



School of Economics

Annual Report 2008

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Introduction

The School of Economics has existed in some form at the University of Wollongong since 1975. The School 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 School 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, a working paper series and is home to four research centres. Research specialisations include: Labour and Human Resources, Health Economics, Applied Economics International Trade and Investment, Economic Development and Economic History, Innovation and Business Enterprise.

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Associate Lecturers	Reetu Verma: BCom (Hons), MCom W'gong Yumiko Meloche: BEc UNE, MEc Syd

Head of School Report

2008 was a year of consolidation following significant organisational, managerial, and administrative changes in 2007. We were pleased to welcome two new lecturers, Peter Siminski and Oleg Yerokhin. Michelle Rankin departed from the School early in the year and Mokhtar Metwally in September. We wish them both well. Lesley Simes was appointed as the new Administrative Manager. Congratulations to Martin O'Brien who was promoted to senior lecturer, Reetu Verma who was promoted to lecturer and to Peter Siminski who completed his PhD.

Teaching

The School continued to offer a wide program of subjects to students in the Bachelor of Commerce and other undergraduate degrees and to supervise a range of honours, masters, and doctoral students. The School's EFTSU for 2008 was 835.97 a 6.4% increase on last year. The fail rate aggregated across all subjects was 12.65%. 6 students completed honours in economics and 10 students completed their doctoral degrees.

Research

Members of the School continued to publish in a wide range of refereed and highly ranked national and international journals. Per capita output of 1.5 articles in ranked journals is the best performance in the Faculty. Other distinguishing features of research performance in the School are the relatively even distribution of output and the fact that almost all members of the School contributed to this output.

The School ran a weekly research seminar series with internal and external presenters; the latter attracted a range of distinguished scholars including Dr Bruce Bradbury (UNSW), Associate Professor Michael Shields (Melbourne), Associate Professor Garry Barratt (UNSW), Associate-Professor Malcolm Tull (Murdoch), Professor Heather Anderson (ANU), Dr Boyd Hunter (ANU), Professor Clem Tisdell (Queensland), Dr Paul Chen (ANU), Professor Bill Griffiths (Melbourne), Dr Chris Ryan (ANU), Professor Paul Frijters (QUT), Professor Paul Saunders (UNSW), Professor Morris Altman (Saskatchewan), Dr Gigi Foster (Adelaide).

There are many grant holders in the School as detailed later in the report. Among national competitive grants awarded in 2008 should be noted an ARC Discovery Project to Joan Rodgers and an Australian Learning and Teaching Council Grant awarded to Reetu Verma and Martin O'Brien as part of an inter-faculty team

Awards

The School was once again successful at the 2008 Commerce Staff Awards held on 18th February 2009.

Amnon Levy, Martin O'Brien, Abbas Valadkhani, Simon Ville, Ann Hodgkinson, and Ed Wilson received awards as authors of articles published in A or A star journals.

Joan Rodgers received a Research Grant Excellence Award (recognises success in competitive research grant schemes that are external to UoW).

Abbas Valadkhani received a Services to Research Award (recognises the valuable contribution that is made by those who serve as journal reviewers, grant readers, research society committee members, conference organisers etc).

Reetu Verma received a HDR Student Excellence Award (recognises publication of good quality refereed journal articles by HDR students while they are enrolled as HDR students in the Faculty of Commerce at UoW).

Martin O'Brien and Reetu Verma received a Teaching Excellence Award (supports and acknowledges excellence in teaching and learning with Commerce).

Eduardo Pol received the Teaching and Learning Innovation Award (this award celebrates teaching and learning innovations across the Faculty).

Carol Borgatti and Lesley Simes received the Socially Innovative Commerce Team Award (this award recognises teams who make significant contributions towards the achievement of the Faculty Purpose).



Eduardo Pol receives his Teaching and Learning Innovation Award from Dean Shirley Leitch



Economics staff after receiving their awards



Martin O'Brien and Reetu Verma (on left) received their Teaching Excellence Award



Abbas Valadkhani receiving his Service to Research Award from Dean Shirley Leitch

Service to the University

The school provided memberships of the University promotions/probations committee (Abbas Valadkhani, Ed Wilson, Arusha Cooray), University Education Committee (Ann Hodgkinson), the Human Research Ethics Committee (Ed Wilson), and the University Council (Nadia Verrucci).

External Relationships

Members of the School continue to play an active role in the milieu of the discipline nationally and internationally through membership of editorial boards, by refereeing articles and graduate theses, and by participation in academic societies. Ed Wilson is President of the Economic Society (NSW) and Simon Ville is President of the Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand. Relationships with other universities and organisations continue to flourish. Simon Ville chaired Wollongong City Council's Youth Unemployment research steering committee and facilitated the Forum launching the report. Helen Hasan played an active committee role for Standards Australia.

Annual Public Lecture in Economic and Social Policy

The School's annual lecture was delivered by Fernanda Borges, President of Partido Unidade Nacional, Chair to the Committee on Constitutional Issues, Justice, Government Legislation, Public Administration and Local Government and was entitled Economic and Social Political Challenges for East Timor. An audience of over 100 attended the lecture on 29th July, entitled "Economic, Social and Political Challenges for East Timor". A welcome was delivered by Professor Shirley Leitch, Dean of Commerce, and a vote of thanks was offered by Professor Rob Castle, DVC (Academic).



Fernanda Borges pictured here with (from left) Dr Frank Neri, Professor Shirley Leitch, Professor Rob Castle and Professor Simon Ville

Professor Simon Ville
Head, School of Economics

Teaching Activity

School EFTSU for 2008 reached a total of 849.22; this consisted of 621.03 EFTSU in Economics and 228.19 EFTSU in COMM subjects, which include a core first year subject and integrating 3rd year subjects.

