Seminar 11
Speaker/s: Ms Reetu Verma and Mr Shane Brittle (PhD candidates, School of Economics and Information Systems)
Date: Thursday 20th October
Time: 12.30-1.30pm
Location: 40.131
Light lunch will be served
Topic:
- Financial reforms in India (Reetu Verma)
- Fiscal Policy, private savings responses and current account deficits in Australia (Shane Brittle)

Seminar 10
Speaker/s: Dr Abbas Valadkhani
School of Economics and Information Systems, University of Wollongong
Date: Thursday 25th August 2005
Time: 12:30 - 1:30pm
Location: 40.131 (Light lunch will be served)
Topic: Export Price Volatility in Australia: An Application of ARCH and GARCH models
Abstract:
Australia has one of the more volatile set of export prices among OECD countries. This paper examines the extent to which Australia's export prices relate to the world prices using quarterly time-series data spanning the period 1969q4-2002q3. The empirical results based on dynamic least squares method show that Australia's export prices are cointegrated with the global export prices. A short-term dynamic ARCH-in Mean model, which captures the time varying nature of price volatility, has been used to explain the growth rate of Australia's export prices. It is found that (a) changes in Australia's export prices are highly associated with systematic changes in world export prices; (b) the diversification of Australia's export base has contributed to a significant reduction in the volatility of export prices during the study period; and (c) the time varying volatility has not undermined, in a significant manner, the growth rate of Australia's export prices.

Seminar 9
Speaker/s: Prof Yochanan Shachmoroove, University of Pennsylvania, USA
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Seminar 3

Speaker/s Ass Prof Darrel Doesel
Qld Centre for mental health Research, School of Population Health, University of Queensland

Date Thursday 28th April
Time 12:30 - 1:30pm
Location 40.130 (Light lunch will be served)

Topic Changes in Mental Health Inequality: Some Time-Series Evidence from Australia

Abstract
Interest in inequality in the health sector is long-standing but mental health inequality receives little attention. Numerous, and at times conflicting, concepts and measures of inequality and health exist in the literature, indicating that a standard approach to inequality measurement in both health and mental health has not yet emerged in the literature. Differing views exist also over what are the appropriate health data upon which to take equality/inequality measurements. This study presents an argument that the Grossman conception of health capital, which implies that health output is measured by "healthy time", guides us to the appropriate data for equality/inequality measurements of mental health. Such an approach is related to another conception in the economic and psychology literatures on measurement: the latent variable. It is also argued here that the important measures of inequality commonly employed in economics to measure inequality in regards to income, wealth etc can be usefully applied to the measurement of (mental) health inequality. In the empirical sections of this paper, time-series hospital morbidity data coded by ICD7, ICD8, ICD9 and ICD10 for all Queensland hospitals are analysed. From our time-series on coefficients of variation, Gini coefficients and Atkinson measures, we estimate time trends to provide statistical descriptions of mental health inequality through time, both for males and for females. Lorenz curves are also constructed. Some readers may regard an exercise in constructing illness concentration curves to be a relevant approach for the present exercise. However, concentration curves are not generated in this study because they are applicable to a different research question. The empirical results presented here are the first such estimates calculated for Australia.

Seminar 2

Speaker/s Wayne Simpson
University of Manitoba, Canada

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24th March 2005
12:30 - 1:30pm
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Assessing the Prospects of Immigrants to Canada: Evidence from Microdata on Immigration Integration
Simon Guttman and Anthony Richards
Reserve Bank of Australia
17th March 2005
12:30 - 1:30pm
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Trade Openness: An Australian Perspective
Dr. Peter Siminski
Social Policy Research Centre, University of NSW
23rd September 2004
12:30 - 1:30pm
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Housing Costs, Imputed Rent and Income Distribution
Dr. Stewart Wilson
Research Manager, The Productivity Commission, Canberra
16th September 2004
12:30 - 1:30pm
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Impact of the Ageing Population on Health Expenditure
Dr. Marion Kohler
Senior Research Manager, Reserve Bank of Australia
26th August 2004
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Impact of Superannuation on Household Saving
Nicholas Coppel
Executive Director, Economic Analytical Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
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Department of Economics, Monash University                                |
School of Economics & Information Systems, UOW                           |
| 3       | 5th August 2004   | 12:30 - 1:30pm | 40.131   | Social Capital: An Insight Revealed or a Concept Too Many?             | Professor Prema Chandra Athukorala, ANU  
Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, ANU                          |
| 2       | 29th July 2004    | 12:30 - 1:30pm | 40.131   | Multinational Enterprises and Manufactured Exports from Developing Countries: Emerging Patterns and Opportunities for Latecomers. | Matthew Gray, ANU                                                      |
| 1       | 13th May 2004     | 12:30 - 2:00pm | 40.130   | Relationship breakdown and the economic welfare of Australian mothers and their children. | Patrizia Tiberi Vipraio                                                |
|         | 7th April 2004    | 12:30 - 2:00pm | 40.130   | Relationship breakdown and the economic welfare of Australian mothers and their children. | Patrizia Tiberi Vipraio                                                |
Italian districts under stress: Risks and opportunities from EU enlargment.

