

2019 Conference – Biographies of Presenters

Dan Andrews

Dan Andrews is Chief Advisor in the new Structural Reform Group of the Australian Treasury. He is responsible for deepening the understanding of Australia's productivity challenge and providing advice to the Australian Government on productivity-enhancing structural reforms. Before joining the Treasury, Dan held the position of Deputy Head of the Structural Policy Analysis Division and was the leader of the Productivity Workstream in the OECD Economics Department. His research has focused on exploiting micro data to assess the causes of the global productivity slowdown and the impact of structural reforms on growth. With an academic background in economics, he also holds a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University.

James Bishop

James Bishop is a Senior Research Economist in the Economic Research Department of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA). Prior to this, James worked as an Economist in the RBA's Economic Activity and Forecasting section, and has completed two secondments to the Australian Bureau of Statistics to undertake research using unit record data.

James holds a Master in Economics (with Distinction) from the London School of Economics and a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics, First Class Honours and University Medal) from the University of Wollongong. His research interests focus on labour markets and program evaluation methods, with a recent focus on understanding the causes of low wages growth in Australia. He is currently completing his PhD thesis at the University of Sydney, titled: Essays in Policy Evaluation.

Jeff Borland

Jeff Borland is Truby Williams Professor of Economics at the University of Melbourne.

His main research interests are analysis of the operation of labour markets in Australia, program and policy evaluation and design, Australian economic history, and sports economics. In 1997 he was awarded the Australian Academy of Social Sciences Medal for Excellence in Scholarship in the Social Sciences, and in 2002 was made a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences.

His current teaching is in the areas of microeconomics, sports economics, and Australian and world economic history. At University of Melbourne he has been a recipient of the Ed Brown University Teaching Prize and the Dean's Award for Individual Teaching, and at Yale University he was awarded the Raymond Powell Prize for Excellence in Teaching in the Department of Economics. In 2007 he was awarded a Carrick Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning.

In 2010 he was Visiting Professor of Australian Studies at Harvard University. He has also been a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research at the Australian National University between 1996 and 1998, and has had visiting teaching positions at the University of Iowa and University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He is currently on the Board of Editors of the *Journal of Sports Economics*, and between 1998 and mid 2002 was Co-editor and Editor of the *Economic Record*. He has acted as a consultant on labour market and microeconomics issues to organisations such as the OECD, IMF, ACCC, New Zealand Treasury and Productivity Commission.

Rebecca Cassells

Rebecca is a Principal Research Fellow with the Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre (BCEC) and oversees the Centre's Research Impact and Engagement Strategy, Focus on the States and Gender Equity research series. Prior to her role at BCEC, Rebecca worked as an independent consultant, working with state and federal government departments on a number of major economic evaluations. Rebecca previously spent many years with the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM) where she led the Women, Children and Families team and managed the AMP.NATSEM report series.

Rebecca has a diverse research portfolio that deals both with research methods and policy evaluation. Her principal areas of research include: gender equality, poverty and disadvantage, social exclusion, wealth and superannuation; child wellbeing; education inequality; and the role of geography in influencing social and economic outcomes.

Rebecca has published extensively through commissioned and public reports and across academic and policy journals. She has led major commissioned research reports for a number of organisations including the Dept of Health, Dept of Defence, NSW Dept of Premier and Cabinet, NSW FaCS, AMP, Office for Women, CPA, The Smith Family and the Commonwealth Bank. Her work has been influential in driving public debates and influencing policy and legislation.

Rebecca has provided evidence to parliamentary inquiries on the economic security for women in retirement, childcare availability and affordability and the Productivity Commission's investigation into the childcare workforce and geographic mobility. Rebecca also serves as a Panel Member on the Workplace and Gender Equality Agency's Data Consultation Group.

Natasha Cassidy

Natasha Cassidy is Head of Section in the Economic Analysis Department of the Reserve Bank of Australia. She is currently the head of a team that is responsible for the forecasting and analysis of prices, wages and the labour market. Before this, Ms Cassidy served in a number of roles in the Economic Analysis Department, covering areas such as business investment, trade, commodity prices, housing and financial conditions. She has also worked in the Reserve Bank's Domestic Markets and International Departments. She holds a Bachelor of Economics (Hons) from the University of Sydney.

Iris Chan

Iris Chan is a Senior Research Economist in the Economic Research Department at the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA). Her current research interests include labour market issues, housing market dynamics and the impact of macroprudential policies. Since joining the RBA in 2007, Iris has held positions in International Department, Financial Stability Department and Payments Policy Department.

Iris holds a Master in Public Affairs (Economics) from Princeton University. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours in Economics / Econometrics) and a Bachelor of Laws (Honours).