Economics Subjects Offered in 2008: Undergraduate

Subject	Subject Name	Enrolments for 2008
COMM290	Applied Learning	11
COMM303	Development Of Modern Business	49
COMM327	Business Innovation, Technology and Policy	643
COMM121	Quantitative Methods I	830
ECON101	Macroeconomic Essentials for Business	1037
ECON111	Introductory Microeconomics	949
ECON205	Macroeconomic Theory and Policy	122
ECON215	Microeconomic Theory and Policy	134
ECON216	International Trade Theory and Policy	196
ECON219	Economic Essentials for Business Innovation	41
ECON221	Introductory Econometrics	22
ECON222	Quantitative Methods II	187
ECON230	Quantitative Analysis for Decision Making	31
ECON240	Financial Modelling	110
ECON251	Industry and Trade in East Asia	125
ECON301	Monetary Economics	38
ECON303	Economic Development Issues	17
ECON304	The Historical Foundations of the Modern Australian Economy	55
ECON305	Economic Policy	55
ECON308	Labour Economics	23
ECON309	Environmental Economics	85
ECON311	Natural Resource Economics	9
ECON312	Industrial Economics	24
ECON316	History of Economic Thought	31
ECON317	Economics of Health Care	7
ECON318	Economics of Health Care – A	17
ECON319	Electronic Commerce and the Economics of Information	11
ECON320	Economics of Small Medium Enterprises	19
ECON322	Mathematical Economics	20
ECON327	Advanced Econometrics	12
ECON331	Financial Economics	34

Economics Subjects Offered in 2008: Postgraduate

Subject	Subject Name	Enrolments for 2008
COMM401	Advanced Macroeconomic Theory	7
COMM401	Advanced Microeconomic Theory	7
ECON910	Economics for Professionals	250
ECON918	Economics of Health Care	15
ECON939	Quantitative Economic Analysis	4
ECON940	Statistics for Decision Making	230
ECON983	Industry Trade in East Asia	2
ECON996	Advanced Macroeconomic Theory	1
ECON997	Advanced Microeconomic Theory	1

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.

2008 Recipient: Alexandra McDermott

Pearson 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.

2008 Recipient: Shane Riley

Pearson 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.

2008 Recipient: Rocco Musumeci

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.

2008 Joint Recipients: Filipe Barros and Thomas Simnadis

Illawarra Business Chamber 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.

2008 Recipient: Tim Freestone

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.

2008 Recipient: Jessica Pratten

GHD Meyrick 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.

2008 Recipient: Alexandra McDermott

GHD Meyrick Honours Prize in Economics

Awarded to the student who received the best overall mark in the Bachelor of Commerce (Economics) Honours.

2008 Recipient: Jessica Todhunter, Class 1 Honours

Research Activity

Research Students

PhD Students – Completed

Name	Thesis	Supervisor
Mahmoud Al-Dalahmeh	Critical Success factor of Electronic Commerce Usage in Australia: E-Commerce Self-efficacy	A Hodgkinson & Ali Saleh
Koloud Alkayid	Using System Dynamics Modelling for Identification Needs of E-Health Web Portal Users	H Hasan
Surachai Chancharat	An Econometric Analysis of Stock Market	A Valadkhani & C Harvie
John Findlay	Learning as a Game	H Hasan
Leanne Johns (ANU)	Social Network Analysis of Colonial Commerce	S Ville
Richard Kingsford	Development and Support of Complex Information Systems in Emergent organizations: Structures, Processes and Governance	H Hasan
Charmaine Pfaff	Harnessing Wiki Technology for Learning Organizations	H Hasan
Krittakorn Sahakijpicharn	Entrepreneurship and Innovation of SMEs	C Harvie & N Perera
Doy Sundarasaradula	A Thermodynamical Perspective on Organisations: Their Structure and Evolution	H Hasan & E Wilson
Abdusalam Faraj Yahia	Development Issues In Oil Exporting Countries: The Case Of Libya	M Metwally & Ali Saleh

PhD Students – Enrolled

Name	Thesis	Supervisor
Selina Akhter	The Impact of Female Education of Development: Bangladesh Perspective	A Hodgkinson
Murad Aldaradkeh	The Interaction of e-Commerce and Economic Development and its Impact on Banking Costs: The Case Study of Jordan	K Chowdhury, E Sanidas
Issa Ali	Oil Revenue and Economic Development: the Case of the Libyan Economy 1970 - 2007	C Harvie, E Wilson
Khalid Alkhamis	Efficiency of Land Use in the Agriculture Sector of Saudi Arabia	M O'Brien A Levy

Amir Arjomandi	Efficiency and productivity. Changes of Iran's financial institutions: a data envelopment analysis	C Harvie, A Valadkhani, M O'Brien
Sumayya Banna	Web-based Information Systems in e-health	H Hasan
Rekha Bhabra	An Evaluation of Sutherland Business Incubator	A Hodgkinson
Shane Brittle	The Relationships Between Budget and Trade Deficits in Australia: Evidence from an Intertemporal Model of the Current Account	E Wilson
Teerawat Charoenrat	A Study of the Domestic and International Competitiveness of Thailand's Manufacturing and services SMEs 1998 – 2008	C Harvie
Nor Hashim	Evaluating Internet Advertising Websites: A User's Perspective	H Hasan
Mira Kartiwi	Information Systems Development and Implication in Small – Medium Sized Enterprises	A Hodgkinson
Nandini Kaul	Analysis of Intra-Trade between GCC Countries	K Jayanthakumaran
Adeem Khan	Impact of trade facilitation on international trade	K Jayanthakumaran, E Wilson
Viet Le Cong Luyen	The role of SMEs in Vietnam's Economic Development	C Harvie, A Valadkhani
Shao-Wei Lee	Economic Reforms in Poverty in China	K Jayanthakumaran, E Wilson
Paul McPhee	The role of Information Sectors in Regional Development: An Input Output Approach	A Hodgkinson
Yumiko Meloche	Comparative Analysis of Perceptions on the Trade Relationship between Australia and Japan	K Jayanthakumaran M O'Brien
Boitumelo Moffat	Measuring efficiency in Botswana's Financial Sector	A Valadkhani, C Harvie
Elham Pourazarm	The Estimation of Demand Function of Iran's Electricity	A Valadkhani, A Cooray, O Yerokhin
Mad Ithnin Salleh	Measuring Service Productivity: Malaysia's Public Higher Education Institutions	A Valadkhani, J R Rodgers, A Cooray
Margret Schuller	Analysis of Parent Subsidiary Relationships in the Medical Diagnostic Industry	A Hodgkinson
Murray Stewart	Australian Country Towns: Is there a future?	A Hodgkinson
Michaela Stockey-Bridge	The Role of Community Connectedness in Retaining Skilled Migrant Women in Australia	S Ville
Reetu Verma	Savings, Investment and Economic Growth in India	N Perera and E Wilson

