples?	Shaan Badenhorst		✓
		Returns to Initial Years of Formal Education: How Birthdate Affects Later Educational Outcomes	Asaad Ali	Andrea Menclova	✓
		Self-Beliefs of Pasifika Business Students in Relation to Mathematics.	Sean Kimpton	Kevin Byard Irshad Ali Zhaoyi Cao	
	3.6 Regional & Local Growth Chair: Michael Webster Room: RHMZ05/06	Relatedness, Complexity and Local Growth	Benjamin Davies	David Mare	✓
		Estimating Regional GDP & Modelling Territorial Authority GDP	Graham Howard	Ben Wallace	
		Successfully using electronic card transaction data to produce regional estimates of tourism spend	Michael Webster		
5:30 - 6:30PM	WELCOME RECEPTION (ROOM: TBC)				

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TIME	KEYNOTE 2	TALK TITLE			
9:00 - 10:30AM	Lata Gangadharan Chair: Room: RHLT1	Gender and Leadership: Insights from experiments.			
10:30 - 11:00AM	MORNING TEA				
11:00 - 12:30PM	SESSION TITLE	PAPER TITLE	PRESENTER/S	CO-AUTHOR	PAPER
	4.1 Productivity Commission Themed Session Chair: Patrick Nolan Room: RHLT1	New Zealand labour market trends	Tim Maddock	Terry Genet	
		Labour productivity, the fiscal outlook, and living standards	Patrick Nolan		
		New Zealand tradable industry clusters and its business dynamics	Guanyu Zheng		
	4.2 Macroeconomic Methods Chair: Matthew Stansfield Room: RHLT2	Balancing National Accounts	Tracy Wilkinson	Lindsay Beck	
		A Better Way to Calculate Import and Export Price Indexes	Matthew Stansfield		✓
	4.3 Health 2 Chair: Robert Reed Room: RHLT3	Inter-District Flow Transfers: Health and Economic Impacts	Bronwyn Bruce-brand		✓
		What's up with Mondays? An investigation into elevated injury claims on a Monday	Michelle Poland		
		Social Capital and Health: A Meta-Analysis	Robert Reed	Xindong Xue	
	4.4 Disasters, Risk & PBRF Chair: Robert Buckle Room: RHMZ02	The Impact of the Canterbury Earthquakes on Earthquake Preparedness: A Difference-in-Differences Estimation	Hanna Habibi	Jan Feld	✓
Trading Risk: Consumption versus Health under Pesticide Application		Daniel C. Voica			
Is External Research Assessment Associated with Convergence or Divergence of Research Quality Across Universities and Disciplines? Evidence from the PBRF Process in New Zealand		Robert Buckle	John Creedy Norman Gemmel	✓	

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	4.5 Regional Development and Communities Chair: Gail Duncan Room: RHMZ03/04	Shaping our slice of heaven	Liza Van der Merwe	Linda Meade Becky Burgess	✓	
		The effect of emigration on child human capital and child labour: Evidence from Nepal	Hari Sharma	John Gibson		
		The status of beneficiaries in New Zealand	Gail Duncan			
	4.6 Culture, Preference & Altruism Chair: Stephen Knowles Room: RHMZ05/06	Culture, fiscal policy and output volatility	Hien Thuc Pham		✓	
		Does sibling gender effect economic preferences?	Thomas Dudek	Jan Feld Eberhard Fess Anne Brenow		
		In Search of Effective Altruists	Stephen Knowles			
12:30 - 1:15PM	LUNCH					
1:15 - 2:00PM	NZAE AGM					
2:00 - 3:30PM	SESSION TITLE	PAPER TITLE	PRESENTER/S	CO-AUTHOR	PAPER	
	5.1 Topics in Central Banking Chair: Severin Bernhard Room: RHLT1	Household Leverage and Asymmetric Housing Wealth Effects - Evidence from New Zealand	Fang Yao		✓	
		The transmission of monetary policy shocks in New Zealand	Evelyn Truong	Jamie Cutting Christie Smith		
		Rationality and expectation formation at Central Banks	Severin Bernhard	Ozer Karagedikli Ken Kuttner		
	5.2 Digital Markets & Competition Outcomes Session 1 Chair: Michal Mottl Room: RHLT2	Innovation in regulated and competitive industries	Hristina Dantcheva	Diego Villalobos		
		Airports regulation - evidence of the information disclosure regime working?	James Marshall			
		Assessment of competition in digital markets – challenges for economic analysis in the era of platforms, data and AI	Michal Mottl			
	5.3 Housing Chair: Mario Fernandez Room: RHLT3	Rental Affordability as a Determinant of House Price Affordability	Graham Squires	Don Webber		
		The Price Premium of Heritage in the Housing Market of Auckland, New Zealand	David Bade	Jose Castillo Mario Fernand Joseph Aguil	✓	
		A matching simulation to assess affordable housing policies in Auckland	Mario Ferfactdez			
	5.4 Energy Chair: Prince Siddharth Room: RHMZ02	What drives future electricity demand?	Kam Szeto	Michael Smith		
		Identifying and estimating excess profits in the New Zealand electricity industry	Geoff Bertram			
		Petrol prices [still] rise and fall at the same speed as international oil prices	Prince Siddharth			
	5.5 Labour Markets Chair: Nazila Alinaghi Room: RHMZ03/04	The drivers and consequences of parental leave decisions	Sophie Hale	Alex James Isabelle Sin Uli Zuelike		
		Trust and total factor productivity: migration and social capital in New Zealand	Conal Smith			
		The Redistributive Effects of a Minimum Wage Increase in New Zealand: A Microsimulation Analysis	Nazila Alinaghi	John Creedy Norman Gemmel	✓	
	5.6 Wages, Unemployment & Method Chair: Mark Holmes Room: RHMZ05/06	The difference-in-difference control trial	David Rea	Dean Hyslop		
		How persistent are wage shocks? Testing the power of unit-root tests using high-frequency tax records.	Alexander Plum	Kabir Dasgupta		
		The Beveridge curve across US states: new insights from a pairwise approach	Mark Holmes	Jesus Otero		
	3:30 - 4:00PM	AFTERNOON TEA				

