



The 37th Australian Conference of Economists

30th September to 4th October 2008

Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.



Monday 29th September 2008

7:30pm – 9:00pm Reception and supper (Holiday Inn)

Incorporating the

**31st Australasian Transport
Research Forum**



Tuesday 30 September 2008

8:00 – 5:30 Registration Desk Open

9:00 – 10:15 Opening Session (*Room: Boulevard Ballroom*)

8:45 Welcome Address by James Dick, Economic Society of Australia
Queensland Branch

9:00 Keynote Address

Speaker: Charles Perrings, Professor of Environmental Economics
at Arizona State University

Sponsored by: The University of Queensland Australia

Topic: Externalities of Globalization: Biological Invasion and Trade

10:15 – 10:45 Morning Tea

10:45 – 12:45 Contributed Papers – 10 concurrent sessions (including 1 special session).

Special Session

Teaching and learning economics I (*Room: Boulevard 1*) - Chaired by: **Ross Guest**

Sponsored by: The International Journal of Economics Education
and Griffith Business School

Peter Earl and Tim Wakeley

Student constructed learning and the potential for cognitive dissonance in the teaching of perfect competition

Tommy Tang and Tim Robinson

Development of the 'Economic Thinking Ability' Construct and its Applications in Economics Education

Akihito Asano

Tutor's Native Language and Teaching Evaluations

Donatella Cavagnoli

Teaching the motivation to innovate

Session 1

International Trade & Markets (*Room: Boulevard 3*) - Chaired by: **Reetu Verma**

Jayatilleke S Bandara

Trade liberalisation and poverty: The South Asian experience

Anuj Joshua Mathew and Bouwe Dijkstra

Liberalizing trade in environmental goods

Reetu Verma and Nelson Perera

An empirical analysis of sustainability of trade deficit: Evidence from South Asian countries

Session 2:

Econometrics (*Room: Paradise 1*) - Chaired by: **Andrew Hodge**

Martin Will and Cong S. Pham

Estimating the gravity equation when zero trade flows are frequent

Imad Haidar, Heping Pan and Siddhivinayak Kulkarni

Analysis of the relation between crude oil futures prices and spot price using nonlinear artificial neural networks

Andrew Hodge, Tim Robinson and Robyn Stuart

A small BVAR-DSGE model for forecasting the Australian economy

Session 3:

Financial Economics (*Room: Paradise 2*) - Chaired by: **Robert Bianchi**

Elisabeth Huynh

Portfolio allocation and the endogeneity of wealth in Australian households

Warren Hogan and Rowan Trayler

Rules versus practice: Governance in the financial services sector

Robert Bianchi

The search for hedge fund alpha

Session 4:

Environment and Resource Economics (*Room: Palm Pre-Function*) - Chaired by: **Clevo Wilson**

Lin Crase and Sue O'Keefe

The paradox of national water savings

Budy P. Resosudarmo, Frank Jotzo, Arief A. Yusuf and Ditya A. Nurdianto

Decomposing CO₂ emission from fossil fuel combustions in Indonesia to understand the options for mitigation

Clevo Wilson, Clem Tisdell and Wasantha Athukorala

Nature-based tourism in lesser known species and their implications for conservation

Session 5: Spare**Session 6:**

Natural Resources (*Room: Palm 3*) - Chaired by: **Ann Hodgkinson**

Kym Anderson, James Giesecke and Ernesto Valenzuela

Distorted agricultural incentives and Australian economic development

James Innes

Assessing the efficiency of impact reducing management measures in fisheries

Ann Hodgkinson and Abbas Valadkhani

Community valuations of environmental quality in coastal lakes:

Lake Illawarra case study

Session 7:

Microeconomic Theory (*Room: Palm 2*) - Chaired by: George Gardner

Stephen J. Nash

On closure in Economics

Mathew Thomas and Craig Lawrence

Real options: Applications in public economics

George Gardner and Andrew Stone

Competition between payment systems: Results

Session 8:

Health Economics (*Room: Palm 1*) - Chaired by: Sukhan Jackson

Tomoya Suzuki

Age, wage and suicide

Merehau Cindy Mervin and Sukhan Jackson

Is there a significant relationship between hospital resources and long waiting time for elective surgery in Australian public hospitals?