Hui-Ling Wang	A Framework to Support Strategic Decision-Making in Business-to-Business Electronic Commerce	H Hasan
Yu Zhang	An analysis of the Australian and Chinese Mobile Phone Markets within a Contractual Relationship	A Hodgkinson

Masters Students - Completed

Name	Thesis	Supervisor
Anas Abdel Al-Bakri	The Adoption and Diffusion of Internet-Electronic Data Interchange (I-EDI) by Jordanian SMEs	H Hasan
Hung Manh Ha	The Development of a Spatial Technical Writing Technique: the application of Concept Mapping and Sentence Diagramming	H Hasan
Ngo Lui Mok	Online Health Services: Study of User Perceptions of the Perceived Usefulness of the Evolving Web-Based Health Community Using Q Methodology and Activity Theory	H Hasan

Masters Students – Enrolled

Name	Thesis	Supervisor
Indika Karunanayake Athukoralalage	Modelling Australian Stock Market Volatility	A Valadkhani, M O'Brien
Chirangivi Bista	Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction in South Asia	K Jayanthakumaran, M O'Brien
Ying Liu	Trade Liberalisation and Environment Protection	K Jayanthakumaran
Ramesh Chandra Paudel	Financial Liberalisation in Sri Lanka: an Economic Analysis	K Jayanthakumaran
Hugo Zweep	The Changing Use of Land in the Illawarra	S Ville

Honours Students

Name	Thesis	Supervisor
Adin Alihodzic	Monetary Policy and Asset Prices	E Wilson
Tara Causer	The Impact of Compulsory Superannuation on Retirement Income: The Australian Experience	A Cooray
Thomas Clay	Measuring the Efficiency of Economics Departments in Australian Universities: A DEA Study on Research Productivity	A Valadkhani
Rebecca Fairbrother	External Debt: Southeast Asia and Latin America	A Levy, R Verma

Jessica Todhunter	Chronic poverty among Australian children since 2000 and the effect of permanent income on completed schooling.	J R Rodgers
Mitchell Worsley	Youth in retail: bridge or trip	M O'Brien

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Cooray, A. and Felmingham, B.	'Are Australia's Savings and Investment Fractionally Cointegrated?' <i>International Journal of Applied Economics</i> , Vol 5, No 1: pp.48-53, 2008
Cooray, A. and Felmingham, B.	'Real Interest Rate Interdependence Among the G7 Nations: Does Real Interest Parity Hold?' <i>Journal of International Finance and Economics</i> , Vol 8, No 1: pp.13-22, 2008
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- Harvie, C. , and Cox, G. 'Resource Price Turbulence and Macroeconomic Adjustment for a Resource Exporter: a Conceptual Framework for Policy Analysis', 5th Asia Pacific Economic Forum conference, University of Isfahan, Iran, 3-5 November 2008
- Harvie, C. , and Cox, G. 'Resource shocks, macroeconomic adjustment and alternative options for a resource exporter: the case of Australia', Proceedings of the 13th International Korea Economic Association conference, Sungkwankyun University, Seoul, Korea, 12-13 August 2008, Plenary Session 1, pp.331-346
- Harvie, C. , and Cox, G. 'Resource Price Shocks and Macroeconomic Adjustment for a Resource Exporter: some Preliminary Results', Proceedings of the Korea and the World Economy, VII conference, Seoul, Korea, 20-21 June 2008, pp.17-41
- Harvie, C. and Saleh, A. 'Perceptions of Business Challenges Facing Malaysian SMEs: Some Preliminary Results', 5th SMEs in a Global Economy conference, Senshu University, Tokyo, Japan, 2-3 August 2008
- Harvie, C. and Saleh, A. 'The Impact of Business Networking on Business Performance within the context of Perceived Business Constraints', 9th International Business Research Conference, "Research for change", Novotel Hotel, Melbourne, Australia, 24-26 November 2008
- Harvie, C., Cox, G., and Saleh, A. 'Lebanon Post Paris III – Macroeconomic Outcomes from Donor Funding', Proceedings of the Korea and the World Economy, VII conference, Seoul, Korea, 20-21 June 2008, pp.1091-1133
- Harvie, C., Le, V. and Sanidas, E. 'Competitiveness Strategies of Small and Medium Enterprises in Transitional Economies', 5th SMEs in a Global Economy conference, Senshu University, Tokyo, Japan, 2-3 August 2008
- Hodgkinson, A, 'Exploring student engagement for Generation Y: a pilot in Environmental Economics', Australian Conference of Economists, Gold Coast, Australia, 30 September – 4 October 2008
- Hodgkinson, A. 'Community valuations of environmental quality in coastal Lakes: Lake Illawarra case study', Australian Conference of Economists, Gold Coast, Australia, 30 September - 4 October 2008
- Hodgkinson, A. and Akthar, S. 'The Indirect Benefits of Women's Education in Developing Countries: A Case Study from Bangladesh, Proceedings of the Bangladesh in the 21st Century Conference, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, June, 2008, Bangladesh Development Initiative
- Jayanthakumaran, K. and Lee, S-W. 'The complementarities of multilateralism and regionalism and income convergence: ASEAN and SAARC'. World Congress on Science, Engineering and Technology (WCSET), Bangkok, Thailand, 17-19 December 2008
- Jayanthakumaran, K. and Lee, S-W. 'Integration and income convergence: ASEAN and SAARC'. The 4th Annual Conference of Asia-Pacific Economic Association, Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China, 12-14 December 2008

