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Annual Report 2006

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Introduction

Economics has existed as a discipline at the University of Wollongong since 1975. It offers a full range of undergraduate and postgraduate subjects. An undergraduate major in Economics is provided together with an honours program and postgraduate courses of study at masters and doctoral levels. The discipline has a very active research profile, attracting regular competitive grant monies from the Australian Research Council and other awarding bodies, and ranking highly amongst Australian economics departments in terms of the output of scholarly publications. It also operates an active seminar program and working paper series. Research specialisations include: Labour and Human Resources, Health Economics, International Trade and Investment, Economic Development and Economic History, Innovation and Business Enterprise.

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Report from the Head of School

Administrative Changes

2006 was the second year for the management team of the School of Economics and Information Systems, comprising Ann Hodgkinson as Head of School, Ed Wilson as Head of the Economics Discipline and Peter Eklund as Head of the Information Systems discipline. The administrative team continued with Hazel Jones as Administrative Assistant to the Head of School, Carol Borgatti as Administrative Assistant for Economics and Debbie Critcher as Administrative Assistant for Information Systems. Wolfgang Brodesser and Karen Scott performed the joint role of School Professional Officers until Karen left in September. Elaine Rhodes worked with Wolfgang in the Professional Officer role until the end of the year, with support from Hazel.

Major changes in the School were foreshadowed in the latter part of 2006 following the outcomes of a review of Information Systems within the University, which covered both SITACS in the Faculty of Informatics and Information Systems within the Faculty of Commerce. The review report recommended the establishment of a new School of Information Systems and Technology in the Faculty of Informatics, which combined IS staff from Commerce and SITACS, starting in 2007. As a consequence, Economics put a submission which was accepted by the University to be constituted as a separate School of Economics, from January 2007. The effect of these changes was that most of the IS staff from our school were transferred either to the School of Management and Marketing or the Faculty of Informatics at the end of the year. Associate Professor Helen Hasan remained with Economics.

A further major change occurred with the appointment of a new Dean of Commerce after a world-wide search. Professor Shirley Leitch, previously from the University of Waikato in New Zealand, commenced at the end of August. A Faculty Executive/'Dean's team' was established, which included the head of this school, and met weekly to discuss faculty-wide issues. One of the first activities of the new Dean was to set up a working group to develop a new Faculty Purpose Statement, incorporating a set of challenges aimed at establishing the University of Wollongong as the "best environment in Australia to research and learn commerce".

Ann Hodgkinson finished her term as Head of the School of Economics and Information Systems in December. Professor Simon Ville was appointed Head of the School of Economics for 2007.

Major Achievements

Helen Hasan

Helen received the Faculty of Commerce Award for Research Impact. The Impact Award is intended to reward and encourage the translation of scholarly work into professional publication outlets, the publication of high impact industry and government reports and major research-related media events. Specifically, it will reward the publication of material in those outlets which create maximum impact in terms of citation impact, media coverage or policy changes within the relevant industry sector or social environment.

Amnon Levy

Amnon was the winner of the Publication Excellence Award from the Faculty of Commerce. The Publication Excellence Award rewards and encourages outstanding achievement in the publication of scholarly articles or books. Specifically, it will reward the publication of material in high quality/impact journals of international reputation or prestigious research book publication.



Public Excellence Award Winner, Amnon Levy, with the Dean of Commerce, Shirley Leitch and the Faculty Research Director, Sara Dolnicar

Abbas Valadkhani

Received the 2006 Faculty of Commerce Researcher of the Year Award. The Researcher of the Year Award rewards and encourages outstanding overall achievement in research. This may include outstanding achievements in any or all areas of research, including grant awards, publications, impact and supervision.



Abbas also received the Faculty of Commerce Excellence in Teaching & Learning Award and was nominated for the 2007 Vice-Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Teaching & Learning.