Abhaya Kamalakanthan and Sukhan Jackson

Supply imbalance of doctors in Australia: A qualitative analysis of the retention and recruitment of rural GPs

Session 9:

Economic Development and Growth (*Room: Paradise 3*) - Chaired by: Shyama Ratnasiri

Retu Verma and E. J. Wilson

A multivariate analysis of savings, investment, foreign capital inflows and economic growth in India

Steve Dowrick, Robert Ackland and Benoit Freyens

Measuring global poverty: Why PPP methods matter

Harry Bloch

Growth and productivity in Australia

Shyama Ratnasiri & Dr Radhika Lahiri

Growth patterns and wealth inequality in the presence of costly technology adoption

Session 10:

Applied Economics (*Room: Boulevard 2*) - Chaired by: Riyana Miranti

I-Hui Cheng

R&D, strategic delegation and market share competition

Jordi McKenzie

*Underlying seasonality in the presence of increasing returns to information:
Empirical evidence from the Australian motion picture industry*

Riyana Miranti, Ann Harding, Vu Quoc Ngu, Justine McNamara and Robert Tanton

Children with jobless parents: National and small area trends for Australia in the past decade

- 12:45 – 1:45** Lunch
- 1:45 – 3:00** Keynote Speaker session (*Room: Boulevard 1 & 2*)
Speaker: John Quiggin, Head of the Risk and Sustainable Management Group
Sponsored by: The University of Queensland Australia
Topic: Discounting, risk and equity in one easy lesson:
What utility theory can (and can't) tell us about climate change policy
- 3:00 – 3:30** Afternoon Tea
- 3.30 – 4.45** Keynote Speaker session (*Room: Boulevard 1 & 2*)
Speaker: Joshua Gans, Professor of Management (Information Economics)
at Melbourne Business School
Sponsored by: The economic Society of Australia
Topic: Patents, Publications and Secrecy: Contracting over Scientific Disclosures

Wednesday 1st October 2008

- 8:00 – 5:30** **Registration Desk Open**
- 8:45 – 10:15** Opening Session (*Room: Boulevard Ballroom*)
- 8:45 – 9:00** Academic update (*Room: Boulevard 1 & 2*)
Bruce Chapman, National President, Economic Society of Australia
Peter Abelson
- 9:00 – 10:15** **Keynote Speaker** (*Room: Boulevard 1 & 2*)
Speaker: Adonis Yatchew, Editor-in-Chief of The Energy Journal
Sponsored by: QUT and NCER
Topic: Economics, Econometrics and Regulation
- 10:15 – 10:45** Morning Tea
- 10:45 – 12:45** Contributed Papers – 10 concurrent sessions (including 1 special session).

Special Session

Teaching and learning economics II (*Room: Boulevard 3*) Chaired by: Ross Guest

**Sponsored by: The International Journal of Economics Education
and Griffith Business School**

Ann Hodgkinson

Exploring student engagement for Generation Y: A pilot in environmental economics

David Kim, Anu Rammohan and Russell Ross

Evaluating the role of teaching innovations on student performance in introductory macroeconomics

Tommy Tang and Tim Robinson

Perceptions of assessment demands in economics – Implications for economics education research

Theo Papadopolous and Steven Wdowik

Determinants of academic performance in undergraduate economics

Session 11:

Applied Economics (Room: Boulevard 1) - Chaired by: A.C. Worthington

Zhong Qin and Xin Deng

Ownership structure, performance and determinants of share diffusion in family businesses: Evidence from China

Mei Wen

Internet diffusion in Australia

Mark F. Stewart, Heather Mitchell and Constantino Stavros

Does the AFL draft under value indigenous Australian footballers?