- Neri, F. and Meloche, Y. 'Attendance and Performance in a Large Economics Class', in Lodewijks, J. and O'Donnell, R. (eds), *Enhancing the Effectiveness of Learning and Teaching in Economics*, Proceedings of the 13th Australasian Teaching Economics Conference, Sydney, Australia September 2008
- Pol, E. 'Teaching and Learning Business Innovation by successive Approximations', Proceedings of the 8th Global Conference on Business & Economics, Florence, Italy, 18-19 October 2008
- Siminski, P. 'What would the Average Public Sector Employee Earn in the Private Sector?', presented at the Australian Conference of Economists, Gold Coast, Australia, 30 September - 2 October 2008
- Valadkhani, A., Chancharat, S. and Harvie, C. 'Identifying the Pattern of International Stock Return Co-movements', Proceedings of the 37th Australian Conference of Economists, Gold Coast, Australia, 30 September - 4 October 2008
- Verma, R. & Perera, N. 'An Empirical Analysis of Sustainability of Trade Deficit: Evidence from South Asian Countries', Australian Conference of Economists, Gold Coast, Australia, 30 September - 3 October, 2008
- Verma, R. and Wilson, E. J. 'A Multivariate Analysis of Savings, Investment, Foreign Capital Inflows and Economic Growth in India', Australian Conference of Economists Gold Coast, Australia, 30 September - 3 October, 2008
- Wilson, E. J. 'A Critique of Modelling and Estimating the Effects of Consistent Conditional Variance Expectations on Exchange Rates', Australian Conference of Economists Gold Coast, Australia, 30 September - 3 October, 2008

Conference Presentations

- Chowdhury, K. 'Balassa-Samuelson Effect Approaching Fifty Years: Is it Retiring Early in Australia?' Paper presented at the 37th Australian Conference of Economists, Gold Coast, Australia, September 2008
- Cooray, A. 'The Financial Sector and Economic Growth', Proceedings of the Australian Conference of Economists, Gold Coast, Australia, September 2008
- Cooray, A. 'Economic Growth and the Size and Quality of the Government', American Economic Association Meetings, New Orleans, USA, January 2008
- Siminski, P. and Craig, L. 'Men's Housework, Women's Housework and Second Births in Australia', presented at International Association of Time Use Research Conference, Sydney, Australia, 1-3 December 2008
- Jayanthakumaran, K. and Lee, S-W, 'Income convergence of the SAARC-5 countries'. Global Business Development Institute (GBDI) International Conference, Las Vegas, USA, 23-25 March 2008
- Jayanthakumaran, K. and Lee, S-W, 'Integration and income convergence: ASEAN and SAARC'. The 4th Annual Conference of Asia-Pacific Economic Association, Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China, 12-14 December 2008

- Jayanthakumaran, K. and Lee, S-W, 'The complementarities of multilateralism and regionalism and income convergence: ASEAN and SAARC'. World Congress on Science, Engineering and Technology (WCSET), Bangkok, Thailand, 17-19 December 2008
- Levy, A. 'From Absolute Complacency to Rising Concerns about the Environment: Implications for Survival, Carbon-centric Computing Initiatives', University of Wollongong, Australia, 2008
- Neri, F. and Meloche, Y. 'Attendance and Performance in a Large Economics Class'. Paper presented at the Australian Conference of Economists, Gold Coast, Australia, 30 September - 3 October 2008
- O'Brien, M. 'Older Workers and Job Mobility in Australia' presented to the 4th Global Academy of Business and Economic Research International Conference, Bangkok Thailand, 29 December 2008
- Pol, E. 'Teaching and Learning Business Innovation by successive Approximations', 8th Global Conference on Business & Economics, Florence, Italy, 19 October 2008
- Rodgers, J. R. and Rodgers, J. L. 'Contributions of Longitudinal Data to Poverty Measurement in Australia', Paper presented to the Australian Conference of Economists, Gold Coast, Australia, 30 September - 3 October 2008
- Siminski, P. 'What would the Average Public Sector Employee Earn in the Private Sector?' presented at the Modelling Selection Workshop, University of South Australia, Australia, 28-29 July 2008
- Siminski, P. 'The recipient value and distributional impact of the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card', presented at the CAER Summer Workshop in Health Economics, University of New South Wales, Australia, 31 January - 1 February 2008
- Valadkhani, A. and Arjomandi, A. 'What Determines the Demand for Money in the Asian-Pacific Countries? An Empirical Panel Investigation', Global Academy of Business and Economic Research (GABER) International Conference, Chaleena Hotel, Bangkok. Thailand, 28 -30 December 2008
- Valadkhani, A. and Ville, S. 'What Determines the Research Output of Australian Universities?', Oxford Business & Economics Conference, St. Hugh's College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 22-24 June 2008
- Ville, S, Merrett, D. and Morgan, S. 'Industry associations as facilitators of social capital: the establishment and early operations of the Melbourne Woolbrokers Association' Asia-Pacific Economic and Business History Conference, University of Melbourne, Australia, February 2008
- Ville, S. and Merrett, D. 'Industry associations as facilitators of social capital: the Australian wool broking industry' Association of Business Historians conference, University of Birmingham, UK, June 2008
- Ville, S. and Reveley, J. 'Bridging Organisations, Bridging Disciplines: A Comparative Study of New Zealand Industry Associations' Business History Conference, Sacramento, USA, April 2008

Seminar Presentations

- Cooray, A. 'The Financial Sector as an Engine of Growth', School of Economics, University of Wollongong, Australia, August 2008
- Harvie, C. 'Regional Economic Integration in Asia: Contemporary Issues and Options', Universiti Teknologi MARA, Melaka Campus, Malaysia, 3 December 2008
- Harvie, C. 'Regional Economic Integration in Asia: Contemporary Issues and Options', Universiti Teknologi MARA, Kuching Campus, Sarawak, Malaysia, 28 November 2008
- Harvie, C. 'Economic Growth, Development and Integration in East Asia – the Role and Contribution of SMEs', Universiti Teknologi MARA, Kuching Campus, Sarawak, Malaysia, 28 November 2008
- Harvie, C. 'Regional Economic Integration in Asia: Contemporary Issues and Options', Universiti Teknologi MARA, Terengganu Campus, Malaysia, 25 November 2008
- Harvie, C. 'Regional Integration in Asia and the Contribution of SMEs – a Review of the Key Issues and Policy Imperatives', University of Shiraz, Iran, 8 November 2008
- Harvie, C. 'Economic Integration: Can Asia Adopt the European Union Model', International Seminar Series, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Shah Alam Campus, Malaysia, 8 October 2008
- Harvie, C. 'Economic Growth, Development and Integration in East Asia – the Role and Contribution of SMEs', Faculty of Business and Management, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia, 19 September 2008
- Harvie, C. 'Economic Growth, Development and Integration in East Asia: the Role and Contribution of SMEs', Graduate School of Business International Seminar Program, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan, 8 August 2008
- Harvie, C. 'The Role and Contribution of SMEs to Economic Growth, Development and Integration in East Asia', Murdoch University Business School, Australia, 11 April 2008
- Harvie, C. 'Vietnam's Economic Reforms and Private Sector Development', School of Economics, University of Wollongong, Australia, 13 March 2008
- Hodgkinson, A. 'Improving Student Engagement Utilizing An Online Learning Environment', Faculty of Commerce Teaching and Learning Seminar, University of Wollongong, Australia April 2008
- Hodgkinson, A. 'Community Valuation of Environmental Quality In Coastal Lakes: Lake Illawarra Case Study', School of Economics, University of Wollongong, Australia, May 2008
- Hodgkinson, A. 'Engaging Differently', University of Wollongong Staff Forum, University of Wollongong, Australia, June 2008
- Jayanthakumaran, K. 'Income convergence of the SAARC-5 countries', School of Economics, University of Wollongong, Australia, 15 May 2008