Researcher of the Year Award winner, Abbas Valadkhani, with the Dean of Commerce, Shirley Leitch and the Faculty Research Director, Sara Dolnicar

Simon Ville

Was honoured with a Fellowship into the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. Established in 1971, the Academy is an autonomous, non-governmental organisation devoted to the advancement of knowledge and research in the various social sciences.



Membership of the Academy comprises those who have achieved a high level of scholarly distinction and are recognised internationally.

Professor Ville (right) is pictured at a ceremony held at the Great Hall of ANU in Canberra receiving his Testamur. Also pictured are the Academy President, Professor Sue Richardson, and Executive Committee member, Professor Leon Mann.

Personnel Changes

The following personnel changes occurred in 2006.

Professor of Economics: A major search was conducted by a personnel consulting company, which resulted in a substantial number of Australian and international applicants. Eventually a short list of five people was interviewed. However no appointment was made and the search for a new professor is continuing.

New Appointments: Reetu Verma, who has worked with the School for some time as a casual and contract staff member, was appointed to a full time level A position in Economics.

Yumiko Meloche, who also previously worked with the school in a casual capacity, was appointed to a part time level A position in Economics.

Ali Saleh was appointed to a three year lecturer position in Economics replacing Nelson Perera, who was seconded to the Business School for that period.

Ghassan Beydoun was appointed as a lecturer in Information Systems and subsequently transferred to the Faculty of Informatics at the end of the year.

Chia-Hung (Dennis) Sun was appointed as a senior lecturer in Economics, taking up the position in January 2007.

Promotions and probation:

Abbas Valadkhani passed probation in a continuing position and was promoted to Associate Professor in Economics.

Lois Burgess was promoted to Senior Lecturer in IS, and eventually transferred to the Marketing discipline.

Joseph Meloche from Information Systems successfully passed probation in a continuing position and obtained his Ph.D. He subsequently transferred to the Management discipline at the end of the year.

Departures:

Lawrie Schafe retired from Information Systems after 16 years at the University of Wollongong.

Suku Sinnapean transferred from the Business School, successfully passed probation but moved to a new position at Swinburne University (Lilydale campus) in Victoria at the end of the year.

Karen Scott left the position of School Professional Officer to take up a new appointment at the University of Sydney.

Zhaohou Sun left in October 2006 to take up a position in China as Professor of Computer Science and Technology at the Hebei Normal University.

Visitors:

Maria Cortez, from Universidad de Valle in Columbia. During her visit Maria researched the trade relationship between Australia and Latin America, working with Ann Hodgkinson and Abbas Valadkhani.

Marco Giansoldati, a Ph.D. candidate from the University of Udine in Italy, spent a short period here, working on intra-industry trade with Ann Hodgkinson and Julie Sutherland.

H.M.T.N.R Herath, Head of the Department of Economics, University of Sri Jayawardenepura in Sri Lanka, who worked on development issues and the decentralization of government with Nelson Perera.

Zhao Zhongqi, from Shenyang University in China, who worked on issues relating to the measurement of economic information with Amnon Levy.

Soheila Parvin, from Allameh University, Tehran in Iran, who worked on issues, related to macroeconomic policy, income distribution and poverty issues with Ed Wilson and Abbas Valadkhani.

Jaraslov Pokorny from the Faculty of Maths and Physics, Charles University, Prague visited Information Systems from February to March.

Rudolf Wille, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics, Darmstadt University of Technology, Germany visited Information Systems in March.

Frithjof Dau, Faculty of Mathematics, Technology University Dresden, Germany visited Information Systems from March to April. He later returned to take up a short term teaching contract with IS.

School Projects

Reetu Verma and Boon Lee ran a successful project analysing the application of the University's graduate attributes criteria to economics and contributed the University review of graduate characteristics. A well attended workshop was held in October.

Three school Ph.D. scholarships were offered. These were taken up by Murray Stewart and Le Cong Luyen Viet in Economics, and by Liang Giang in Information Systems.