Andrew Charlton

Andrew has senior experience in business, government and international institutions. After commencing his career with the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), he received a Doctorate and Masters in Economics from the University of Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar. From 2008–10, through the period of the global financial crisis, he served as Senior Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Australia and Australia's senior government official to the G20 economic summits. He was the Prime Minister's representative to conferences of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate (MEF). From 2010–14 he worked for Australian conglomerate Wesfarmers, including two years in corporate strategy (M&A

and major group projects) and two years in operational roles (divisional Chief Financial Officer and General Manager). His academic research covering international economics, trade and development has been published in leading international journals including *The American Economic Review*, *World Trade Review* and *The World Economy*. He is the author of two books, *Ozonomics* (2007) and *Fair Trade for All* (2005), co-written with Nobel laureate Joseph Stiglitz. In 2011 he was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.

Andrew was one of the few economists in Australia who foresaw the slowing in China's economy and the impact on commodity prices. In 2011 he questioned the mainstream consensus view that China could sustain double-digit economic growth rates and that Australia would benefit from a prolonged 'commodity supercycle'. He publicly warned of the weaknesses in China's economic model and advised businesses to protect themselves from falling commodity prices. In 2014, his *Quarterly Essay* (Dragon's Tail: The Lucky Country after the China Boom) forecasted the subsequent fall in commodity prices, writing that China 'exhibits many of the characteristics of an emerging economy heading into a debt problem: a period of excessive investment; capital allocation sometimes influenced by political rather than commercial criteria; and heavy debt'. *The Australian Financial Review* wrote '[Charlton] cleverly summarises Australia's economic history and explains how, for the foreseeable future, our feet are dangling over the edge of a Chinese cliff'.

Dongchul Cho

Dongchul Cho is a Member of the Monetary Policy Board of the Bank of Korea. Prior to this, he was Chief Economist at the Korea Development Institute (KDI) and Professor at the KDI School of Public Policy and Management. From 2002 to 2009, he was a Vice President and Head of Macroeconomic and Financial Policy Department at KDI, except for the 2005–06 period when he served as the Senior Counselor to the Deputy Prime Minister and Head of the Macro Policy Advisory Team at the Ministry of Finance and Economy.

He also served as a Member of National Economic Advisory Council to the President from 2013 to 2014, as a Member of Presidential Council of Future and Vision from 2008 to 2010, as a Member of the Policy Advisory Committee for the Prime Minister in 2004, and as a Member of the Presidency Undertaking Advisory Committee in 2003. Before he joined the KDI in 1995, Dr Cho was a Professor of Economics at Texas A&M University. He graduated from Seoul National University and holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

His major areas of interest include macroeconomics and international finance. He has published many articles in professional journals such as *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*; *Journal of International Economics*; and *Journal of Econometrics*, and most recently edited the book *Growth, Crisis and the Korean Economy*, which collects his own articles in English.

John Daley

John Daley is the CEO of Grattan Institute, which conducts independent, rigorous and practical analysis of Australian public policy. John's work at Grattan Institute has focused on budget, tax, and economic reform policy. He is a consistent advocate of the importance of government prioritisation.

John Daley has 25 years' experience at the intersection of the public sector, private enterprise, and academia. His diverse background includes law, finance, education, and workers compensation.

Previous roles include the University of Melbourne, the University of Oxford, the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet, consulting firm McKinsey and Co, and most recently ANZ where he was Managing Director of the online stockbroker, E*TRADE Australia.

John has a DPhil in Public Law from the University of Oxford, and degrees in Law and Science from the University of Melbourne.

Christian Dustmann

Christian Dustmann earned a BSc in Business Economics from the University of Bielefeld in 1983, followed by a MA in Economics from the University of Georgia (Athens, Georgia) in 1985 and a MSc in Business Economics from the University of Bielefeld in 1985. Thereafter, he went on to obtain a PhD in Economics from the European University Institute in Florence in 1992 and finally a habilitation in economics and econometrics from the University of Bielefeld in 1997. After his PhD, Christian briefly worked at the University of Bielefeld as Assistant Professor of Economics, and then moved to the University College London, where he has been working ever since, being promoted from Lecturer to Reader in 2002 and finally to full Professor in 2004. In 2004, Christian also founded the Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration, whose Director he remains. In parallel, he has held many visiting appointments, including at Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, and Yale.

Christian Dustmann is a Research Associate of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, Centre for Economic Policy, Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research, Member of the Council of the Royal Economic Society, Elected Fellow of the Academia Europaea, National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, Society of Labour Economists and British Academy. Previously he served as President of the European Society for Population Economics and of the European Society for Labour Economists. Besides working as referee for numerous academic journals in economics, Christian performs editorial duties for the *Journal of Labour Economics* and has done so before for the *Journal of Population Economics* and the *Economic Journal*. In addition to his positions in academia, he has advised the British Home Office, the Institute for Labour Market and Vocational Research, and the Economic and Social Research Council.