- Levy, A. 'Environmental Concern: Implications for Survival, Consumption, Rehabilitation and Production', School of Economics, University of Wollongong, Australia, September 2008
- Pol, E. 'Teaching and Learning Business Innovation by Successive Approximations', Faculty of Commerce Occasional Seminar Series, University of Wollongong, Australia, 15 July 2008
- Pol, E. and Ville, S. 'Social Innovation and Human Development Expansion', Social Innovation Network, University of Wollongong, Australia, 4 April 2008
- Siminski, P. 'A Quasi-Differenced Panel Data Analysis of the Australian Public-Private Sector Wage Differential', invited seminar presented at Australian National University, RSSS, Economics Program, Australia, 7 November 2008
- Siminski, P. 'A Quasi-Differenced Panel Data Analysis of the Australian Public-Private Sector Wage Differential', invited seminar presented at University of Melbourne Department of Economics, Australia, 29 October 2008
- Siminski, P. 'What would the Average Public Sector Employee Earn in the Private Sector?', seminar presented at School of Economics, University of Wollongong, Australia, 7 August 2008
- Hodgkinson, A. and Valadkhani, A. 'Community Valuations of Environmental Quality in Coastal Lakes: Lake Illawarra Case Study', School of Economics, University of Wollongong, Australia, 24 July 2008
- Wilson, E. J. and Verma, R. 'Promoting Economic Growth: Evidence From Australia and India', Economics Discipline, School of Accounting, Economics and Finance, Deakin University, Australia, September, 2008
- Wilson, E.J. 'A Critique of Modelling and Estimating the Effects of Consistent Conditional Variance Expectations', School of Economics, University of Wollongong, Australia, September, 2008

Research Grants

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| Cooray, A. | 'The Role of Education in Economic Growth', New Researcher Grant, Faculty of Commerce | \$2,425 |
| Harvie, C. | Research Management Institute, University of Teknologi MARA, Malaysia (2008-09 with Abdol Samad Naw, Zainah Abdullah, Syed Shah Alam, and Azizan Abdullah) 'A comparative analysis of the business performance and competitiveness readiness of Malaysian bumiputera and non bumiputera SMEs'. | \$8,260 |
| Harvie, C. | Research Management Institute, University of Teknologi MARA, Malaysia (2008-09 with Yaacob Ana, Sofian Shamsuddin, Faridah Hassan, Habibah Lehar, and Zahariah Zin) 'Challenges and business performance of SMEs in the food industry'. | \$10,652 |

Harvie, C.	Research Management Institute, University of Teknologi MARA, Malaysia (2008-09 with Jamaliah Khalili, Nor Aishah Ahmad, Ruzita Baah, Husniyati Ali and Badariah Saad) 'Sources of finance and business performance: a study of Malaysia's bumiputera and non bumiputera SMEs'.	\$10,391
Hasan, H.	SInet Social Innovation Research Awards. 'Serious Games: Investigating the Importance of Play for Social Innovation in Organisations'	\$5,000
Pol, E.	Social Innovation Research Award. 'Social Innovation Register: A Pilot Study'	\$10,000
Rodgers, J.R.	ARC Discovery Grant. 'An Investigation of Chronic and Transitory Poverty in Australia in the Twenty-First Century'	\$28,000
O'Brien, M. Verma, R.	Australian Teaching and Learning Council Grant. 'Building leadership capacity for development and sharing of mathematics learning resources across disciplines and universities'.	\$220,000 over 2 years
Siminski, P.	Faculty Mentoring Grant. 'The Causal Effects of the Vietnam War on Australian Conscripts (with Simon Ville)	\$5,000
Verrucci, N.	Faculty Teaching and Learning Grant – ECON208, Gender, Work and the Family	\$2957
Ville, S.	ARC Linkage Project 2008-10. 'The role of community connectedness in retaining skilled migrant women in Australia'	\$78,000 over 3 years
	ARC Linkage Learned Academies Special Projects grant, 2007-8 'Creativity and Innovation: Social Science Perspectives and Policy Implications'	\$60,000

Research Centres

Centre for Small Business and Regional Research (CSBRR)

The Centre for Small Business and Regional Research (CSBRR) is a member of the Social Innovation Network (SInet) in the Faculty of Commerce. The Centre was originally established in 2000 as the Centre for SME Research and Development, aimed at conducting research on issues of concern to the development of small and medium-sized enterprises in Australia and East Asia more generally. Activities were subsequently expanded to include regional development related issues. Its establishment brings together researchers from across the Faculty of Commerce who share a common interest in SME and regional development related research. Since its establishment the CSBRR has developed an extensive network of SME researchers from institutions both in Australia and overseas that has resulted in a number of international collaborative research initiatives and activities.

In 2008 CSBRR received \$9,000 in financial support from the Faculty of Commerce, from which two major projects were funded. First, a comparative study of the business practices adopted by GPs located in urban and rural NSW. Second, a study of boat and marina facilities in the Sutherland Shire council area. Other activities included the joint organisation of the following annual conferences:

(1) SMEs in a Global Economy conference (5th conference in the series), with Senshu University, Japan and Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia. In 2008 the conference was held in Tokyo and attracted 130 participants from Japan and other countries in Asia, as well as Australia. This conference series was initiated by CSBRR in 2000.

