



EMG Workshop '10

1-3 December 2010

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Coogee Beach, Sydney

The Economic Measurement Group (EMG) is hosting its tenth annual international workshop, supported by the Australian School of Business, Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Productivity Commission and the Australian Research Council.

Program

Wednesday 1st December

8:30 Tea and coffee

9:00 Fred Hilmer (President and Vice-Chancellor, UNSW)
“National Competition Policy — fifteen years on”

9:45 Don Bruncker (Productivity Commission)
“Competition, Innovation and Productivity in Australian Businesses: Results of a Firm-Level Econometric Analysis”

10:30 Break

11:00 Erwin Diewert (University of British Columbia and UNSW)
“The Measurement of Banking Services in the System of National Accounts”

11:45 Dennis Fixler (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis)
“Deconstructing FISIM: Should Financial Risk Affect GDP?”

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Emili Tortosa-Ausina (Universitat Jaume I and IVIE, Spain)
“The Effect of the Bank Regulatory Environment on Regional Economic Activity: The European Experience”



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2:15 Arthur Grimes (MOTU, New Zealand)
“The Need for Speed: Impacts of Internet Connectivity on Firm Productivity”

3:00 Break

3:30 Amani Elnasri (UNSW)
“Public Infrastructure and Productivity in Australia: Evidence from A Panel Cointegration Approach”

4:15 Glenn Otto (UNSW)
“What Drives Infrastructure Spending?”

5:00 Pub and workshop dinner (Ceviche Restaurant, 56 Carr Street Coogee, 6:30pm).

Thursday 2nd December

8:30 Tea and coffee

9:00 Ben Loughton (Australian Bureau of Statistics)
“Productivity Puzzles for Mining and Utility Sectors in Australia”

9:45 Ken Clements (University of Western Australia)
“The Investment Project Pipeline: Cost Escalation, Lead-Time, Success, Failure and Speed”

10:30 Break

11:00 Joaquin Vespignani (UNSW)
“Measuring the Industrial Impact of Monetary Shocks in Australia”

11:45 Ulrich Kohli (University of Geneva)
“The Real Exchange Rate and the Structure of Aggregate Production”

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Nairn MacGibbon (Statistics New Zealand)
“Exogenous vs. Endogenous Rates of Return: The User Cost of Capital in Statistics New Zealand’s Multi-factor Productivity Measures”

2:15 Eric Sheng (Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics)
“Persistence Also Pays in Australia: Productivity Growth and Public R&D Investment in Australian Broadacre Agriculture”

3:00 Break

3:30 Bert Balk (Statistics Netherlands and Erasmus University)
“A Blueprint for International Productivity Comparisons”

4:15 Iqbal Syed (UNSW)
“Identifying Promotional Prices in Scanner Data and the Measurement of Inflation”

5:00 Pub.

Friday 3rd December

8:30 Tea and coffee

9:00 Ernst Berndt (MIT)
“Pricing and Reimbursement in U.S. Pharmaceutical Markets”

9:45 Erwin Diewert (University of British Columbia and UNSW)
“Alternative Approaches to Measuring House Price Inflation”

10:30 Break

11:00 Jan de Haan (Statistics Netherlands)
“An Appraisal-Based Generalized Regression Estimator of House Price Change”

11:45 Robert Hill (University of Graz)
“Hedonic Price-to-Rent Ratios for Housing: Implications for the Detection of Departures from Fundamentals”

12:30 Lunch and drinks.

End of workshop.

Arrangements

Attendance is free. Postgraduate students are encouraged to attend. For catering purposes, please advise by Wednesday the 24th of November if you are planning to attend.

For the registration form and further information, please visit www.caer.unsw.edu.au.

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