Elias Sanidas ran a pilot subject, COMM290: Applied Learning, consisting of a number of project teams undertaking business planning and problem solving exercises under the auspices of the University of Wollongong Univariate program and the Young Achievers Australia program. After a review, it was decided to continue the innovation with the Univariate option.

Information Systems developed a proposal for a new Bachelor of Information Systems to be offered by the Faculty of Commerce. However, due to the IS review outcome, it was decided not to continue with this option.

Research Activities

The Faculty of Commerce called for expressions of interest for research centres to be supported through the faculty research unit. Four expressions were submitted from our school.

Two were submitted from the existing Centre for Small Business and Regional Research led by Charles Harvie and Boon Lee and the Activity Theory Usability Laboratory led by Helen Hasan.

Two new centres were also established, the Centre for Human and Social Capital Research, led by Simon Ville and the Centre for Applied Systems Research led by Rodney Clarke, although this was transferred to Management and Marketing in 2007. All centres received initial funding.

Research student graduates

Nine students graduated with research postgraduate degrees in 2006.

Three students graduated with a Ph.D. in Economics, three students graduated with a Ph.D. in Information Systems, and three students graduated with a Masters of Information Systems – Research.

Two students completed their Bachelor of Commerce with Honours in Economics in 2006. Both received first class honours results.

Assoc. Prof. Ann Hodgkinson
Head of School of Economics and Information Systems

Teaching Activity

School EFTSU for 2005 reached a total of 1,024 EFTSU; this consisted of 538 EFTSU in Economics, 258 EFTSU in Information Systems and 228 EFTSU in COMM subjects, which include a core first year subject and integrating 3rd year subjects.

Economics Subjects Offered in 2006: Undergraduate

Subject	Subject Name	Enrolments for 2006
COMM121	Quantitative Methods I	1124
COMM327	Business, Innovation, Technology & Policy	1085
COMM303	Development of Modern Business (W/SC)	146
ECON101	Macroeconomic Essentials for Business (W/SC)	1258
ECON111	Introductory Microeconomics	1182
ECON205	Macroeconomic Theory & Policy	255
ECON215	Microeconomic Theory & Policy	260
ECON216	International Trade Theory and Policy	316
ECON221	Introductory Econometrics	62
ECON222	Quantitative Methods II	357
ECON230	Quantitative Analysis for Decision Making (W/SC)	180
ECON231	Business Statistics & Forecasting	22
ECON251	Industry and Trade in East Asia	201
ECON301	Monetary Economics	62
ECON302	Transition Economics	23
ECON303	Economic Development Issues	50
ECON304	Historical Foundations of the Modern Australian Economy	54
ECON305	Economic Policy	101
ECON308	Labour Economics	79
ECON309	Environmental Economics (W/SC)	95
ECON310	Cost Benefit Analysis	35
ECON311	Natural Resource Economics	26
ECON312	Industrial Economics	34
ECON316	History of Economic Thought	61
ECON317	Economics of Health Care (8 credit points)	14
ECON318	Economics of Health Care W/SC(6 credit points)	23
ECON319	Electronic Commerce and the Economics of Information	79
ECON320	Economics of Small & Medium Enterprises	29
ECON322	Mathematical Economics	26
ECON327	Advanced Econometrics	19
ECON331	Financial Economics	121
ECON333	Conflict & Cooperation	16
ECON334	Global Economics	48
ECON341	Special Topics in Economics A	2

Economics Subjects Offered in 2006: Postgraduate

Subject	Subject Name	Enrolments for 2006
ECON910	Economics for Accounting Professionals	353
ECON918	Economics of Health Care	17
ECON924	International Economic Relations	6
ECON939	Quantitative Economic Analysis	5
ECON940	Statistics for Decision Making	204
ECON941	Advanced Topics in Economics - A	3
ECON942	Advanced Topics in Economics - B	2
ECON943	Advanced Topics in Economics - C	2
ECON983	Trade and Industry in East Asia	8
ECON996	Advanced Macroeconomic Theory	2
ECON997	Advanced Microeconomic Theory	2
INTR920	Advanced International Economic Relations B	21

