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| 8:45 - 9:10 | Opening and welcome Moderator: Professor Robert Breunig (TTPI ANU) Speaker: Blair Comley PSM Secretary, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Public Finance to Public Policy | |
| 9:10 - 9:40 | Session 1 | Data update on WHAM Moderator: Mish Tan: (ABS) Presenter: Tristram Sainsbury (Industry) |
| 9:40 -10:30 | Session 2 #1 Keynote address | Moderator: (TBC) Professor David Byrne, Deputy Head of Department, Ritchie Chair of Economic Research, University of Melbourne Behaviour, Automation and the Energy Transition |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Morning tea | |
| 11:00 - 12:40 | Session 3 Education | (30 min presentation, 10 min discussant, 10 min open discussion) Moderator: Kathryn MacMahon (Education) A model to understand university student debts and payments Presenter: Lachie Fox (Treasury) Discussant: Michael Coelli (Melbourne) Policy Discussant: Tim Higgins (ANU) Parental relationship stability and school readiness Presenter: Hayley Fisher (Sydney) Discussant: Kristen Sobeck (ANU) Policy discussant: Claudio Mazzola (Education) |

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| 12:40 - 13:30 | Lunch | |
| 13:30 - 15:20 | Session 4 Health and Fertility | <p><i>(25 min presentation, 10 min each x 2 discussants, 10 min open discussion)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Nick Latimer (Treasury)</p> <p>Abortion access and long-run household outcomes: Evidence from population-wide administration data</p> <p>Presenter: Rebecca McKibbin (Sydney) Discussant: Ha Nguyen (The Kids Research Institute) Policy Discussant: Natasha Bradshaw (Treasury)</p> <p>Financial incentives and fertility: Evidence from linked administrative data on Australia's baby bonus</p> <p>Presenter: Ali Vergili (e61Institute) Discussant: Jessica Arnup (ANU) Policy Discussant: Natasha Bradshaw (Treasury)</p> |
| 15:20 - 15:50 | Afternoon tea | |
| 15:50 - 17:40 | Session 5 Tax Reform and Innovation | <p><i>(25 min presentation, 10 min each x 2 discussants, 10 min open discussion)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Kim Cvetanovska (ATO)</p> <p>Tax reform and the Laffer Curve</p> <p>Presenter: Ana Gamarra Rondinel (Melbourne) Discussant: Matt Smith (ANU) Policy Discussant: Louise Rawlings (Treasury)</p> <p>Trust and Innovation within the Firm: Evidence from Matched CEO-Firm Data</p> <p>Presenter: Kieu-Trang Nguyen (Melbourne) Discussant: Jonathan Hambur (RBA) Policy Discussant: Oscar Lane (Industry)</p> |
| 18:30 -19:00 | <i>By-invite only</i> Conference dinner and drinks Drinks at Ovolo Nishi Hotel, Monster Kitchen and Bar | |
| 19:00-21:30 | Ovolo Nishi Hotel Monster Kitchen and Bar <u>Ground floor, 25 Edinburgh Avenue Canberra</u> <i>No designated speaker, an opportunity to mingle.</i> ACT CABS PH: 02 62800077 | |

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| <div>DAY 2 - Friday 1 August 2025</div> <div>Molonglo Theatre, Level 2, JG Crawford Building, Lennox Crossing, ANU.</div> | | |
| 8:50 - 10:30 | <div>Session 6</div> <div>Housing</div> | <div>(30 min presentation, 10 min discussant, 10 min open discussion)</div> <div>Moderator: Robert Ohms (ATO)</div> <div>Tax rates and housing portfolio choice</div> <div>Presenter: Christian Gillitzer (Sydney)</div> <div>Discussant: Andrew Ainsworth (UOW)</div> <div>Policy Discussant: Lachlan Vass (ANU)</div> <div>Peer effects in social housing: Evidence from Australia</div> <div>Presenter: Anna Zhu (RMIT))</div> <div>Discussant: Nathan Deutscher (Treasury)</div> |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Morning tea | |
| 11:00 - 12:40 | <div>Session 7</div> <div>Working & Retiring</div> | <div>(30 min presentation, 10 min discussant, 10 min open discussion)</div> <div>Moderator: (TBC)</div> <div>Wage and employment effects of wage subsidies</div> <div>Presenter: Maxime Gravouelle (Monash)</div> <div>Discussant: Matt Nolan (e61 Inst)</div> <div>Policy Discussant: Mark Cully (Fair Work Commission)</div> <div>How valuable is liquidity in private retirement plans? Impacts from raising the access age.</div> <div>Presenter: Cain Polidano (Melbourne)</div> <div>Discussant: Chung Tran (ANU)</div> <div>Policy Discussant: Andrew Podger (ANU)</div> |
| 12:40 - 13:30 | Lunch | |
| 13:30 - 14:20 | <div>Session 8</div> <div>#2 Keynote address</div> | <div>Moderator: (TBC)</div> <div>Dr Christopher Adams</div> <div>US Congressional Budget Office</div> <div>Rebates that Reference Rivals in Medicare Part D</div> |
| 14:20 - 15:10 | <div>Session 9</div> <div>Electric Vehicles</div> | <div>(25 min presentation, 10 min each x 2 discussants, 10 min open discussion)</div> <div>Moderator: (TBC)</div> <div>What do EV kilometres displace: Evidence from Sweden</div> <div>Presenter: Sebastian Tebbe (Melbourne)</div> |

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| | | Discussant: Andrea La Nauze (Deakin) Policy Discussant: David Cosgrove (Infrastructure) |
| 15:10 - 15:30 | Afternoon Tea | |
| 15:30 - 17:10 | Session 10 | <p>Moderator: (TBC)</p> <p>Does disability funding impact employment prospects? A study of Australian disability funding recipients and their carers</p> <p>Presenter: Maathu Ranjan (ANU) Discussant: Jonas Fookien (Macquarie) Policy discussant: Sam Pelly (Treasury)</p> <p>School disruption, parental input and early childhood development</p> <p>Presenter: Jinhu Li (ANU) Discussant: Anu Rammohan (UWA) Policy Discussant: Miguel Olivo-Villabrille (ANU)</p> |
| 17:10 - 17:30 | Wrap Up and Thank You | Speakers (TBC) |