Jan Eeckhout

Jan Eeckhout is ICREA Research Professor at Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Barcelona GSE Affiliated Professor, and Professor of Economics at University College London. He has teaching and research interests in macroeconomics, with a special emphasis on the labour market. He studies unemployment, labour market risk, skill diversity, inequality in cities, and the macroeconomic implications of market power.

His work has been published in *The American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, the *Review of Economic Studies*, the *Journal of Political Economy*, and has been supported by several Government grants, including funding from the National Science Foundation (US) and the European Research Council (Starting and Advanced Grants), as well as private grants. His work has featured in the media, including outlets such as *The Economist*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *New York Times*, *Vox*, and Bloomberg. He has advised over 30 PhD students, who have placed in academic positions from Yale to Chicago and from Beijing to Canberra, as well as in non-academic positions.

Jan Eeckhout has been a tenured Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was for nine years. He has been the Louis A Simpson Visiting Professor at Princeton University and has taught at NYU Stern and has been a visiting scholar at MIT. At UPF he has been the Chairman of the Department of Economics and Business. He has been Editor of the *International Economic Review* and is currently on the Editorial Board of the *Review of Economic Dynamics* and the *Journal of Economic Theory*, and is a past Editorial Board Member of the *Journal of the European Economic Association*. He is a Fellow of the European Economic Association and a Member of the Academia Europaea. He received his PhD in Economics from the London School of Economics in 1998.

Gigi Foster

Professor Gigi Foster received her BA from Yale (majoring in Ethics, Politics, and Economics) and her PhD in Economics from the University of Maryland.

Professor Foster's research interests and contributions lie in the areas of education, social influence, behavioural economics, and the multidisciplinary analysis of human behaviour in groups. Much of her published work focuses on aspects of decisions related to human capital investment and social influence. Her research has been supported by the Australian Research Council, the Spencer Foundation, the University of New South Wales, and the University of South Australia. Professor Foster is also active in the Australian media, particularly in regard to matters of education policy and economic thought.

Kevin Fox

Kevin Fox is a Professor and Director of Centre for Applied Economic Research at the UNSW Business School. He works primarily in the field of economic measurement, with a focus on productivity and prices. He was appointed as an Advisor to the Australian Treasury in 2016, chaired the 16th Series CPI Review Advisory Group in 2009–10, and was a member of the Expert Working Group of the Australian Council of Learned Academies on productivity 2012–14 that reported to the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council. He is a member of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Methodology Advisory Committee and the Productivity Measurement Reference Group. He is an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Productivity Analysis*, and Editorial Board Member of the *Review of Income & Wealth*. After studying Japanese in Tokyo for two years, he studied economics at the University of Canterbury and the University of British Columbia. He served as Head of the UNSW School of Economics for five years, 2008–12. He is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, Fellow of the Society for Economic Measurement, and a Member of the NBER-affiliated U.S. Conference in Research on Income and Wealth. He is Treasurer and President-Elect of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth.

Ian Harper

Ian Harper is Dean of Melbourne Business School and Co-Dean of the University of Melbourne's Faculty of Business and Economics.

Ian is an Australian economist best known for his work in public policy. He has worked with governments, banks, corporates and leading professional services firms at the highest level.

In May 2016 Ian was appointed to the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia and became a Senior Advisor to Deloitte Access Economics, having previously been a Partner with the firm.

Prior to his consulting career, Ian spent 20 years at the University of Melbourne, including 16 years in various roles at the Melbourne Business School. He was elected Emeritus Professor of the University on his departure in 2008.

From March 2014 to March 2015, Ian Chaired the Australian Government's Competition Policy Review, a 'root and branch' review of Australia's competition policy, laws and regulators.

From December 2005 to July 2009, he served as inaugural Chairman of the Australian Fair Pay Commission, and from January 2011 to February 2012, he was one of three Panellists chosen to review Victoria's state finances.

Ian was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia in 2000 and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors in 2009. In 2016 he was elected a Distinguished Public Policy Fellow of the Economic Society of Australia and received a Vice-Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award from the University of Queensland.

Dean Hyslop

Dean Hyslop has been a Senior Fellow at Motu Economic and Public Policy Research in New Zealand since March 2015.

Dean was previously Professor of Econometrics at Victoria University of Wellington, and prior to that was a Senior Researcher at the NZ Department of Labour, and a Principal Advisor in The NZ Treasury. Before joining The Treasury, he was an Assistant Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

He has held Visiting Research Fellow positions in the Center for Labor Economics at UC Berkeley, the University of Melbourne, and the FH Gruen Visiting Professor in the Research School in Economics at the Australian National University. He has a PhD from Princeton University. In 2008 Dean was awarded the Econometric Society's Frisch Medal for his paper (with David Card) 'Estimating the effects of a time-limited earnings subsidy for welfare-leavers'.