W = Wollongong Campus

SC = South Coast Campus

Information Systems Subjects Offered in 2006: Undergraduate

Subject	Subject Name	Enrolments for 2006
BUSS110	Introduction to Business Information Systems	883
BUSS111	Business Programming I	138
BUSS201	User-Centered Business Programming	58
BUSS211	Requirements Determination and Systems Analysis	134
BUSS212	Database Management Systems	114
BUSS213	Multimedia in Organisations	44
BUSS214	Business Programming II	100
BUSS215	Business Programming III	32
BUSS218	Systems Design and Architecture	58
BUSS308	Computer Systems Management	92
BUSS311	Advanced Database Management Systems	117
BUSS312	Distributed Information Systems	113
BUSS315	Knowledge-Based Information Systems	35
BUSS316	Information Systems Development Methodologies	105
BUSS317	Business Programming IV	58
BUSS318	Information Systems Project	58
BUSS391	Special Topic in Information Systems	6

Information Systems Subjects Offered in 2006: Postgraduate

Subject	Subject Name	Enrolments for 2006
BUSS906	Information in Organisations	22
BUSS907	Fundamentals of e Business	73
BUSS910	Qualitative Analysis of Systems	6
BUSS911	Intelligent Systems	22
BUSS924	Systems Modelling and Simulation	7
BUSS926	Decision Support Systems	21
BUSS927	Human Computer Interaction	16
BUSS929	Information Systems Research Methods	20
BUSS945	Information Systems Project	34
BUSS946	Information Systems Project Part 1	2
BUSS950	Systems Development Methodologies	39
BUSS951	Critical Issues in Information Systems	32
BUSS952	Strategic Information Systems Management	82
BUSS953	Management of Information Systems Development	36

Student Awards and Prizes

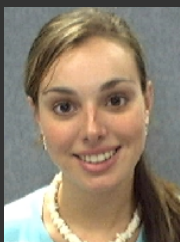
Illawarra Regional Information Service - John Steinke Prize in Economics



Awarded to the student who has earned the highest mark (achieving a WAM of 75 or above) in 300 level Economics subjects during the same academic year (Autumn/Spring Session) and enrolled in at least 16 credit points of Economics 300 level subjects.

Alexander Kerr

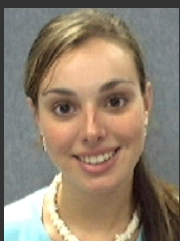
Pearson Education Australia Prize in Introductory Macroeconomics



Awarded to the student who attained the highest aggregate mark in ECON101 (Macroeconomic Essentials for Business) on the Wollongong Campus in Summer, Autumn or Spring session of a given academic year.

Alexandra McDermott

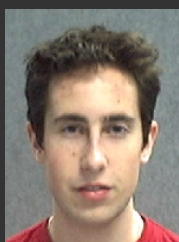
Pearson Education Australia Prize in Quantitative Methods I



Awarded to the student who attained the highest aggregate mark in COMM121 (Quantitative Methods I) on the Wollongong Campus in Summer, Autumn or Spring session of a given academic year.

Alexandra McDermott & Tanya Livermore

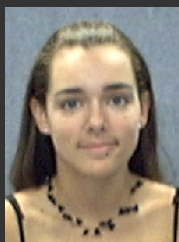
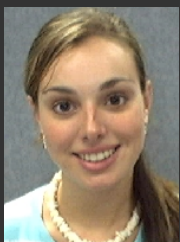
Prize in Introductory Microeconomics



Awarded to the student who attained the highest aggregate mark in ECON111 (Introductory Microeconomics) on the Wollongong Campus in Summer, Autumn or Spring session of a given academic year.

Justin Ayre & Nicholas Southall

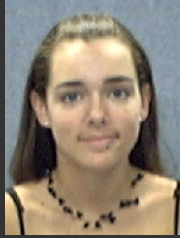
Prize in Intermediate Macroeconomics



Awarded to the student who attained the highest aggregate mark in ECON205 (Macroeconomic Theory and Policy) on the Wollongong Campus in Summer, Autumn or Spring session of a given academic year.