A.C. Worthington

Modelling the usage and understanding of financial products: An empirical analysis of Australian owner-occupied and investor mortgage

Session 12:

International Economics (Room: Boulevard 2) - Chaired by: Kiotaka Sato

Brian McCaig

Exporting out of poverty: Provincial poverty in Vietnam and US market access

Xiaoneng Zhu

What does the global yield curve tell about world economic activity?

Adnan Mubarak

Role of foreign assistance in economic development of Pakistan

Kiyotaka Sato, Zhaoyong Zhang and Dave Allen

The suitability of a monetary union in East Asia

Session 13:

Applied Economics (Room: Palm Pre-Function) - Chaired by: Rebecca Cassells

Giles Dickenson-Jones and Albert Wijeweera

An empirical analysis of price and income elasticities of Papua New Guinea Exports

Rasheda Khanam and Russell Ross

Child work and other determinants of school attendance and school attainment in Bangladesh

Rebecca Cassells, Anne Daly, Justine McNamara and Marcia Keegan

The gender wage gap for generation Y in Australia

Session 14:

Environment and Resource Economics (*Room: Palm 2*) - Chaired by: Sean Pascoe

Wasantha Athukorala and Clevo Wilson

Groundwater extraction externalities: Accounting for quantity depletion and quality deterioration simultaneously

Harry Clarke

Adaptation investments to offset the effects of climate change

Sean Pascoe

Can fishers target individual species in the northern prawn fishery?

Implications for TAC setting.

Session 15:

Macroeconomics (*Room: Palm 1*) - Chaired by: Omar Bashar

Greg Connolly

Is the trailing inflationary expectations coefficient less than one in Australia?

Philip Ji

An empirical analysis of the mean-reversion property of real interest rates

Omar H.M.N. Bashar

Does monetary policy matter in a less developed economy? Evidence from Bangladesh

Session 16:

Urban and Regional Economics (*Room: Paradise 3*) - Chaired by: Ann Harding

Kota Sugahara, Zhiwei Cen, and Junko Doi

Are they keeping up with Tokyo?

Quan Gan and Robert J. Hill

Measuring housing affordability: Looking beyond the median

Mohammad Mafizur Rahman

Australian housing market: Causes and effects of rising price

Ann Harding, Quoc Ngu Vu and Robert Tanton

Improving work incentives for mothers:

The national and geographic impact of liberalising the family tax benefit income test

Session 17:

Welfare Economics (*Room: Palm 3*) - Chaired by: Joan Rodgers

Sarjit Singh

The dynamics of Australian poverty persistence

Hayley Hickson and Alfred Michael Dockery

Is ignorance bliss? Exploring the links between, education, expectations and happiness

Joan Rodgers

Contributions of longitudinal data to poverty measurement in Australia

Session 18:

Immigration (*Room: Palm Pre-function corner*) - Chaired by: Parvinder Kler
Maam Suwadu Sakho-Jimbira and Céline Bignebat

*Local diversification of income sources versus migration:
Complements or Substitutes? A case study from rural Senegal*

Paul W. Miller

The “negative” assimilation of immigrants: A special case

Temesgen Kifle and Parvinder Kler

Financial satisfaction of African immigrants in Australia

Session 19:

Health Economics (*Room: Paradise 2*) - Chaired by: Elizabeth Richardson

Tim R. L. Fry

Motivations of home-grown tobacco (chop-chop) smokers

Nerina Vecchio, Paul A Scuffham and Michael Hilton

The effect of mental health on hours worked: An investigation of Queensland nurses

Renuka Sane and John Piggott

Does age-pension means testing cause over consumption of housing? Evidence from Australia

Elizabeth Richardson and Radhika Lahiri

*Public and private expenditures on health in the presence of inequality and endogenous mortality:
A political economy perspective*

12:45 – 1:45 Lunch

1:45 – 3:45 Contributed Papers – 11 concurrent sessions.

