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## 4th Australian Workshop on Public Finance

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Thursday 13 June - Friday 14 June 2024  
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**PROGRAM – Thursday 13 June 2024**

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8:45 - 9:10	<b>Opening and welcome</b> Moderator: Professor Robert Breunig, TTPI  <b>Advancing public finance through data and research - working together to improve outcomes</b>  Speaker: Jenny Wilkinson Secretary, Department of Finance	
9:10 - 9:40	<b>Session 1:</b>  The Alife dataset: families file and future directions	<b>The ALife Families File and an update from the Alife team</b> Mish Tan: (ABS)  Presenters: Kim Cvetanovska (ATO) Justin Holland (ATO) Daniel Fischer (UMelb)
9:40 - 10:30	<b>Session 2:</b>  Tax system design	<i>(30 min presentation, 10 min discussant, 10 min open discussion)</i> Moderator: Mish Tan (ABS)  <b>Trade-offs in the design of simplified tax regimes: Evidence from tax administrative data</b>  Presenter: Christopher Hoy (World Bank) Policy Discussant: Yi Yong Cai (Treasury)
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Morning tea</b>	
11:00 - 12:40	<b>Session 3:</b>  Education	<i>(30 min presentation, 10 min discussant, 10 min open discussion)</i> Moderator: Kathryn MacMahon (Dep of Education)  <b>Progressive income-contingent student loans</b>  Presenter: Yue Hua (UNSW) Discussant: Chung Tran (ANU)  <b>The effects of affirmative action for women in male-dominated STEM fields at university</b>  Presenter: Juliana Silva Goncalves (USyd) Discussant: Maria Racionero (ANU)
12:40 - 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	

13:30 - 15:20	<b>Session 4:</b>  Employment	<p><i>(25 min presentation, 10 min each x 2 discussants, 10 min open discussion)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Lixin Cai (Employment)</p> <p><b>‘Skill-needs’ targeting of employer subsidies for new apprentices: Promoting good pathways or limiting opportunities?</b></p> <p>Presenter: Cain Polidano (UMelb)  Discussant: Tim Kane (CEDA)  Policy Discussant: Will Mackey (Treasury)</p> <p><b>Graying and staying on the job: The welfare implications of employment protection for older workers</b></p> <p>Presenter: Todd Morris (UQld)  Discussant: Anna Zhu (RMIT)  Policy Discussant: Gillian Beer (DSS)</p>
15:20 - 15:40	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
15:40 - 17:30	<b>Session 5:</b>  Housing	<p><i>(25 min presentation, 10 min each x 2 discussants, 10 min open discussion)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Lachlan McColl (DSS)</p> <p><b>Housing transaction taxes and mobility</b></p> <p>Presenter: Nick Garvin (e61)  Discussant: Arezou Zaresani (USyd)  Policy Discussant: John Clark (PBO)</p> <p><b>Housing and the measurement of economic inequality</b></p> <p>Presenter: Peter Siminski (UTS)  Discussant: Roger Wilkins (UMelb)  Policy Discussant: Christian Gillitzer (USyd))</p>
18:30 –19:00  19:00 - 21:30	<p><b><i>By-invite only</i></b>  Conference dinner and drinks</p> <p>Drinks at Ovolo Nishi Hotel, Monster Kitchen and Bar</p> <p><b>Ovolo Nishi Hotel  Monster Kitchen and Bar</b></p> <p><b><u>Ground floor, 25 Edinburgh Avenue Canberra</u></b></p> <p><i>No designated speaker, an opportunity to mingle.</i></p> <p>ACT CABS PH: 02 62800077</p> <p>Canberra Elite Taxi PH: 61261600</p>	

<b>DAY 2 - Friday 14 June 2024</b> Molonglo Theatre, Level 2, JG Crawford Building		
9:00 - 10:40	<b>Session 6:</b>  Disasters	<i>(30 min presentation, 10 min discussant, 10 min open discussion)</i> Moderator: Paul Hubbard (Austrade)  <b>The impact of flood events on not-for-profit organisations</b>  Presenter: Dang Duy Anh Phan (Monash) Discussant: Ha Nguyen (Telethon Kids Inst)  <b>Social equity in community disaster funding: A case study of the Black Summer Bushfires</b>  Presenter: Lihini de Silva (Monash) Discussant: Jacquelyn Zhang (ANU)
10:40 - 11:00	<b>Morning tea</b>	
11:00 - 11:50	<b>Session 7:</b>  Employment	<i>(30 min presentation, 10 min discussant, 10 min open discussion)</i> Moderator: Christian Gillitzer (USyd)  <b>Effects of informal caring on labour market outcomes of carers: Evidence from HILDA</b>  Presenter: Pelin Akyol (e61) Discussant: Kristen Sobeck (ANU)
11:50 - 13:00	Keynote: Professor Wojciech Kopczuk  Moderator: Christian Gillitzer (USyd)  <b>Accounting for business income in measuring top income shares: Integrated accrual approach using individual and firm data from Norway</b>	
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00 - 15:50	<b>Session 8:</b>  Health & Disability	<i>(25 min presentation, 10 min each x 2 discussants, 10 min open discussion)</i> Moderator: Michael Lye (Dep Health)  <b>The short to medium term effects of reassessment of disability support pensioners on welfare reciprocity and antidepressant use</b>  Presenter: Samia Badji (Monash) Discussant: Maathu Ranjan (ANU) Policy Discussant: Andrew Whitecross (DSS)  <b>Identifying the effects of health insurance coverage on health care use when coverage is misreported and endogenous</b>  Presenter: Francis Mitrou (Telethon Kids Inst) Discussant: Jinhu Li (ANU) Policy Discussant: Thomas Abhayaratna (ANU/DSS)
15:50 - 16:20	Wrap up and thank you  Speakers: Robert Breunig (TTPI) Shane Johnson (Australian Treasury)	