Alexandra McDermott & Jessica Todhunter

Kenneth A. Blakey Prize in Intermediate Microeconomics



Awarded to the student who attained the highest aggregate mark in ECON215 (Microeconomic Theory and Policy) on the Wollongong Campus in Summer, Autumn or Spring session of a given academic year.

Jessica Todhunter

Meyrick and Associates Prize in Economics



Awarded to the student who, in the final year of their degree at the first attempt, attained the best overall mark for ECON305 Economic Policy during the previous academic year.

Timothy Atkin

Research Activity

Research Students

PhD Students Economics – Completed

Name	Thesis	Supervisor
Dr Hazem Marashdeh	Financial Integration of the MENA Emerging Stock Markets	A Valadkhani with E Wilson
Dr Mosayeb Pahlavani	A time Series Analysis of Structural Breaks, and Export-GDP Nexus in Iran	A Valadkhani with E Wilson & K Chowdhury

PhD Students Economics – Enrolled

Name	Thesis	Supervisor
Selina Akhter	Impact of female education, gender gap on development: Bangladesh perspective.	A Hodgkinson
Mahmoud Al- Dalahmeh	Critical Success factor of Electronic Commerce Usage in Australia: E-Commerce Self-efficacy (PhD)	A Hodgkinson & A Saleh
Hamed Al-Rashidi	Determinants of National Employment in Kuwait	M Metwally
Rekha Bhabra	Business Incubation Programs	A Hodgkinson
Shane Brittle	An examination of the relationship between fiscal and current account deficits in Australia	N Perera & E Wilson
Surachai Chancharat	An Econometric Analysis of the Thai Stock Exchange	A Valadkhani & C Harvie
Mira Kartiwi	Information Systems Development and Implementation in Small-Medium Sized enterprises. (PhD)	R Macgregor & A Hodgkinson
Nandini Kaul	Viability of Optimum Currency in GCC States.	Joint Supervisor – M Metwally & N Perera
Shao-Wei Lee	Trade Reforms and Poverty - The Case of China. <i>Master of Economics – Research</i>	K Jayanthakumaran
Sompoj Maythapak	A Comparative Study of Property Development Process in Thailand and Australia.	E Sanidas
Paul McPhee	Internationalisation, Information Flows and Networking in Non-metropolitan Firms (PhD)	A Hodgkinson

Yumiko Meloche	Comparative Analysis of Perceptions on the Trade Relationship between Australia and Japan.	J Sutherland and K Jayanthakumaran
Boitunelo Dudu Mmolawa	Efficiency of Financial Institutions in Botswana	A Valadkhani
Margret Schuller	Analysis of the Parent - Subsidiary Relationship in the Medical Diagnostic/Life Science Industry.	P Massingham and A Hodgkinson (PhD)
Murray Stewart	Australian country towns, is there a future?	A Hodgkinson and A Valadkhani
Doy Sundarasaradula	A Thermodynamical Perspective on Organisations: Their Structure and Evolution	H Hasan and E Wilson
Reetu Verma	Savings, Investment and Economic Growth in India	N Perera and E Wilson
Le Cong Luyen Viet	The Growth of Vietnamese Small and Medium Enterprises since Doi Moi	A Valadkhani with C Harvie
Abdusalam Yahia	Development Issues In Oil Exporting Countries: The Case Of Libya. (PhD)	M Metwally
Abdusalam F. Yahia	The effect of the Fluctuations in Oil Exports on the Libyan Economy	A Saleh
Han Yu	Analysis of Unbalanced Economy Growth in China	K Jayanthakumaran

