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VACANCY AT THE ECONOMIC SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

Treasurer to the Central Council

There is a vacancy for the executive position of Treasurer to Central Council.

This is an honorary position for a term of 3 years.

Previous accounting experience with evidence is essential.

To apply please email a cover letter and CV to the NSW branch of the ESA at:

ecosoc@ecosoc.org.au

Each state branch will nominate one applicant for the position. Applications must be received before 10th September 2011

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS ECONOMISTS LUNCHTIME BRIEFING

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20th 2011

Mr Greg Smith
Adjunct Professor
Australian Catholic university

Background to recent and current work on tax reform

Date: Tuesday 20th September 2011 Time: 12:30 pm - 2:00
Venue: Radisson Blue Plaza Hotel, 27 O'Connell Street, Sydney
Cost: \$50 members, \$75 non-members, \$1160 tables (of 8 guests each)

Lunch will be a light buffet.

Does Australia really need further tax reform? If so, what are the realistic options and prospects? After the Henry Review, but in the face of heightened global economic uncertainty, what sort of tax reform is possible in coming years? Greg

Smith, a Henry Review panellist, takes stock of the tax reform challenge in advance of the Government's forthcoming tax forum.

Mr Greg Smith

Greg Smith is Adjunct Professor at the Australian Catholic University, a Senior Fellow of the Melbourne University Law School, a member of the Commonwealth Grants Commission, and a director of the Centre for Policy Development. In recent years he has been member of several policy reviews including Australia's Future Tax System Review. Until 2004 he held senior positions in the Australian Treasury in budget, taxation and

Enquiries: info@abe.org.au or call 0419 256 339

Please note that we offer an on-line booking and payment facility. To book on-line, please click [here](#).

AUSTRALIAN ECONOMIC FORUM 2011

22-23 September, Dockside, Sydney

The Australian Economic Forum is an initiative of the Economic Society of Australia (NSW Branch). It provides an annual platform for distinguished economists, business professionals, academics and public servants from all levels of Government to come together and discuss current and future economic issues across a number of COAG policy streams. The theme of the 2011 Forum is: "Addressing the Big Challenges for Economics". Program highlights include keynote addresses and concurrent sessions on workforce and

international issues, migration, and industry structure, among others.

Now in its third year, the Australian Economic Forum has already established itself as a leading forum for economic debate in Australia, attracting some of some of Australia's most prominent economists and key decision makers, including Bill Evans, David Gruen, Tim Harcourt, Ken Henry, The Hon. Joe Hockey, Warren Hogan, Kerry Schott, The Hon. Nick Sherry, and most recently, renowned international economist and Nobel Laureate Joseph Stiglitz spoke as the keynote at the Forum in 2010.

EMERGING ECONOMISTS SEMINAR SERIES 2011/12

The 4th instalment of the Emerging Economists Seminar Series promises another great line up presenters. By bringing together emerging economists from business, academia and the public service, the Emerging Economists Seminar Series provides a unique opportunity for networking and discussion amongst economists who will be facing key economic challenges in the coming years.

The Emerging Economists Seminar Series is six bi-monthly luncheon seminars held at the Reserve Bank of Australia, with some of Australia's leading economists and contributors to economic debate. The 2011 series will be opened by Prof. Bruce Chapman and followed by other esteemed presenters including Terry McCrann, Prof. Ross Garnaut, Christopher Joye, Senator the Hon. Penny Wong, and Bill Evans. Each speaker will draw on their experiences in public policy, government and business, and provide insights into the emerging issues that economists are likely to face in the future.

The Emerging Economists Seminar Series is targeted to early career economists that demonstrate leadership skills in the profession. The individuals that nominate will participate in all six seminars in the series.

