

**ATEC2010 The Australasian Teaching Economics Conference**

**Frontiers in Economics Teaching**

28-29 June, 2010 -- Hamilton, New Zealand

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**PROGRAMME**

| <b>Day One (Monday 28 June)</b>  |  | <b>Venue</b>   |
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| 9:00 – 10:00                     | Registration, Tea and Coffee   | MSB1 foyer   |
| 10:00 – 11:00                    | Welcome and Plenary: <i>“Common mistakes made in classroom research”</i>                   | MSB1.01  |
| 11:00 – 12:00                    | Contributed Paper Session 1  |  |
|                                  | <i>Pedagogy I</i>  | MSB1.01  |
|                                  | <i>E-Learning I</i>  | MSB1.05  |
| 12:00 – 13:00                    | Lunch  | MSB1 foyer   |
| 13:00 – 14:30                    | Contributed Paper Session 2  |  |
|                                  | <i>Pedagogy II</i>   | MSB1.01  |
|                                  | <i>New Student Attributes</i>  | MSB1.05  |
| 14:30 – 15:00                    | Afternoon Tea  | MSB1 foyer   |
| 15:00 – 16:00                    | Contributed Paper Session 3  |  |
|                                  | <i>Other</i>   | MSB1.01  |
|                                  | <i>Tutoring</i>  | MSB1.05  |
| 16:00 – 17:00                    | Special Session: <i>“Facilitating transitions of students to tertiary-level economics”</i> | MSB1.01  |
| 19:00 – late                     | Conference Dinner  | Café Centrale, Alma Street (near both the Ibis Tainui and Novotel Tainui hotels) |
| <b>Day Two (Tuesday 29 June)</b> |  | <b>Venue</b>   |
| 9:00 – 10:30                     | Contributed Paper Session 4  |  |
|                                  | <i>Assessment</i>  | MSB1.01  |
|                                  | <i>High School/Polytech</i>  | MSB1.05  |
| 10:30 – 11:00                    | Morning Tea  | MSB1 foyer   |
| 11:00 – 12:00                    | Contributed Paper Session 5  |  |
|                                  | <i>E-Learning II</i>   | MSB1.01  |
|                                  | <i>Graduate Attributes</i>   | MSB1.05  |
| 12:00 – 12:30                    | Conference Closing   | MSB1.01  |
| 12:30 – 13:30                    | Lunch  | MSB1 foyer   |
| 13:30 – 16:30                    | NZAE First-year lecturers forum (all welcome)  | MSB1.01  |

### **Contributed Paper Session One**

#### **Pedagogy I (MSB1.01, Monday 28 June 11:00-12:00)**

Chair: Mary Hedges

*Tommy Tang, Queensland University of Technology*

Threshold Concepts and Academic Performance in Economics

*Rod O'Donnell, University of Technology Sydney*

Textbook Inadequacies in the Teaching of Opportunity Cost

#### **E-Learning I (MSB1.05, Monday 28 June 11:00-12:00)**

Chair: Wayne Geerling

*Chee Kian Leong, SIM University (Singapore)*

Using Blogs in E-learning for Undergraduate Economics: A Tutor's Perspective

*Michael Cameron, University of Waikato*

Economics with Training Wheels: Using Weblogs in Teaching and Assessing Introductory Economics

### **Contributed Paper Session Two**

#### **Pedagogy II (MSB1.01, Monday 28 June 13:00-14:30)**

Chair: Tommy Tang

*Carl Sherwood, University of Queensland*

Using interactive online scenarios (SBLi) and pictorial icons to create authentic learning environments and to help understanding in introductory statistics

*Maria Estela Varua, University of Western Sydney*

Multiple Methods: How to Help students succeed in Econometrics

*Keith Rankin, Unitec (Auckland)*

Macroeconomic Concepts and Applications: paying attention to basic relationships through circular flow analysis

#### **New Student Attributes (MSB1.05, Monday 28 June 13:00-14:30)**

Chair: Steven Lim

*Girijasankar Mallik, University of Western Sydney*

The effect of High School Mathematics on student performance in University: A quantile regression approach

*Michael Cameron, University of Waikato*

Recognising and Building on Freshman Students' Prior Knowledge of Economics

*Girijasankar Mallik, University of Western Sydney*

Prior mathematics and economics knowledge and student outcome in principles of economics in University: A quantile regression approach

### **Contributed Paper Session Three**

**Other (MSB1.01, Monday 28 June 15:00-16:00)**

Chair: Keith Rankin

*Malcolm Abbott, Swinburne University of Technology (Melbourne)*

What happens after graduation? The market for economists

*Joe Hirschberg, University of Melbourne*

The matching of Quality of Teaching Indicators and the Course Evaluation Questionnaire

**Tutoring (MSB1.05, Monday 28 June 15:00-16:00)**

Chair: Chee Kian Leong

*Maria Estela Varua, University of Western Sydney*

Using Tutorials in Developing Postgraduate Overseas Students' Thinking Skills in Economics

### **Special Session on "Facilitating transitions of students to tertiary-level economics"**

**(MSB1.01, Monday 28 June 16:00-17:00)**

Chair: Mary Hedges

Speakers:

*Christina Gera and Janet Harris, Student Learning, University of Waikato*

*Stephen Graham, Tauranga Boys' College*

*Michael Cameron, University of Waikato*

*Steven Agnew, University of Canterbury*

### **Contributed Paper Session Four**

**Assessment (MSB1.01, Tuesday 29 June 9:00-10:30)**

Chair: Steven Lim

*Gillis McLean, Lincoln University*

Testing the Effectiveness of Formative and Summative In-Semester Assessment in Econ 101

*Paul McKeown, Lincoln University*

Modelling student learning behaviour and marks in on-line quizzes in Econ 101

*Andrew Nadolny, University of Newcastle (Australia)*

How effective are peer-assessed presentations as a learning tool for Economics?

**High School/Polytech (MSB1.05, Tuesday 29 June 9:00-10:30)**

Chair: Bridget Daldy

*Steve Agnew, University of Canterbury*

What Impact has NCEA had on Participation in Economics?

*Michael Cameron, University of Waikato*

Economic Literacy: A Comparison of Entry-Level University and Polytech Economics Students

*Steve Agnew, University of Canterbury*

What is Happening to Girls Studying Economics in Low Decile Schools?

**Contributed Paper Session Five**

**E-Learning II (MSB1.01, Tuesday 29 June 11:00-12:00)**

Chair: Catherine Nash

*Muni Perumal, University of Canberra*

An Interdisciplinary Approach to Teaching Economics Using Online Learning Communities

*Wayne Geerling, LaTrobe University (Australia)*

Dismal Science? Using Popular Culture to make Economics engaging

**Graduate Attributes (MSB1.05, Tuesday 29 June 11:00-12:00)**

Chair: John Tressler

*Stephen Hickson, University of Canterbury*

Predicting student achievement in intermediate university economics from principles assessments

*Peter Harkness, Swinburne University of Technology (Melbourne)*

Are the renewed curriculum frameworks, graduate attributes, and revamped Business degrees new enough?

**NZAE First-year lecturers forum (MSB1.01, Tuesday 29 June 13:30-16:30)**

This is a forum for co-ordinators and lecturers of first-year tertiary economics papers, but all ATEC conference attendees are welcome to attend the forum. An agenda for the forum will be available at the conference registration desk.