(2) The 7th *Asia-Pacific Economic Forum* annual conference, which was held in Isfahan, Iran from 3-5 November 2008.

CSBRR hosted a half day workshop for a visiting delegation from the Vietnam Institute for Trade, Ministry of Industry and Trade in May 2008, and Professor Noriyoshi Oguchi from the Centre for SME Studies, Senshu University, presented a paper to CSBRR members in February 2008.

During 2008 CSBRR was successful in obtaining funding, in collaboration with the Centre for Excellence, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia, for three SME related projects, focusing on Malaysian SMEs, amounting to \$29,300.

Members – academic staff

Charles Harvie
Helen Hasan
Ann Hodgkinson
Sam Garrett-Jones
Robert MacGregor
Greg Kerr
Elias Sanidas
Guibin Zhang

HDR affiliated members

Issa Ali (Ph.D)
Viet Le Cong Luyen (Ph.D)
Krittakorn Sahakijpicharn (Ph.D) – completed Ph.D in 2008
Surachai Chancharat (Ph.D) – completed Ph.D in 2008
Amir Arjomandi (Ph.D)
Teerawat Charoenrat (Ph.D)
Boitumelo Moffat (Ph.D) – submitted Ph.D in 2008

Centre for Human & Social Capital Research (CHSCR)

The Centre for Human and Social Capital Research (CHSCR) was established in mid 2006 with the objective of fostering high quality research into issues that involve aspects of human and social capital. Members of the CHSCR are actively engaged in collaborative (as well as individual) research, on topics such as education, health, household-time allocation, innovation, labour markets, poverty and inequality, productivity, and social-capital networks. By drawing upon a wide range of complementary skills, knowledge and research methodologies - theoretical, empirical and historical – members aim to publish their research output in prestigious refereed journals.

In 2008 the Centre pursued a range of activities and initiatives designed to support the research performance of its members individually and collectively. These included training components, the support of key research projects, the provision of appropriate software and publications, and two general meetings to discuss strategic directions.

Centre Members

Frank Neri, Senior Lecturer, School of Economics
Martin O'Brien, Senior Lecturer, School of Economics
Eduardo Pol, Senior Lecturer, School of Economics - Faculty of Commerce SInet Facilitator
Joan Rodgers, Associate Professor, School of Economics
John Rodgers, Senior Lecturer, School of Economics
Peter Siminski, Lecturer, School of Economics – Director of CHSCR
Abbas Valadkhani, Associate Professor, School of Economics
Simon Ville, Professor, School of Economics
Oleg Yerokhin, Lecturer, School of Economics

Collaborative Activities with other Nodes within SInet

Peter Siminski collaborated with Kathy Eagar & Luise Lago (CHSD) on research into Primary Care Attendances in Emergency Departments, leading to two further co-authored journal publications in 2008.

Simon Ville in collaboration with Sara Dolnicar, Lenore Lyons and a PhD student is involved in a project titled: "The Role of Community Connectedness in Retaining Skilled Migrant Women in Australia", supported by a *2007 ARC Linkage Grant*.

Simon Ville is collaborating with James Reveley on a paper entitled, 'Enhancing Industry Association Theory: A Comparative Business History Contribution'

HEDGE (Health, Environmental, Development and Growth Economics)

Formed in 2007, HEDGE continued to focus on interrelated research issues in health economics, environmental economics, development economics and growth economics.

In addition to a completed PhD thesis and 9 conference papers, the studies undertaken by the members of HEDGE generated in 2008/9:

- 3 refereed articles in ABDC “A” rated journals
- 8 refereed articles in ABDC “B” rated journals
- 4 refereed articles in ABDC “C” rated journals
- 3 refereed journal articles in new and other journals, and
- 1 book chapter

HEDGE’s members in 2008 were:

Dr Reetu Verma
Dr Arusha Cooray
Dr Kankesu Jayanthakumaran
Dr Khorshed Chowdhury
Associate Professor Ann Hodgkinson
Associate Professor Ed Wilson
Associate Professor Amnon Levy (director)



ATUL (Activity Theory Usability Laboratory)

ATUL, established as the Activity Theory Usability Laboratory in 2001, is a R & D unit of the University of Wollongong at the leading edge of research into work and play in organisations and communities of the Knowledge Age. Research at ATUL spans the fields of Information Systems, Education Human-Computer Interaction, Knowledge Management, Network Centric Organisations, Small Business Network and Clusters, Social Innovation, Emergent Social Technologies, Virtual Communities and Green IS. We use a multitude of theories and techniques including Activity Theory, Complexity Theory, Systems Dynamics, Q-methodology and Social Network Analysis. ATUL offers a selection of innovative services designed to assess and improve the performance of organisations, groups and individuals. It is set up for practical usability testing with a focus on how people use technology to achieve successfully outcomes within their everyday world. ATUL also has a set of innovative tools to support a variety of approaches to business analysis and collaborative learning.

Now known as the Activities, Tools, Usability and Learning Laboratory, ATUL conducted several usability tests in 2008 for commercial clients (including CentaLink and Caresearch). It also carried out consulting activities using its tools for group decision support in focus groups, content analysis and social networking. Research into team building and team behaviour was conducted using the Go*Team online gaming environment. ATUL also played a significant role in initiating the Carbon-Centric Computing Initiative, facilitating a virtual

international workshop via Skype video conferencing. Several of the PhD students working in ATUL completed this year so it has been a time to celebrate. For information on ATUL go to <http://www.uow.edu.au/commerce/econ/atul/> or contact Director A/Prof Helen Hasan.

Seminar Series

Professor Morris Altman, University of Saskatchewan
Behavioural Economics for Smart People? Behavioural Economics, the Rationality Assumption, and Public Policy

Professor Heather Anderson, ANU
How to account for structural changes brought about by the introduction of the Euro

Associate Professor Garry Barrett, UNSW
Consistent Nonparametric Tests for Lorenz Dominance

Dr Bruce Bradbury, UNSW
Time and the Cost of Children

Dr Paul Chen, ANU
Reciprocity at the Workplace: Do Fair Wages Lead to Higher Effort, Productivity, and Profitability?

Dr Khorshed Chowdhury, School of Economics
Balassa-Samuelson Effect Approaching Fifty Years: Is it Retiring Early in Australia?