Session 20:

Labour economics and International Trade (*Room: Paradise 1*) - Chaired by: Richard Whitwell
Esther Tsafack

International trade and the French demand for labour

Nick Carroll and Matt Taylor

Explaining the decline in unemployment benefit numbers in Australia:

The role of registration, exit and re-entry

Gae Kauzi and Thomas Sampson

Is the Kina a commodity currency?

Richard Whitwell

A note on the need for transparency in the application of anti-dumping duties

Session 21:

Applied Economics (*Room: Palm 2*) - Chaired by: Bodrun Nahar

Chris Doucouliagos

Theory competition and selectivity are all economic facts greatly exaggerated?

Jenny Lye and Joe Hirschberg

A re-evaluation of the relationship between drinking and earnings

Bodrun Nahar

Analyzing the impact of trade reforms on Bangladesh economy: A CGE approach

Session 22:

Economic Model (*Room: Palm 3*) - Chaired by: Tom Merz

Shiva Sikdar and Harvey E. Lapan

Strategic environmental policy under free trade with transboundary pollution

Helen Higgs

Modelling price and volatility relationships in the Australian wholesale spot electricity markets using constant and dynamic conditional correlation multivariate GARCH models

Alan J. Brokaw, Patrick Joyce and Thomas E. Merz

Stuck in the middle:

An experimental study on sharing a strategic advantage in a binary choice game

Session 23:

Applied Econometrics (*Room: Paradise 2*) - Chaired by: Mark Harris

Siddhartha K. Rastogi

A cross-country study for exploring skewed female - male ratio

Bertrand Crettez and Deloche

An economic analysis of the Aldo Moro kidnapping and assassination

Mark N. Harris

Medium and long-term participation in microfinance:

An evaluation using a large panel data set from Bangladesh

Session 24:

Economic Theory (*Room: Palm Pre-Function*) - Chaired by: Nejat Anbarci

Zhong Qin and Guibin Zhang

Models of trust-sharing in Chinese private enterprises

Suren Basov

Monopolistic screening with boundedly rational consumers

Nejat Anbarci

Discretionary behavior and racial bias in issuing traffic tickets: Theory and evidence

Session 25:

Applied Econometrics (*Room: Paradise 3*) - Chaired by: Joe Hirschberg

Le Ma and Chunlu Liu

Estimating impacts of consumer prices on house prices

Jae H. Kim

*Improved interval estimation of long run response from a dynamic linear model:
A highest density region approach*

Joe Hirschberg and Jenny Lye

A geometric comparison of the Delta and Fieller confidence intervals

Session 26:

Labour Economics (*Room: Boulevard 1*) - Chaired by: Rod O'Donnell

Jaai Parasnis and Svetlana Maslyuk

The determinants of New Zealand migration: Comparing migration to and from Australia and the United Kingdom

Marie Gammon

Women at Work - 1966, 1985, 2008. What has Changed?

Silvia Mendolia and Denise Doiron

The impact of job loss on family dissolution

Rod O'Donnell

Why Aren't Economics Departments Providing Graduates with Desired Skill Sets?

Session 27:

Public Sector Economics (*Room: Boulevard 2*) - Chaired by: Astghik Mavisakalyan

Youhua Shu and Shyamal Chowdhury

Does election lead to populism or to elite capture in rural China?

Akhmad Akbar Susanto

Government expenditure size and happiness: Empirical evidence

Astghik Mavisakalyan

Immigration, public funding and private schooling: A cross-country investigation

Session 28:

Welfare Economics (*Room: Palm Pre-Function Corner*) - Chaired by: Bruce Donald

Hans-Jürgen Engelbrecht

Happiness and the Sustainable Wealth of Nations

Uwe Dulleck

Behavior of online shoppers

Bruce Donald

Australia and the emergence of global production networks

Session 29:

Environmental and Resource Economics (*Room: Palm 1*) - Chaired by: Khorshed Alam

Helen Cabalu and Chassty Manuhutu

Vulnerability of natural gas supply in the Asian gas market

Hide-Fumi Yokoo

Recycling versus landfilling: A cost minimization approach to municipal waste management

Khorshed Alam

An economic analysis of the public-private-community partnership: The case of solid waste management

Session 30:

Economic Development and Growth (*Room: Boulevard 3*) - Chaired by: William Coleman

James B. Ang

The dynamic causal relationship between financial liberalization and income inequality in India

William Coleman

Gauging economic performance under changing terms of trade:

Real gross domestic income or real gross domestic product?