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4:00 - 5:30PM	Patricia Apps Chair: Room: RHLT1	Income Inequality, Taxation and the Economics of the Household
6:30 - 7:00PM	PRE CONFERENCE DINNER DRINKS (VENUE: THE BOATSHED)	
7:00PM - LATE	CONFERENCE DINNER (VENUE: THE BOATSHED)	

FRIDAY 5 JULY 2019

TIME	KEYNOTE 4	TALK TITLE			
9:00 - 10:30AM	Stephen Jenkins Chair: Room: RHLT1	Better off? Comparing distributions of individuals' subjective well-being			
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6.1 Practical Policy & Advice in the Local Government Context Chair: Shane Martin Room: RHLT1		Early indicators of the impact of the Regional Fuel Tax on public transport use	David Norman		
		Recent changes in the value of urban land in Auckland	Shane Martin		
		Optimal use of areas zoned for higher intensity development	David Norman		
6.2 Urban & Household Economics Chair: Neha Agarwal Room: RHLT2		City with a billion dollar view	Geoff Cooper	Kabira Namit	✓
		The answer to urban renewal: Students	David Dyason	Ewert Kleynhans	
		For Better or Worse? Fertility Challenges and Marital Dissolution	Neha Agarwal	Mindy Marks	
6.3 Wellbeing & Social Capital Chair: Isabelle Sin Room: RHLT3		Trust, Incomes and Well-being in about 150 Countries	Tim Hazledine		✓
		Comparing Apples and Kumara: Well-Being and Profitability Implications of Maori using Land for Cultural Purposes	Richard Meade		✓
		The effect of student loan size on outcomes of bachelor's graduates	Isabelle Sin		
6.4 NZ Economy 2 Chair: Geoffrey T. F. Brooke Room: RHMZ02		Business confidence, news, cyclical turning points and economic growth	Milad Maralani	Eilya Torshizian	
		The impact of US withdrawal from WTO on the New Zealand economy	Milad Maralani	Eilya Torshizian	
		Economists and Monetary Thought in Interwar New Zealand: The Gradual Emergence of Monetary Policy Activism	Geoffrey T. F. Brooke	Anthony M. Endres Alan J.	
6.5 Housing, Work & Education Chair: Joel Hernandez Room: RHMZ03/04		The causes and economic consequences of rising regional housing prices in New Zealand	Peter Nunns		
		Internationally comparable work-related fatality numbers for New Zealand	Michelle Poland		
		Separating school from family: evaluating the effects of school and family background on student performance	Joel Hernandez		✓
6.6 Regulation & Industry Chair: Ansgar Wohlschlegel Room: RHMZ05/06		Freedom Campers in NZ: An activity-based analysis of their economic contribution	Peter Fieger	Girish Prayag Colin Michael	
		Retrospective Study on Stuff (Fairfax)'s Exits in the Newspaper Industry	Lydia Cheung	Geoffrey Brooke	
		Lobbying, Regulatory Enforcement and Corporate Governance: Theory and Evidence from Enforcement Actions against US Banks	Ansgar Wohlschlegel	Papadimitri Panagiota	
12:30 - 1:30PM	LUNCH				
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