Dr Arusha Cooray, School of Economics
The Financial Sector as an Engine of Growth

Professor Sara Dolnicar, School of Marketing & Management
Winning competitive grants

Dr Gigi Foster, University of South Australia
Estimating Spillovers using Panel Data, with an Application to the Classroom

Professor Paul Frijters, QUT
How much do the obese cost us?

Professor Bill Griffiths, University of Melbourne
Posterior Distributions for Welfare Changes in Agricultural Commodity Markets

Associate Professor Charles Harvie, School of Economics
Vietnam's Economic Reforms and Private Sector Development

Associate Professor Ann Hodgkinson and Associate Professor Abbas Valadkhani, School of Economics
Community valuations of environmental quality in coastal lakes: Lake Illawarra case study

Dr Boyd Hunter, ANU
Convergence and divergence in socioeconomic outcomes of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians: How realistic are the prospects for 'closing the gaps'?

Dr Kankesu Jayanthakumaran and Shao-Wei Lee, School of Economics
Income Convergence of the SAARC-5 countries

Associate Professor Amnon Levy, School of Economics
Environmental Concern: Implications for Survival, Consumption, Rehabilitation and Production

Dr Chris Ryan, ANU
Measurement of Income Mobility in Australia

Professor Peter Saunders, Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW
Income Poverty, Deprivation and Consistent Poverty: New Results for Australia

Associate Professor Michael Shields, University of Melbourne
Comparing Subjective and Objective Measures of Health: Evidence from Hypertension for the Income/Health Gradient

Dr Peter Siminski, School of Economics
What Would the Average Public Sector Employee be Paid in the Private Sector

Dr Andrew Tan, School of Accounting & Finance
Sources of Price Discovery in the Australian Dollar Currency Market

Associate Professor Gary Tian, School of Accounting & Finance
Are Chinese stock markets becoming increasingly integrated with other markets in the greater China region and other major markets

Professor Clem Tisdell, University of Queensland
Complex Policy Choices

Associate Professor Malcolm Tull, Murdoch
The Performance of Western Australia Ports

Associate Professor Ed Wilson, School of Economics
A Critique of Modelling and Estimating the Effects of Consistent Conditional Variance Expectations

Dr Guibin Zhang, School of Economics
Models of Trust-Sharing in Chinese Private Enterprises

Working Paper Series

- 08-01 **Martin O'Brien, Abbas Valadkhani, Keith Townsend**
The Australian Labour Market in 2007
- 08-02 **Peter Siminski**
The Price Elasticity of Demand for Pharmaceuticals amongst High Income Older People in Australia: A Natural Experiment
- 08-03 **Abbas Valadkhani and Simon Ville**
Identifying the Most Research Intensive Faculties of Business in Australia: A Multidimensional Approach
- 08-04 **Peter Siminski**
The Recipient Value and Distributional Impact of the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card in 2007
- 08-05 **Peter Siminski**
What Would the Average Public Sector Employee be Paid in the Private Sector?
- 08-06 **Nelson Perera & Reetu Verma**
An Empirical Analysis of Sustainability of Trade Deficit: Evidence from Sri Lanka
- 08-07 **Amnon Levy**
Ramsey with Environmental Awareness
- 08-08 **Douglas Robson & Joan R Rodgers**
Travail to No Avail? Working Poverty in Australia
- 08-09 **Eduardo Pol & Simon Ville**
Social Innovation: Buzz Word or Enduring Term?
- 08-10 **Amnon Levy**
Environmental Concern and Rational Production, Consumption and Rehabilitation (Initial version published as WP 08-07, May 2008)
- 08-11 **Joan R Rodgers, Peter Siminski & James Bishop**
Changes in Poverty Rates During the Howard Era
- 08-12 **Ann Hodgkinson & Alisa Percy**
Exploring student engagement for Generation Y: a pilot in Environmental Economics
- 08-13 **Abbas Valadkhani & Boitumelo Moffat & Charles Harvie**
Identifying productivity change in Botswana's financial institutions: an application of Malmquist productivity indices.
- 08-14 **Abbas Valadkhani & Boitumelo Moffat**
Technical efficiency in Botswana's financial institutions: a DEA approach
- 08-15 **Peter Siminski**
Do Government Benefits for High Income Retirees Encourage Saving?

Staff Research Interests

Khorshed Chowdhury	Macroeconomics; international monetary economics; applied time series econometrics; international trade, growth and developmental economics.
Arusha Cooray	Applied macroeconomics, specifically, development macroeconomics, macro finance and open economy macroeconomics; development Economics.
Charles Harvie	Small business and economic development; East Asian economic development; East Asian economic integration, macroeconomics; monetary economics.
Helen Hasan	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.
Ann Hodgkinson	Organisational change in response to international market conditions; employee participation; regional development of exports; small and medium enterprises.
Kankesu Jayanthakumaran	Trade reforms and manufactures exports in Australia; automobile industry in Australia; ASEAN free trade area; India's re-entry in the global trade. Trade liberalisation and environmental performance
Amnon Levy	Environmental and resource economics, Health economics, Economic growth, Macro and micro economic aspects of internal and external conflicts
Yumiko Meloche	International trade and foreign direct investment.
Frank Neri	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.
Martin O'Brien	Older worker employment issues; ageing society policy; hidden unemployment; segmented labour market theory; econometrics.
Eduardo Pol	Business innovation and social innovation; financial crises and regulation of financial innovations; Schumpeterian growth models and venture capital; teaching and learning business innovation.
John Rodgers	The incidence and causes of poverty and economic inequality; labour market behaviour and human-capital formation; history of microeconomic theory.
Joan Rodgers	Labour economics; poverty and economic inequality; applied microeconomics.
Elias Sanidas	Technology and economic growth/development; organizational aspects of technology; growth of SMEs versus growth of large firms economic integration; international business and economics econometrics; use of primary data in economics and management: quantitative methods.
Peter Siminski	Applied microeconomics, health, labour, poverty and inequality, applied econometrics, public economics, research methods, economic evaluation.