3:45 – 4:15 Afternoon Tea

7:30 – 10:00 Conference Dinner (The Holiday Inn)

MC: Bruce Chapman, National President – Economic Society of Australia

Speaker: Gary Banks, Chairman of the Productivity Commission

Thursday 02 October 2008

8:00 – 5:30 *Registration Desk Open*

8:45 – 10:00 Keynote Speaker session (*Room: Boulevard Ballroom*)

Speaker: Kathryn Dominguez is Professor of Public Policy and Economics at the University of Michigan

Sponsored by: Australian Government, The Treasury

Topic: International Reserves and Underdeveloped Capital Markets

10:00 – 10:30 Morning Tea

10:30 – 12:30 Contributed Papers – 11 concurrent sessions

Session 31:

Other Areas of Economics (*Room: Paradise 1*) - Chaired by: Mitesh Mistry

Steve Kates and Alex Millmow

'The history wars': The near death experience of the history of economic thought

Hayley Bree Hickson and Alfred Michael Dockery

Is ignorance bliss? Exploring the links between education, expectations and happiness

Hazel Bateman and Amandha Ganegoda

Australia's disappearing market for life annuities

Mitesh Mistry, Andrew Worthington, Dionigi Gerace and Chandra Gulati

The impact of trading-restricted, business days and trading, non-business days on Australian small-cap, large-cap and market returns

Session 32:

Macroeconomics (*Room: Boulevard 1*) - Chaired by: Khorshed Alam

Yong Hong Yan and Graeme Wells

Modelling asset market dynamics under a fixed exchange rate and an application to the Chinese economy

Mohd Azlan Shah Zaidi

Monetary policy and the role of credit in Malaysia: A SVAR analysis

Xinsheng Lu and Francis In

The impact of monetary policy:

The high frequency responses of Australian financial futures to cash rate target announcements

Khorshed Alam and Md Shahiduzzaman

Inflation and food security: Some emerging issues in the developing countries

Session 33:

Applied Economics (*Room: Palm 3*) - Chaired by: Beth Webster

Roger Wilkins

The determinants of household risky asset holdings: Background risk and other factors

Boyd Blackwell

The economics of ocean outfalls and wastewater in Australia: Some empirical evidence on a dog's breakfast

Mario Coccia

What is the optimal rate of public and private R&D investment to maximize productivity growth?

Beth Webster

What creates abnormal profits: Collusion, efficiency or strategy?

Session 34:

Labour Economics (*Room: Paradise 2*); Chaired by: Paul Blacklow

Lixin Cai and Amy Liu

Public-private wage gap in Australia: variation along the distribution

Peter Siminski

What would the average public sector employee be paid in the private sector?

Robert Vurens van Es and A. M. Dockery

Indigenous Australians in the labour market: Exploring the role of social capital

Paul Blacklow and Aaron Nicholas

Degree choice and employment – accounting for self and sample selection bias

Session 35:

Applied Economics (*Room: Paradise 3*) - Chaired by: Martino Pelli

George Messinis

Overeducation, overskilling and second generation Australians

John Simon, Kylie Smith and Tim West

Price incentives and payment patterns: Money for nothing and your flights for free

Martino Pelli

Oil shocks and the great moderation: Different sources, different effects

Session 36:

International Economics (*Room: Boulevard 2*) - Chaired by: George B. Tawadros

Anthony Makin and Paresh Narayan

Has international trade in saving improved US economic welfare?

Dinusha Dharmaratna

Price responsiveness of residential water demand in Sri Lanka

George B. Tawadros

Is the GCC also a common currency area?