Current Schedule and Speakers:

Wednesday 12 October 2011

Professor Ross Garnaut, AO

Vice-Chancellor's Fellow and Professorial Fellow in Economics
University of Melbourne

Thursday 24 November 2011

Bill Evans

Chief Economist
Westpac

Date to be confirmed (February 2012)

Senator the Hon. Penny Wong

Minister for Finance and Deregulation

To register your interest in attending the Series, contact our event organisers DKC on 02 8218 2940

JOB FOR ECONOMISTS

Senior Economist – Queensland Competition Authority
(<http://www.ecosoc.org.au/node/517>)

Post Doctoral Fellow - University of Waikato NZ
(<http://www.ecosoc.org.au/node/507>)

Associate Professor/Professor - University of Waikato NZ

(<http://www.ecosoc.org.au/node/508>)

Jobs openings are advertised on the Economics Society Central Council website (www.ecosoc.org.au/cc/jobs).

If you would like to advertise, free of charge, a job opening in the field of economics with us, please email details of the job to ecosoc@ecosoc.org.au.

SEMINARS AT UNIVERSITIES

These seminars are subject to change. Please check the links provided to confirm.

[University of New South Wales](#)

Date	Time	Place	Speaker	Topic
08 September	3.30pm	Room 216, Australian School of Business Building	Paul Burke, ANU	Economic Growth and Political Survival [paper]
14 September	12.00pm	Room 216, Australian School of Business Building	Tess Stafford, UNSW	TBA

For seminars/speakers with TBA topics, please see their [website](http://www.asb.unsw.edu.au) (www.asb.unsw.edu.au).

[University of Technology Sydney](#)

Date	Time	Place	Speaker	Topic
12 September	12.00pm	Room D301 Level 3, Block D	Susumo Imai, Queen's University	The Effect of Workfare Policy on Crime [paper]
14 September	12.00pm	Room D301 Level 3, Block D	Youwei Li, Queens University, Belfast	TBA
19 September	12.00pm	Room D301 Level 3, Block D	Michael Conlin, University of Michigan	TBA

For seminars/speakers with TBA topics, please see their [website](http://www.business.uts.edu.au) (www.business.uts.edu.au).

University of Sydney. For TBA speakers, please see their [website](http://www.sydney.edu.au/business) (www.sydney.edu.au/business).

Macquarie University. For TBA speakers, please see their [website](http://www.econ.mq.edu.au) (www.econ.mq.edu.au).

13th PATH TO FULL EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE AND THE 18th NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

Date: Wed, December 7 to Thurs, December 8, 2011

Location: University of Newcastle

Topic: The Way Forward – Austerity or Stimulus?

The global economy is still stuck in the aftermath of the worst economic crisis in 80 years and the legacy has been tens of millions unemployed, a large portion of productive capacity lying idle, and vast quantities of output and income foregone and lost forever.

The political landscape seems divorced from reality and instead of creating jobs, governments are seeking ways to impose fiscal austerity to reduce their budget deficits at a time when private spending is still mostly weak. The conference will seek to explore the apparent contradictions of the policy stances that are now emerging amidst the global unemployment crisis

Topics

Papers in any area of labour market analysis will be of interest, particularly in the following research and policy areas:

- Reflections on the global financial crisis? Fiscal austerity, reform agendas etc.
- Any research on unemployment - its dimensions, causes, cures.
- The labour market and the ageing debate.
- The policy challenge of emerging skill shortages and underutilisation - how do we design effective solutions to both?
- The increasing problem of underemployment and marginal workers.
- Why has work become more precarious? Is it a problem? What are the solutions?
- What is full employment? How is it defined and measured? How close are we to achieving full employment? What are the challenges that remain?
- Employment guarantees versus income guarantees - pros and cons.
- Why do disparities in regional labour markets persist? What is the extent of the problem and its solutions? Spatial patterns of work and housing.
- Long term, youth, disabled and indigenous unemployment.

Economist's Corner: Explaining the European Debt Crisis with Lego!

In an attempt to help explain the European debt crises UBS has resorted to a Lego models to help explain who owes what to whom.

The full diagram, on page 2, is available [here](#):