Abstract: The restructuring of Italian districts is now facing a new challenge. Will a larger Europe expand or reduce market opportunities for SME’s? Which strategies are under way in the so called "local systems of productions"? A brief summary of some recent results are presented, emerging from a survey on 40 firms located in Friuli Venezia Giulia.

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A Unit Record Analysis of Older Male Labour Force Participation
Kankesu Jayanthakumaran & Elias Sanidas
Thursday 21st August 2003
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Trade Reforms and the survival of the Passenger Motor Vehicle (PMV) in Australia
Kankesu Jayanthakumaran & Elias Sanidas

Seminar 9
Abstract
The Passenger Motor Vehicle (PMV) industry in Australia has experienced extensive trade reforms in the late 1980s which were expected to promote a competitive PMV industry. This paper tests the hypotheses that protection and liberalization have a significant effect on production, imports, exports, labour productivity and organizational innovations (A1); and this effect is particularly evident since 1989 (A2). We have used cointegration analysis to test the hypothesis (A1) and the Chow test for (A2). Our study confirms the above two hypotheses.

Speaker/s
Associate Professor Ann Hodgkinson

Seminar 8
Date
Thursday 14th August 2003
Time
12:30 - 1:30 pm
Location
40.210 (Economics Tea Room)
Sustaining Regional Exports: Lessons from Rural & Regional NSW
Associate Professor Amnon Levy & Dr. Frank Neri

Seminar 7
Date
Thursday 31st July 2003
Time
12:30 - 1:30 pm
Location
40.130
Drugs and Growth-Efficient Prevention
An Inter-temporal Portfolio of Machos, Narcos and Angels
Drug use is widespread in most advanced economies. Many studies have investigated the mechanics of either individual decision making of addicts or of the market for a particular substance. This paper deals conceptually with some macroeconomic aspects of drug use. The labour force is divided...
into non-using and therefore fully productive workers, a number of whom are employed by the government in drug-use prevention, and only partially productive drug users. An efficient management of the nation's portfolio of workers is taken to be the trajectory of drug-prevention that maximises the present value of the stream of the disposable national incomes.

Seminar 6
Speaker/s: Professor D.P. Chaudhri, Dr. Nelson Perera & Associate Professor Ed Wilson
Date: Thursday 26th June 2003
Time: 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Location: 40.130

Topic: A Perspective on Food Policies in Rural India (1951 - 2001)

Seminar 5
Speaker/s: Professor Don Lewis
Date: Thursday 19th June 2003
Time: 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Location: 40.130

Topic: Private Health Insurance in Australia

Seminar 4
Speaker/s: Dr Khorshed Chowdhury
Date: Thursday 1st May 2003
Time: 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Location: 40.130

Topic: Convergence of Per Capita Output in South Asia

Abstract:
The objective of this paper is to determine the adverse impact of the collapse of Ansett on employment using the latest Australian input-output table. The indirect contribution of the collapse of Ansett to the creating of unemployment in various industries is quantified by adopting the "shut-down of industry" approach. Ansett operated within the air and space transport industry which possesses strong backward and forward linkages. It is found that due to sectoral multiplier and flow-on effects each job lost in such an important sector leads to a loss of approximately 3 extra jobs in the economy as a whole. The impirical results are broadly consistent with previous studies. Overall, the Ansett collapse brought about an indirect loss of 54880 jobs in 105 sectors of the Australian economy. Losses were particularly marked in the
following industries which were the fastest growing industries in terms of employment during the 1985-2000 period; Retail trade; Business services; Education; Health services; Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

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