Session 37:

Economic Development and Growth (*Room: Palm Pre-Function*) - Chaired by: Jakob Madsen

Florian Misch, Norman Gemmell and Richard Kneller

Business perceptions, fiscal policy and growth

László Kónya

Panel data evidence of human development convergence

Robyn Swift

How much do improvements in health contribute to economic growth: long-run evidence from the OECD countries

Jakob B Madsen

Human capital and growth

Session 38:

Education (*Room: Palm Pre-Function Corner*); Chaired by: Kerry Carne

Greg Mahony and P.E.T. Lewis

Emerging challenges for the export of Australian educational services

Hui Wei

*Measuring economic returns to post-school education in Australia:
Evidence from the 1981-2006 full Australian censuses*

Kerry Carne

The four E's : education, earnings, experience and externalities

Session 39:

Microeconomics (*Room: Boulevard 3*) - Chaired by: Benno Torgler

Eyal Lahav

The personal discount rate of high school children

Miguel Espinosa, Pietro Bonaldi and Hernan Vallejo

Representations and identities for homogeneous technologies

Peng Yu

*Is there a causal relationship between parental income support receipt and child mortality?
An analysis of a cohort of Australian children*

Benno Torgler and Markus Schaffner

Looking awkward when winning and foolish when losing: Inequity aversion and performance in the field

ATRF Session 1A:

Transport Planning (*Room: Palm 1*)

Evan Gwee, Graham Currie and John Stanley

Evaluating urban railway development projects - an international comparison

Chris Hale and Phil Charles

*Visions for a sustainable transport future - a comparative analysis of transport planning approaches in
Singapore, Vienna and Brisbane*

Dimitris Tsolakis, Cliff Naudé and Caroline Evans

Road transport planning in Australasia - current practice versus best practice

ATRF Session 1B:

Freight Logistics (*Room: Palm 2*)

Godfrey Lubulwa, Rob Bolin, Ben Slatter and Tony Carmody

Container and ship movements through Australian ports - 2006-07 to 2029-30, preliminary estimates

Lisa Kazalac, Euan Ramsay and Jenny Morris

Workforce planning issues in the freight industry

David Wilson

Sustainable freight transport systems for Melbourne - how many freight terminals?

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:15: Special and concurrent sessions

Queensland Government Desalinisation Plant Update (*Boulevard Ballroom*)

ATRF Session 2A:

Environmental Transport (*Room: Palm 3*)

Ken Doust and Bruno Parolin

Performance metrics for sustainable urban transport - accessibility and greenhouse gas emissions

Gavin Alford and Jeremy Whiteman

Macro-urban form and transport energy outcomes - investigations for Melbourne

Ivan Iankov and Rocco Zito

Designing emissions trading scheme for the transport sector - solutions and outcomes

ATRF Session 2B:

Freight Logistics / Public Transport (*Room: Palm Pre-Function*)

David Gargett and Afzal Hossain

Road freight estimates by state and territory

Ehsan Mazloumi, Graham Currie and Geoff Rose

Causes of travel time unreliability - a Melbourne case study

Tim Brooker and Safiah Moore

Recent developments in rail passenger travel demand and transit oriented development in Sydney

3:15 – 3:45 Afternoon Tea

3:45 – 5:30 Special and concurrent sessions

Session 40:

Applied Economics (*Room: Palm 2*) - Chaired by: Shyamal Chowdhury

Perry Shapiro and Jonathan Pincus

Efficiency and equity in the assemblage of land for public use: The L2H2 auction

Asadul Islam

Child labour and schooling responses to access to microcredit in rural Bangladesh

Bronwyn Coate

Who benefits from the growing market for Indigenous Art?

Evidence of Indigenous differences and creative achievement in Australia

Shyamal Chowdhury

Has decentralization in Indonesia led to elite capture or reflection of majority preference?