Dean's research interests are in labour markets and applied econometrics.

Guyonne Kalb

Professor Guyonne Kalb is a Professorial Research Fellow and Director of the Labour Economics and Social Policy Program at the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research at the University of Melbourne. She has a Master's degree in Econometrics from Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands (1989), and a PhD in Econometrics from Monash University, Australia (1998). She has held previous positions at Monash University, the University of New South Wales, and prior to commencing her PhD, at a social insurance administration office in the Netherlands.

Her research interests are mainly in the field of micro-econometrics and include labour supply issues; the interaction of labour supply, social security and taxation; labour supply and childcare; and microsimulation modelling. Her work includes more than 60 refereed publications in national and international journals, such as, for example, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Health Economics*, *Fiscal Studies* and *Economic Record*, in addition to numerous (government) reports and working papers.

Inga Laß

Inga Laß is Research Fellow at the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne. Her research focuses on the interplay between employment, individual life courses and family life. Her work has recently been published in the *European Sociological Review* and the *British Journal of Industrial Relations*.

Adam Richardson

Adam Richardson is the Manager of the Modelling team in the Economics Department. He joined the Reserve Bank of New Zealand in 2007 and has also spent time in the Bank's Forecasting, Policy Analysis and International & Markets Analysis teams. He also spent a year working in Sydney as an economist for HSBC Global Banking and Markets. Adam has an Honours degree in Economics from the University of Otago and is a CFA charterholder.

Sue Richardson

Professor Richardson was Director of National Institute of Labour Studies from 2000–08. Prior to that she worked in the School of Economics at the University of Adelaide. She has a five-year term as a Member of the Fair Work Commission's Expert Panel and was a Member of its predecessor Minimum Wage Panel. She was President of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia from 2003–06. She led a Foresighting Cluster that advised the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council on major long term policy challenges. From 2004–09, she was a Commissioner of the Essential Services Commission of SA. In recent years she has been a Member of the

National Sustainability Council, the Commonwealth Expert Panel on Climate Futures, the ABS Mapping Australia's Progress Panel, the Board of CHASS, the Australian Council of Learned Academies, the Board of the South Australian Certificate of Education, the SA Population Advisory Committee and the Information Economy Advisory Board.

She has been a part-time Commissioner with the Industry Commission, Convener of the Academic Board and a Member of the Council of the University of Adelaide and of its Finance Committee, on the Rhodes Scholarship selection committee, a Member of the Ministerial Inquiry into Skills in South Australia and Co-editor of the *Economic Record*.

Cyrille Schwellnus

Cyrille Schwellnus is the Head of the Labour Market Workstream in the OECD Economics Department, where he currently leads a project on the links between productivity and wages. Before joining the OECD, he was a Research Fellow at the French Institute for International Economics (CEPII, Paris) and a lecturer at the Institute for Political Studies (Sciences Po, Paris). He holds a MSc in Economics from the University of Mannheim and a PhD from the European University Institute in Florence.

Thijs van Rens

Thijs van Rens is Associate Professor at the University of Warwick, Research Associate at the Centre for Macroeconomics and the IZA Institute of Labor Economics, and currently Visiting Fellow at UNSW. He studied Economics at the University of Amsterdam and Princeton University, where he obtained his PhD in June 2005. Thijs's research interests are on the intersection of labour economics and macroeconomics, addressing questions why so many workers lose their jobs in a recession and why it takes such a long time before the unemployment rate goes down after the economy recovers.

Nada Wasi

Nada Wasi is a Section Head leading labour and health economics research at the Puey Ungphakorn Institute for Economic Research (PIER), Bank of Thailand. Her research interests involve combining economic theory and statistical tools to understand how individuals make decisions and what factors influencing those decisions. This ranges widely from understanding how policies affect labour supply, saving, and retirement to issues in health and environmental economics. Nada has written several papers on consumer choice models, both econometric techniques and applications. Her articles appear in *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Economic Journal*, *Energy Economics*, *Labour Economics*, and *Marketing Science*. Nada received a PhD in Economics from University of California, San Diego; and was a research fellow at University of Technology Sydney and University of New South Wales. Before joining PIER, she was a faculty member at the Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan.

Mark Wooden

Mark Wooden is a Professorial Fellow at the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne, a position he has held since March 2000. Prior to that he worked for 19 years at the National Institute of Labour Studies, Flinders University of South Australia. He has published extensively, especially on contemporary developments in the Australian labour market. In 2000 he commenced work as the first Director of the HILDA Survey Project, Australia's first large-scale household panel survey, a position he still holds today. In 2010, Mark was appointed a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences of Australia.