PhD Students Information Systems – Enrolled

Name	Thesis	Supervisor
K Alkayid	Using System Dynamics Modelling for Identification the Information Needs of E-Health Web Portals Users	H Hasan
J G Findlay	Learning as a Game	H Hasan
N H Hashim	Evaluating Internet Advertising Websites: A User's Perspective	H Hasan
R J Kingsford	Development and Support of Complex Information Systems in Emergent Organizations: Structures, Processes and Governance	H Hasan
A Papakosmas	Role of ICT as a Facilitator of Human Development	H Hasan
C C Pfaff	Harnessing Wiki Technology for Learning Organizations	H Hasan

D Sundarasaradula	A Thermodynamical Perspective on Organisations: Their Structure and Evolution	H Hasan
H Wang	A Framework to Support Strategic Decision-making in Business-to-Business Electronic Commerce	H Hasan

Masters Students - Economics

Ramesh Chandra Paudel	<i>Financial Liberalisation in Sri Lanka: An Econometric Analysis</i> Master of Economics – Research	K Jayanthakumaran
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Masters Students – Information Systems

Name	Thesis	Supervisor
A A Al-Bakri	The Adoption and Diffusion of Internet-Electronic Data Interchange (I-EDI) by Jordanian SMES	H Hasan
A M Connery	An Examination of the Sustainability of Online Communities in Australia Including the Findings of Participatory Action Research Undertaken on a Beta 3 rd Generation Network Type Regional Community Portal in New South Wales	H Hasan
H M Ha	The Development of a Spatial Technical Writing Technique: the Application of Concept Mapping and Sentence Diagramming	H Hasan
N Mok	Online Health Services: Study of User Perceptions of the Perceived Usefulness of an Evolving Web-based Health Community Using Q Methodology and Activity Theory	H Hasan

Honours Students - Economics

Adam Arginovsky: <i>Honours Class 1</i>	The Labour-Market Experiences Of Male Immigrants In Australia: How Well Have They Performed In The New Millennium?	J R Rodgers
Steven Casey	A Multivariate Approach to the Measurement of Well-Being	A Valadkhani
Shane Wilson	The Sustainability of Australia's Foreign Debt (Bachelor of Mathematics and Economics, Honours student thesis)	C Harvie

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- Lejla Vrazalic

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Staff Research Interests

- Ang A Information systems education and skill requirements of IS professionals; attitudes towards software piracy.
- Clarke R Broad research areas include the contextual analysis of information systems (semiotics, linguistics and qualitative), multimedia, user interfaces, and distributed computing. Recent research topics include the communicative modelling of systems development practices, methods and methodologies; rapid prototyping of workpractices; communicative characterisation of workplaces; architecture and tool support for spoken language artefacts; decision making processes; global navigation and hyper systems research.
- Crawford K Organisational learning, the integration of information and communication technologies, Knowledge Management (KM), Communities of Practice; Cultural-Historical Activity Theory (CHAT), emergence, innovative and complexity.
- Eklund P Web technologies, Intelligent Systems, Visualisation.
- Fan J Solving the flow-shop scheduling problems by using intelligent heuristic search methods; intelligent agents for data mining; web-based system development; software system for wireless technology; intelligent system for logistic application and supply chain management.
- Harvie C Modelling economic and monetary integration in East Asia; economic transition in Vietnam and China; entrepreneurialism and SME development in a regional and national context.
- Hasan H Information for strategic decision-making; Executive Information Systems (EIS) and OnLine Analytic Processing (OLAP); Human Computer Interaction (HCI) and Usability; Knowledge Management (KM), KM Systems and online Communities of Practice; Cultural-Historical Activity Theory (CHAT); Interpretive Research Methods - Action Research, Qualitative Data Analysis.
- Hodgkinson A Organisational Change in response to international market conditions; employee participation; regional development of exports; small and medium enterprises.
- Jayanthakumaran K Trade reforms and manufactured exports in Australia, automobile industry in Australia; ASEAN Free Trade Area; India's re-entry in the global trade.
- Larkin P Application of Activity Theory to the analysis and modelling of business processes and other aspects relating to the use of Information Systems in large government organisations.
- Lau S Application of heuristic learning approach and business optimization techniques to solve business problems, in particular in the areas of logistics application and supply chain management.