Session 41:

Education and Labour Economics (*Room: Palm Pre-Function*) - Chaired by: Frank Neri

M Tani and S Mahuteau

*Labour market success and skill acquisition in the host country:
Effects on the duration and the labour force status of Moroccans,
Algerians and Tunisians migrants returning home from the European Union*

Jessica Xu, Richard Harris and Peter Robertson

Education reforms in China: The implications of rapid skill accumulation

Frank Neri and Yumiko Meloche

Attendance and performance in a large economics class

Session 42:

Macroeconomics (*Room: Boulevard 1*) - Chaired by: Jennifer Chang

Khorshed Chowdhury

Belassa-Samuelson effect approaching fifty years: Is it retiring early in Australia?

Xueli Tang and Debasis Bandyopadhyay

Redistributive policies and TFP differences across countries

Rod O'Donnell

Macroeconomic policy inconsistency

Adam McKissack, Jennifer Chang, Robert Ewing and Jyoti Rahman

Structural effects of a sustained rise in the terms of trade

Session 43:

Financial markets (*Room: Boulevard 2*) - Chaired by: Abbas Valadkhani

Mustabshira Rushti and Jae H. Kim

Long run relationship between real stock return and inflation in Australia

Abbas Valadkhani, Surachai Chancharat and Charles Harvie

Identifying the pattern of international stock return co-movements

Session 44:

International trade (*Room: Boulevard 3*) - Chaired by: Seyed Mohammad Hossein Sadr

Kasinee Muenthaisong and Unggoon Wongtragoon

Commercial farming and contract farmers in Thailand

Seyed Mohammad Hossein Sadr, Mohsen Mehrara, Mahdi Ahrari and Atefeh Shahabadi Farahani

The effects of globalization on non-oil export of Iran

Seyed Mohammad Hossein Sadr, Mohsen Mehrara and Atefeh Shahabadi Farahani

Threshold effects in the relationship between oil revenues and growth in oil exporting countries

ATRF Session 3A:

Environmental / Travel Behaviour (*Room: Palm 1*)

David Cosgrove

Long-term emission trends for Australian transport

Geoff Rose and Mark Symmons

Testing EcoDriver training in Australian conditions

Sekhar Somenahalli

Finding a bicycle route that offers high level of service in Adelaide

ATRF Session 3B:

Public Transport (*Room: Palm 2*)

Sumeet Jaiswal, Jonathan Bunker and Luis Ferreira

Measuring bus dwell time and platform crowding at a busway station

Selby Coxon, Karen Burns and Arthur De Bono

Can the design of effective public space inform the passenger experience of public transport?

Syahriah Bachok, Wen Long Yue and Rocco Zito

Real-time information provisions towards more integrated rail-bus systems in Malaysia

Friday 03 October 2008

8:00 – 3:00 **Registration Desk Open**

8:30 – 10:00 (*Room: Boulevard 2*)

8:30 – Welcome to the Economics Forum Day - James Dick

Ian Macfarlane, Former Governor of the RBA

Sponsored by: Goldman Sachs JBWere

9:00 – Keynote speaker: Michael Roth, RACQ Policy Executive

8.30 – 10.15 Australasian Transport Research Forum Concurrent Sessions

ATRF Session 4A:

Transport Policy (*Room: Boulevard 3 Front*)

Sara Gaffney: Parsons Brinckerhoff and Jonathan Bunker

A review of the roles being played by governments in road provision in Australia

Blake Xu, Stuart Woods, Brian Smith and Gordon Benham

Measuring the effectiveness of strategic transport policy packages

Victoria Johnson, Graham Currie and Janet Stanley

Drivers of disadvantage and prosperity - is car ownership a good indicator?

