



EMG Workshop '05

12-13 December 2005

**Venue: Coogee Bay Hotel Conference and Function Centre
[Corner of Coogee Bay Road & Arden Street, Coogee (Sydney) NSW 2034]**

The Economic Measurement Group (EMG) is hosting its fifth international workshop, supported by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Research Council.

Preliminary Program

Monday 12th December

9:00 W. Erwin Diewert (University of British Columbia)
“On Measuring Japan’s Productivity, 1955-2003”

9:45 Bert Balk (Statistics Netherlands and Erasmus University)
“Annual and Quarterly Productivity Measures”

10:30 Break

11:00 Brendan Mai (Statistics New Zealand)
“New Zealand’s Official Multifactor Productivity Series”

11:45 Ian Bobbin (Australian Bureau of Statistics)
“Directions in Productivity Measurement”

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Nathan McLellan (New Zealand Treasury)
“The Contributions from Firm Entry, Exit and Continuation to Labour Productivity Growth in New Zealand”

2:15 Robert D. Cairns (McGill University)
“Green Accounting for Petroleum: Non-Convexity, Constraints and Non-Optimality”

3:00 Break

3:30 W. Erwin Diewert (University of British Columbia)
“The Aggregation of Capital over Vintages in a Model of Embodied Technical Progress”

4:15 Michael Smedes (Statistics New Zealand)
“Overseas Trade Prices Indexes”

5:00 Jan de Haan (Statistics Netherlands)
“The Re-design of the Dutch CPI”

5:45 Pub and dinner.

Tuesday 13th December

9:00 Daniel Melser (Office of National Statistics, UK)
“Package Size and Nonlinear Pricing: Evidence and Implications from Scanner Data”

9:45 Jan de Haan (Statistics Netherlands)
“Quality Change, New and Disappearing Goods and the CES Cost of Living Index”

10:30 Break

11:00 Lorraine Ivancic (UNSW)
“Elasticities of Substitution across Time and Commodity Groups: An Investigation using Scanner Data”

11:30 Iqbal Syed (UNSW)
“Measurement of Price Rigidity”

12:00 Breige Allen-Greer (University of Queensland)
“A Wavelet Solution to the Index Number Problem of Seasonal Adjustment”

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Getachew Tessema (Australian Bureau of Statistics)
“Purchasing Power Parities”

2:15 Alicia Rambaldi (University of Queensland)
“Constructing a Panel of Purchasing Power Parities: A State-Space Approach”

3:00 Break

3:30 Keith Woolford (Australian Bureau of Statistics)
“Spatial Comparisons across the Capital Cities of Australia”

4:15 Merry Branson (Australian Bureau of Statistics)
“The New ABS House Price Index”

5pm Pub.

Arrangements

Attendance is free. Postgraduate students are encouraged to attend. For catering purposes, please advise by Monday 5th of December if you are planning to attend.

For the registration form and further information, please visit www.caer.unsw.edu.au.

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