Lee B	Trust and privacy issues in electronic commerce; small and medium-sized enterprises; innovation.
Levy A	Theoretical analysis of individual decisions on health issues; theoretical analysis of economic growth, inequality, migration and social and political stability; industrial pollution, urban environment and residents' well being.
Lewis D	Economics of health care, education and labour markets.
Liu H	Database Management Systems: database theory, constraint databases, deductive and object-oriented databases; Data Mining and Data Warehousing: foundations of data mining, optimisation techniques for data mining queries; Internet Data Management: Web query languages, XML and semi-structured databases; Bioinformatics: data modelling and query languages for bio-databases.
MacGregor R	Acquisition and Use of Information Technology (IT) and Electronic Commerce (EC) in Small/Medium Enterprises (SME's).
McKee J	Information architectures; the economics of information and the role of regional web sites in promoting commerce.
Meloche J	Information Seeking Activity: HCI and Knowledge Management The Application of Q Methodology and Activity Theory.
Neri F	The causes of economic growth across countries; the impact of human capital on economic growth; geographic mobility of industry, human capital and economics growth; economics education: practices and outcomes.
O'Brien M	Older worker employment issues; ageing society policy; hidden unemployment; segmented labour market theory; econometrics.
Perera N	Money and finance; income distribution and poverty; macroeconomic model building.
Pol E	Business innovation, Schumpeterian growth models, and venture capital. Economics education: innovations for student engagement in economics.
Rodgers JL	The incidence and causes of poverty and economic inequality; labour market behaviour and human capital formation; history of microeconomic theory.
Rodgers JR	Labour Economics; poverty and economic inequality; applied microeconomics.
Sanidas E	Economic growth and organizational innovations; evolutionary economics; quantitative analysis; econometrics; international economics; entrepreneurship and theory of the firm.
Sifer M	User interfaces for the visual exploration of multi-dimensional and relational data, particularly large datasets. Some current application areas are search and On-Line Analytical Processing (OLAP).

Sun Z	E-Commerce and E-Business; IT E-Strategies; Intelligent Techniques in ECommerce; agent based computing; case-based reasoning; web intelligence and web engineering; Knowledge Management and Experience Management; experience-based reasoning; recognition of fraud and deception in ECommerce.
Sutherland J	Firm-level trade performance, economic development.
Tran Van Hoa	Econometrics; applied econometrics; development economics; ASEAN economics; international business; competition policy; household production; gender discrimination in Asia; WTO and regional free trade agreements.
Valadkhani A	Applied econometrics; macroeconomic model-building; international financial and monetary economics; development economics; and input-output analysis. My current research interests include productivity and growth; Australian macroeconomic policy issues; the pre- and post-GST effects on inflation; and multi-dimensional ranking of Australian universities.
Verma R	Macroeconomics; applied econometrics; economic growth, savings and investment in India.
Verrucci N	Indigenous Australians and their labour market participation; gender and the labour market; the role of government in developing policies to protect minority groups from labour market discrimination.
Ville S	Corporate leadership in Australia; business profitability; social capital; institutions and economic development; industry associations; interorganisational collaboration.
Warne L	Organisational learning; socio-technical information systems development; requirements analysis for socio-technical systems; organisational behaviour, change management and project management, power and politics in information systems development; Ethnographic methods.
Wilson E	Economic growth and poverty; agricultural policies in India; savings and investment in Australia, India and China; productivity growth and employment creation in developing countries.
Zamani R	Intelligent Routing; Resource Constrained Project Scheduling Problem (RCPSP) and Meta Heuristics.