ATRF Session 4B:

Road Safety / Surveys and Data Collection (*Room: Boulevard 3 Back*)

Bevan Rowland Jeremy Davey, James Freeman and Darren Wishart

Perceptions of work-related road safety - safety versus savings

Deepti Muley and Jonathan Bunker

Conducting a visitor travel survey for a transit-oriented development - case study from South East Queensland

Bevan Rowland Jeremy Davey, James Freeman and Darren Wishart

Influence of road safety on taxi organisational economic stability - a need for proactive change

ATRF Session 4C:

Transport Modelling (*Room: Paradise 1*)

Nicholas Holyoak

Departure time choice for the car-based commute

Hema de Silva, Tim Risbey, Justin McEvoy and Joel Mallet

Probability based estimation of human productivity losses from road fatalities

Nirajan Shiwakoti, Majid Sarvi and Geoff Rose

Modelling pedestrian behaviour under emergency conditions - state-of-the-art and future directions

10:00 – 10:30 Morning Tea

10.30 – 12.15 Concurrent Sessions

Special Contributed ESA Forum Papers:

Session A:

Samanthala Hettihewa and Christopher S. Wright

Globalisation, demography, history and the Australian investor

Edgar Wilson

A critique of modelling and estimating the effects of consistent conditional variance expectations on exchange rates

Christian Dreger and Juergen Wolters

M3 money demand and excess liquidity in the euro area

Arusha Cooray

The financial sector and economic growth

ATRF Session 5A:

Transport Policy (*Room: Boulevard 2A*)

Neil Hay:

International comparison of road transport infrastructure investment

Donatella Cavagnoli and Philip Norman

Pricing the travel time of busy women

Astrid De Alwis, John Clements and Geoff Rose

Pursuing mutual recognition for bus and coach operator accreditation in Australia - principles, progress and prospects

ATRF Session 5B:

Road Transport (*Room: Boulevard 2B*)

Lloyd Davis and Jonathan Bunker

Larger air lines in heavy vehicle suspensions - differences in wheel and air spring forces

Hussein Dia and William Gondwe

Evaluation of incident impacts on integrated motorway and arterial networks using traffic simulation

Geoff Anson and George Giannakodakis

Understanding decision-makers' attitudes to local road freight

ATRF Session 5C:

Modelling (*Room: Paradise 1*)

Susilawati and Michael Taylor

An accessibility approach in assessing regional road network vulnerability

Md Aftabuzzaman, Graham Currie and Geoff Rose

Evaluating the congestion reduction impacts of public transport - a comparative assessment

Gusri Yaldi, Wen Long Yue and Elvi Roza Syofyan

Finding alternative ways of minimising the impacts of local problems in using micro simulation software

12:15 – 1:15 Lunch

1:15 – 3:00 ATRF concurrent sessions

ATRF Session 6A:

Transport Policy / Air Transport (*Room: Boulevard 2A*)

Demi Chung

Private provision of transport infrastructure - unveiling the inconvenient truth in New South Wales

Tom Longworth

Agglomeration externalities - a missing piece of the project appraisal puzzle

Semisi Taumoepeau and Chris Kissling

Economic sustainability of airlines in the South Pacific

ATRF Session 6B:

Transport Modelling / Demand Management (*Room: Boulevard 2B*)

Sara Moridpour, Majid Sarvi, Geoff Rose and Euan Ramsay

Variables influencing lane changing behaviour of heavy vehicles

Adrian Bauman, Chris Rissel, Jan Garrard, Ian Ker, Rosemarie, Speidel and Elliot Fishman

Barriers, facilitators and interventions to get more Australians physically active through cycling

Charles Sullivan and Anna Percy

Evaluating changes associated with workplace and school travel plans - something old, something borrowed, something new

1:15 – 1:45 Special speaker
Speaker: Peter Doherty and Nobel Laureate

1:45 – 2:45 Special Round Table
Participants:
Ian Macfarlane
Warren Hogan

2:45 – 3:15: Refreshments

3:15 – 4:15 Keynote Speaker: Warren Hogan, Former Westpac Director

4:15 – 5:00 Special Contributed ESA Forum Papers:

Session B

Michael Kremmer and D.T. (Tom) Nguyen

The differential impact of policy intervention on fatalities among drivers and non-driving road

Robin Harrison and Samanthala Hettihewa

The impact of macroeconomic variable and demographic structure on share prices – The case of New Zealand