

Migration Matters: Economic Insights Through Data

29–30 June 2026

Venue: H.C. Coombs Centre
122A Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli NSW 2061

Conference agenda

Day 1 – Monday, 29 June 2026

Time	Agenda item
7:30 am	Coffee, tea and breakfast
8:45 am	Andrew Hauser , Reserve Bank of Australia Conference opening and Acknowledgement to Country
8:55 am	Dr David Gruen , Australian Bureau of Statistics Opening remarks
9:05 am	Session 1 – Demographic Effects (organised jointly with the Department of Treasury) Dr Yiyong Cai , Department of Treasury <i>The demographic and economic implications of migration</i>
9:35 am	Amee McMillan and Tyler Reysenbach , Department of Home Affairs <i>Modelling Migration Pathways: Empirical Insights from Visa Journeys in Australia</i>
10:05 am	Tom Wilson , Independent demographer <i>Examining the role of migration, fertility, and mortality in driving population ageing and population growth in Australia</i>
10:35 am	Break [morning tea]
11:00 am	Professor Alan Gamlen , Australian National University <i>After the Migration Splash: From Flow Targets to Stock Governance</i>
11:30 am	Discussant: Aude Bernard , University of Queensland Chair: Hamish McDonald , Department of Treasury
12:30 pm	Close session 1 and lunch
1:30 pm	Session 2 – Labour Market Effects Lachlan Vass , e61 Institute <i>Labour market outcomes of migrants on regional visas</i>
2:00 pm	Cecilia Karmel , Australian National University <i>Intergenerational income mobility of migrants in Australia</i>
2:30 pm	Matt Fink , Reserve Bank of Australia <i>International Students and the Australian Economy</i>
3:00 pm	Break [afternoon tea]
3:30 pm	Marcel Peruffo , University of Sydney <i>Annual Overseas Migration and Housing Markets: Evidence from Australian Neighborhoods</i>
4:00 pm	Discussant: Aruna Sathanapally , Grattan Chair: Claude Lopez , Reserve Bank of Australia

5:00 pm	Close session 2
6:00 pm	<p>Introduction: Dr David Gruen, Australian Bureau of Statistics</p> <p>Mark Cully <i>What have economists contributed to our understanding of Australian immigration? A brief history</i></p>
7:00 pm	Conference dinner

Day 2 – Tuesday, 30 June 2026

Time	Agenda item
9:00 am	<p>Session 3 – Flows and Transitions</p> <p>Beidar Cho and Bjorn Jarvis, Australian Bureau of Statistics <i>Migration after migration: Regional internal migration flows of recent international migrants in Australia</i></p>
9:30 am	<p>Myles Burleigh, Department of Treasury <i>A stock/flow model of Australia's population by visa and citizenship</i></p>
10:00 am	<p>Natasha Yemm, Jobs and Skills Australia <i>International Students Pathways and Outcomes Study</i></p>
10:30 am	Break [morning tea]
11:00 am	<p>Henry Sherrell, The Scanlon Foundation <i>Change and persistence: a review of the Australian visa system since the border re-opened</i></p>
11:30 am	<p>Discussant: Professor Robert Breunig, Australian National University Chair: Michael Smedes Australian Bureau of Statistics</p>
12:30 pm	<p>Dr Sarah Hunter, Reserve Bank of Australia Closing remarks/wrap up/summary/key takeaways</p>
12:45 pm	Close conference and lunch