

LABOUR ECONOMETRICS WORKSHOP

LEW 2026 Program

16-17 July 2026 • UWA Business School • Perth

VENUES

Registration	Foyer
Workshop	Wesfarmers Lecture Theatre
Posters	Foyer
Tea Breaks & Lunches	Foyer
Day 1 Dinner	The University Club
Day 2 Dinner	Bayside Kitchen

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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Day	Main sessions	Keynote & dinner
Day 1	1. Human versus Algorithmic Decision-Making 2. Human Capital Formation Across the Life Course 3. Policy Design, Behaviour, and Program Evaluation 4. Firms, Careers, and Retirement	Keynote (5:10pm) Dinner (6:30pm)
Day 2	5. Inequality, Investment, and Intergenerational Persistence 6. Labour Market Policy and Institutional Change 7. PhD Session 8. Econometric Methods and Identification	Keynote (5:10pm) Dinner (6:30pm)

Scan the following QR codes to vote for the best paper and best discussant for each day by 6PM each day. The prizes will be announced at each dinner.

Day 1



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Day 2



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THURSDAY, 16 JULY 2026

Day 1

Wesfarmers Lecture Theatre, UWA Business School

8:30am-9:00am

Registration (Foyer)

9:00am-9:15am

Opening Remarks

Professor Peter Robertson

Dean & Head of UWA Business School

Session 1: Human versus Algorithmic Decision-Making

Chair: Anu Rammohan (UWA)

Time	Paper	Presenter	Discussant
9:15am-9:55am	Temperature and Leniency: Man vs Machine	Romain Gauriot Deakin	Didier Nibbering Monash
9:55am-10:35am	Decision Support with Context: Evidence from Human and Algorithmic Recommendations	Panos Sotirakopoulos Curtin	Filip Premik Monash

10:35am-11:05am

Morning tea (Foyer)

Session 2: Human Capital Formation Across the Life Course

Chair: Tushar Bharati (UWA)

Time	Paper	Presenter	Discussant
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11:05am-11:45am	The human capital benefits of neonatal care for moderate risk infants	Stefanie Schurer Sydney	Silvia Salazar Curtin
11:45am-12:25pm	Socioeconomic status and gender gaps in educational outcomes across the life course: New distributional evidence	Ha Nguyen The Kids Research Institute	Sander de Vries UTS
12:25pm-1:10pm Lunch (Foyer)			

Session 3: Policy Design, Behaviour, and Program Evaluation Chair: Patrick Vu (UNSW)			
Time	Paper	Presenter	Discussant
1:10pm-1:50pm	The Relationship between Sophistication and Problem Gambling	Deborah Cobb-Clark Sydney	Ewa Gątecka-Burdziak SGH Warsaw School of Economics
1:50pm-2:30pm	Evaluating Universal Government Programs: A Structural Approach with Machine Learning	Filip Premik Monash	Patrick Vu UNSW
2:30pm-3:10pm	Progressive Income-Contingent Student Loans	Yue Hua International University of Japan	Robert Breunig ANU
3:10pm-3:40pm Afternoon tea (Foyer)			

Session 4: Firms, Careers, and Retirement

Chair: Kaveh Majlesi (Monash)

Time	Paper	Presenter	Discussant
3:40pm-4:20pm	Merit or Luck? Early-Career Success and Inventors' Careers	Yu-Wei Luke Chu Victoria University of Wellington	Romain Gauriot Deakin
4:20pm-5:00pm	Firms, Executives and Retirement	Jan Kabatek Melbourne Institute	Deborah Cobb-Clark Sydney

5:00pm-5:10pm

Break

KEYNOTE

Comparing Real Wages:

The McWage Project

5:10pm-6:10pm

Orley Ashenfelter (Princeton)

Chair: Robert Breunig (ANU)

6:30pm-8:30pm

Dinner (Uni Club)

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Day 1



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FRIDAY, 17 JULY 2026

Day 2

Wesfarmers Lecture Theatre, UWA Business School

8:30am-9:00am

Registration (Foyer)

Session 5: Inequality, Investment, and Intergenerational Persistence

Chair: Yu-Wei Luke Chu (Victoria University of Wellington)

Time	Paper	Presenter	Discussant
9:00am-9:40am	Exposure to Inequality, Human Capital Investment, and Labor Market Outcomes	Kaveh Majlesi Monash	Nitin Bharti UWA
9:40am-10:20am	Mother Nature, Mother Nurture: Intergenerational Persistence in Two-mother Families	Sander de Vries UTS	Michael Dockery Curtin

10:20am-10:50am

Morning tea (Foyer)

Session 6: Labour Market Policy and Institutional Change

Chair: Simon Chang (UWA)

Time	Paper	Presenter	Discussant
10:50am-11:30am	Firm Effects of Labor Market Affirmative Action: Evidence from South Africa	Krisztina Orbán Monash	Federico Haslop UWA

11:30am-12:10pm	Prison Work, Moral Hazard and Take-Up Effect of Unemployment Benefit: Evidence from Formerly Incarcerated Individuals	Ewa Gątecka-Burdziak SGH Warsaw School of Economics	Tushar Bharati UWA
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12:10pm-1:10pm	Lunch (Foyer)
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Session 7: PhD Session
Chair: Stefanie Schurer (Sydney)

Time	Paper	Presenter	Discussant
1:10pm-1:50pm	The Bang for the Buck: Aggregate Impact of Firm-Level R&D Incentives	Daniel Robbins UNSW	Yue Hua International University of Japan
1:50pm-2:30pm	Labor Demand Shifts Across AI Occupations in the Age of Generative AI: Evidence from Job Postings	Jorge Retamales Moreno Queensland	Panos Sotirakopoulos Curtin
2:30pm-3:10pm	When Primary Care Collapses: Rural Economic Reform and Rising Mortality in China	Shulei Zhang ANU	Yu-Wei Luke Chu Victoria University of Wellington

3:10pm-3:40pm	Afternoon tea (Foyer)
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Session 8: Econometric Methods and Identification

Chair: Jan Kabatek (Melbourne Institute)

Time	Paper	Presenter	Discussant
3:40pm-4:20pm	Instrument-Hacking	Patrick Vu UNSW	Felix Chan Curtin
4:20pm-5:00pm	Inference on LATEs with covariates	Didier Nibbering Monash	Leandro Magnusson UWA
5:00pm-5:10pm			
5:10pm-6:10pm		Break	
KEYNOTE TBA		Muriel Niederle (Stanford) Chair: Deborah Cobb-Clark (Sydney)	
6:30pm-8:30pm		Dinner (Bayside Kitchen)	

Vote for Day 2 Best Paper & Best Discussant

Day 2



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ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Poster Papers

Foyer, UWA Business School

No.	Poster paper	Presenter	Affiliation
1	A Rapid Evaluation of Australia's Covid-Era Apprentice Wage Subsidy Programs	Ethan Slaven	The Treasury
2	Disability employment and working from home in Australia	Aaron Mollross	ANU
3	Childcare Subsidies and Maternal Employment: Evidence from Australian Reforms	Varun Mehta	Boston University

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