The Economic Measurement Group (EMG) is hosting its fourth international workshop, supported by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Centre for Applied Economic Research (CAER), Faculty of Commerce and Economics, and the School of Economics, UNSW.

Program

Thursday 11th December

9:00  W. Erwin Diewert (University of British Columbia)
Elementary Indices

9:45  Mick Silver (Cardiff University)
Why Price Index Number Formulas Differ: Economic Theory and Evidence on Price Dispersion

10:30  Break

11:00  Daniel Melser (UNSW)
New and Disappearing Goods, and the use of Scanner Data

11:45  Breige Allen-Greer (University of Queensland)
Using Wavelet Methods to Construct Divisia Indices based on Retail Scanner Data

12:30  Lunch
Program continued

1:30  Bert Balk (Statistics Netherlands and Erasmus University)
The Experience of Statistics Netherlands in Using Scanner Data

2:15  Lorraine Ivancic (UNSW)
Progress in Using Scanner Data to Improve Price Indexes

3:00  Break

3:30  Mick Silver (Cardiff University)
Hedonic Indexes: A Study of Alternative Methods

4:15  Matt Berger (Australian Bureau of Statistics)
Developing Hedonic Price Indexes for Computers

5:00  Pub and dinner.

Friday 12th December

9:00  Alex Waschka (Australian Bureau of Statistics)
Comparing living costs in Australian Capital Cities  A Progress Report on
Developing Experimental Spatial Price Indexes for Australia

9:45  Robert Hill (UNSW)
Spatial Price Indexes for Capital Cities in Australia

10:30  Break

11:00  W. Erwin Diewert (University of British Columbia)
The Treatment of Owner Occupied Housing and Other Durables in a Consumer Price Index

11:45  Bert Balk (Statistics Netherlands and Erasmus University)
       Gross-output and Value-added Based Productivity Measures

12:30  Lunch

Program continued

1:30  Franklin Soriano (University of Queensland)
       On aggregation of Total Factor Productivity Measures

2:15  Ellis Connolly (Reserve Bank of Australia)
       The Impact of High-Tech Capital on Productivity: Evidence from Australia

3:00  Break

3:30  Simon Zheng (Australian Bureau of Statistics)
       Measurement of Industry Productivity in Australia

4:15  Nathan McLellan (New Zealand Treasury)
       Productivity in New Zealand: 19882002

5pm Pub.

Arrangements
Attendance is free. Postgraduate students are encouraged to attend. For catering purposes, please advise by Friday 28 of November if you are planning to attend.

A campus map can be found at the following web site:
http://www.unsw.edu.au/about/tour/about_tour_kenmapbg.html

The workshop will be held in the Rupert Myers Theatre (coordinates on the campus map: M15). If driving, enter through Gate 14 on Barker Street.

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