Outreach and Administration

Services to the School, University and Profession

Lois Burgess

- Member: MRIC (Marketing Research Innovation Centre);
- Collector (Collaborative EC Teaching and Research); IFIP TC8 (International Forum on Information Processing) Research Group Working Party;
- IFITT (International Forum Information Technology in Tourism); FITT (Females in IT and Telecommunications);
- IADIS (International Association for Development of the Information Society – member conference scientific committee Member Editorial Board Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research (JTAER).
- Reviewer: Collector Iberoamerica Conference;
- IADIS Conference eHealth mini-track;
- ICEC-R (International Committee for Electronic Commerce Research)
- HICSS (Hawaii International Conference on Systems Science);
- IAE-B (International Academy of eBusiness);
- AMCIS IT in Health Care Future Directions – reviewer.
- Guest Reviewer for Special Issue of the Journal of Systems and Information Technology (JoSIT).

Charles Harvie

- Coordinator, Economics Discipline Seminar Series.
- Selection committee member.
- Editorial boards: The Journal of the Korean Economy; Journal of Asia Entrepreneurship and Sustainability.
- Co-director, Centre for Small Business and Regional Research.
- Member, Faculty of Commerce Research Committee.
- Journal reviewer: The Journal of the Korean Economy; Singapore Economic Review.
- Conference organisation committee member: Asia-Pacific Economic Forum conference, July 2006; Korea in the World Economy, V conference, July 2006.

Helen Hasan

- Member, Editorial board: Journal of Knowledge Management Research and Practice.

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- Joint Coordinator, Economics Working Paper Series.
 - Co-Director, Centre for SME Research and Development.
 - Referee for Journal of Electronic Commerce Research and World Development.
 - Convenor of a workshop for small businesses on supply chain management, as part of the NSW Department for State and Regional Development's Small Business Month.
- Amnon Levy***
- Joint Coordinator of the Quantity and Quality Research Publications Committee, School of Economics and Information Systems.
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- President of AAALABEK (www.aaalabek.org).
 - President of the Association of the Middle East Business and Economic Research (inc.).
 - Editor: The Middle East Business and Economic Review, International Journal of Applied Business and Economic Research.
 - Associate Editor: Humanomics.
 - Member of the Editorial Board, Journal of Applied Econometrics and International Development, International Business and Economic Research Journal, Indian Journal of Social Development, International Journal of Management Research and Technology.
- Frank Neri***
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- Refereed articles for the following journals: Australian Journal of Labour Economics and The Journal of Economic Education.

Joan Rodgers

- Coordinator, Commerce Dean's Scholars Program.
- Faculty Research Committee Member.
- Refereed articles for the following journals: Industrial Relations – Berkeley (2 papers); Australian Economic Papers; Australian Economic Review; Australian Journal of Labour Economics; The Economic and Labour Relations Review.
- Centre for Human and Social Capital Research, Faculty of Commerce, University of Wollongong.
- Member of the Australian Society of Labor Economists.
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- Member of the Economic Society of Australia.
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- Editorial board member: Singapore Economic Review; Academy of Taiwan Business Management Review.

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- Coordinator, Vietnam Focus and ASEAN+3 Research Program.
- Executive Member: Asia Pacific Economic Forum (APEF) Director, Economics International Committee.
- Vietnam UOW Alumni Association.
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- Honorary Professor, National Economics University, Vietnam
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- Member, The Economic Society of Australia (NSW branch).
- Member of the Centre for Human & Social Capital Research (CHSCR).
- Serving on the editorial boards of Applied Econometrics and International Development, Global Business and Economics Review, Australasian Journal of Economics Education, Briefing Notes in Economics.
- Co-Editor of Economics Discipline Working Paper Series.
- School Director of Postgraduate Studies.
- Refereed articles for: Economic Modelling; Journal of Development Economics; Atlantic Economic Journal.
- Just a matter of time before universities take off, *Australian Financial Review*, 31/7/2006, p.34
- Melbourne on a high, *The Australian*, 26/7/2006, p.23

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- Centre for Human and Social Capital Research (Director).
- Editorial Board of *Education, Knowledge and Economy*.
- Representative on Faculty Research Committee.
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