Abbas Valadkhani	Applied econometrics; macro econometric 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.
Reetu Verma	Macroeconomics; applied econometrics; economic growth, savings and investment in India.
Nadia Verrucci	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.
Simon Ville	Corporate leadership in Australia; business profitability; social capital; institutions and economic development; industry associations; inter-organisational collaboration.
Ed Wilson	Economic growth and poverty; agricultural policies in India; savings, investment and productivity growth; macroeconomic modelling and policy analysis.
Oleg Yerokhin	Applied Microeconomics, Industrial Organization, Applied Econometrics
Guibin Zhang	Private sector finance, modern Chinese economic history, China's economic reforms, private business development in China, SMEs and private entrepreneurship, business innovation, informal economy and labour economics.

Outreach and Administration

Services to the School, University and Profession

- Khorshed Chowdhury** – Primary Investigation Officer
- Arusha Cooray**
- Reviewed articles for:
 - Journal of Developing Areas
 - Economic Modelling
 - Applied Economics
 - Pacific Economic Bulletin
 - Faculty Representative on University Promotions Committee, University of Wollongong, 2008
 - Member, Teaching and Learning Committee, School of Economics, University of Wollongong, 2008
 - Research Associate, Centre for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis, Australian National University
- Charles Harvie**
- Director, Centre for small business and regional research (CSBRR)
 - Reviewed articles for:
 - World Development
 - Journal of the Korean Economy
 - Economic change and restructuring
 - Book referee for Routledge publishers, UK
 - Visiting Professor, Universiti Teknologi, MARA, Malaysia
 - Asia Pacific Economic Forum (APEC) – Secretary
 - Associate Editor – Journal of the Korean Economy
 - Honorary Member, Centre for SME Studies, Senshu University, Japan
 - Conference committee member – SMEs in a Global Economy conference, Senshu University, Japan
 - Conference committee member – 7th APEC conference, University of Isfahan, Iran.
- Helen Hasan**
- Standards Australia: Committee for knowledge management, Committee for small business
 - Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Knowledge, Management Research and Practice
- Ann Hodgkinson**
- Senior Academic Representative, Non-Academic Matters Investigation committee
 - Academic staff Development committee
 - Commerce Faculty representative
 - Elected Staff representative – Academic senate
 - University Education Committee
 - Faculty representative ELTS committee
- Kankesu Jayanthakumaran**
- Postgraduate Advisor (School)
 - Master's Co-ordinator (School)
 - Library Liaison Officer (School)
 - Sub-Committee Member for International Business Major (Undergraduate Course Review)
 - Chair, Faculty OHS Committee(Faculty)

- Amnon Levy** – Honours program coordinator, July-December 2008
- Yumiko Meloche** – Casual Tutor Co-ordinator with School of Economics
- Martin O'Brien** – School and faculty research committees
– Head of postgraduate studies
– School media liaison
– Discovery days
– B. Comm Core Sub-Committee Working Party
- Eduardo Pol** – Acting SInet Coordinator (June-December, 2008)
– Commerce SInet Facilitator
– Economics Undergraduate Advisor
– Mentor for Commerce Dean's Scholar Program
– Deputy Primary Investigation Officer
- Joan Rodgers** – Associate Head of School
– School rep on the Faculty Education Committee
– School rep on the Faculty Workloads Committee
– Chair, School Teaching Committee
– Director, Centre for Human and Social Capital Research, to mid 2008.
- John Rodgers** – Mentor for Commerce Dean's Scholars Program
– Economics Undergraduate advisor
- Elias Sanidas** – Editor of the School's Series of Working Papers
– Sub-Director, Centre for Small Business and Regional Research (CSBRR)
- Peter Siminski** – Joined Editorial Board of Australian Journal of Labour Economics
– Referee for Economic Record
– School seminar organiser
– Director of Centre for Human & Social Capital Research
- Abbas Valadkhani** – Service:
Seminar Convener, School of Economics, Faculty of Commerce, University of Wollongong.
– Editorial Board:
Global Business & Economics Review (USA)
Applied Econometrics and International Development (Spain)
Australasian Journal of Economics Education (AUS)
Briefing Notes in Economics (UK)
Australasian Accounting Business & Finance Journal (AUS)
– Reviewed Papers for:
Economic Record
Energy Journal
2008 Annual Conference of Economists
Emerging Markets Finance and Trade
Australian Economic Review
Economic Modelling
- Nadia Verrucci** – Sub Dean, Faculty of Commerce

Reetu Verma

- Faculty representative ELTS committee
- Member of the School Research Committee
- Faculty Representative on the E-Portfolio Subcommittee
- Casual Academic Coordinator for School of Economics
- Reviewer Australian Conference of Economists, 2008

Simon Ville

- Head of School
- Member, Faculty Executive and Dean's Team
- National Academies Forum – response to Cutler Report, Canberra
- Expert adviser, ERA
- President, Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand
- Academy of the Social Sciences workshop grants committee member
- Academy of the Social Sciences member of Panel B national committee
- Chair, Wollongong City Council Steering Committee for Youth Unemployment Project
- Facilitator, Youth Unemployment research report, hosted by Wollongong City Council.
- Editorial Board member of :
 - Education, Knowledge and Economy* (UK)
 - Business History Review* (US)
 - Business History* (UK)
- Media interviews and stories:
 - ABC Local Radio South East and ABC Illawarra, 'Government responses to the Global Financial Crisis' (2008)*
 - 'Credit crunches and economic crises: what have we learnt from history?' Campus News (2008)*
 - ABC Local Radio South East, 'Comparisons between the current credit crunch and the financial and economic crisis of the 1890s'. (2008)*
 - ABC Local Radio, Illawarra, 'Economic and social impact of reducing interest rates' (2008).*
 - ABC Local Radio, Riverina, 'Debt moratoriums for farmers' (2008)*

Ed Wilson

- President of the NSW Branch and member of the Central Council of the Economic Society of Australia.
- Co-organiser of the Emerging Economists program held at the Reserve Bank of Australia.
- Co-organiser of the School of Economics and Seoul National University joint PhD workshop held in Seoul.
- Academic mentor in the Deans Scholar program, member of the Faculty Administrative Staff Consultation Report, member of the Faculty New Subject Outline Trial, and member of the School Education committee.
- Member of the University of Wollongong Academic Probations committee.
- Member of the Human Research Ethics: Humanities and Social Science committee of the University of Wollongong.

Oleg Yerokhin

- Member of the School Research Committee
- Co-Editor of the Working Papers Series