

11 – 12 June 2024

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

Conference agenda

Day 1 – Tuesday 11 June 2024

Time	Agenda item
7:30am	Coffee, tea and breakfast
8:30am	Michele Bullock , Reserve Bank of Australia Conference opening and Acknowledgement to Country
8:40am	Dr David Gruen , Australian Bureau of Statistics Opening remarks
8:50am	<p>Session 1 – Participation</p> <p>Professor Jeff Borland, University of Melbourne Michael Smedes, Australian Bureau of Statistics <i>A review of how economists' thinking about human capital has evolved and the current state of research on human capital in Australia</i></p> <p>Brendan Coates, Grattan Institute <i>It all adds up: how to reform points-tested visas</i></p> <p>Dr Nathan Deutscher, Treasury <i>Children and the Gender Earnings Gap: Evidence for Australia</i></p> <p>Break [morning tea]</p> <p>Professor Nicolas Biddle, Australian National University <i>Towards an estimate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Human Capital and how it is changing over time</i></p> <p>Bjorn Jarvis, Australian Bureau of Statistics <i>Understanding barriers to work and successful transitions in a post-COVID labour market</i></p> <p>Discussant: Danielle Wood, Productivity Commission Chair: Bindi Kindermann, Australian Bureau of Statistics</p>
12:45pm	Close session 1 and lunch
1:15pm	<p>Session 2 – Skills (organised jointly with Jobs and Skills Australia)</p> <p>Dr Adam Bialowas, Jobs and Skills Australia <i>Just how efficient is the Australian Labour Market?</i></p> <p>Dr Fan Xiang, Jobs and Skills Australia <i>Strong and responsive VET pathways</i></p> <p>Break [afternoon tea]</p> <p>Lisa Bolton, Social Research Centre <i>Graduate Outcomes Survey</i></p> <p>Dr Gianni La Cava, e61 <i>The Effect of the COVID-19 Recession on the Youth Labour Market in Australia</i></p> <p>Discussant: Professor Jeff Borland, University of Melbourne Chair: David Turvey, Jobs and Skills Australia</p>

4:30pm	Close session 2
6:00pm	<p>Introduction: Dr David Gruen, Australian Bureau of Statistics</p> <p>The Hon Dr Andrew Leigh MP, Assistant Minister for Charities, Competition, Treasury and Employment</p> <p><i>Artificial Intelligence at Work: Changing Demands for AI Skills in Job Advertisements</i></p>
7:00pm	Conference dinner

Day 2 – Wednesday 12 June 2024

Time	Agenda item
7:30am	Coffee, tea and breakfast
9:00am	<p>Session 3 – Productivity (organised jointly with the Productivity Commission)</p> <p>Dr Benjamin Mitra-Kahn, Productivity Commission <i>Occupational mobility and the efficient use of human capital</i></p> <p>Associate Professor Mick Coelli, University of Melbourne <i>Reflections on worker and firm investments in human capital</i></p> <p>Break [morning tea]</p> <p>Dan Andrews, e61 and OECD</p> <p>Bjorn Jarvis, Australian Bureau of Statistics <i>The ties that bind: Post-employment restraints in Australia</i></p> <p>Jonathan Hambur, Reserve Bank of Australia</p> <p>Angelina Bruno, Reserve Bank of Australia <i>Measuring labour quality in (closer to) real time using emerging microdata sources</i></p> <p>Discussant: Professor Robert Breunig, Australian National University</p> <p>Chair: Professor Abigail Payne, Melbourne Institute</p>
12:30pm	<p>Dr John Simon, Reserve Bank of Australia</p> <p>Closing remarks/wrap up/summary/key takeaways</p>
12:45pm	Close conference and lunch