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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.

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.

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.
**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.

Jaroslav 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 Univative program and the Young Achievers Australia program. After a review, it was decided to continue the innovation with the Univative 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
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**

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W = Wollongong Campus  
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### 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**
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Adam Arginovsky: Honours Class 1  |  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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Research Centres

Centre for Small Business and Regional Research (CSBRR)

The Centre for Small Business and Regional Research (CSBRR) was established in as a centre of excellence to provide expertise in issues of concern to small and medium-sized enterprises. Its creation brings together researchers from across the University of Wollongong who share a common interest in this area. The CSBRR also works with researchers from other institutions and bodies both in Australia and internationally who are interested in SME related research.

Members

- David Aylward
- Helen Hasan
- Ann Hodgkinson
- Robert MacGregor
- Ali Salman Saleh
- Elias Sanidas
- Lejla Vrazalic

Some of the key participants at the Asia-Pacific Economic Forum (APEF) conference.
Centre for Human & Social Capital Research (CHSCR)

The Centre was established in August 2006 with the objective of fostering high quality research into issues that involve aspects of human and social capital. It brings together one of the strongest research concentrations in the field of human capital in Australia and, to our knowledge, is the first Centre of its kind nationally. Members 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. The Centre was awarded a grant of $10,000 in support of its developmental activities. Its membership consists of:

- Professor Simon Ville
- Associate Professor Joan Rodgers (Convenor)
- Associate-Professor Abbas Valadkhani
- Dr Frank Neri
- Dr Eduardo Pol
- Dr John Rodgers
- Dr Martin O’Brien
- Mr Peter Siminski

Director of the Centre for Applied Economic Research, UNSW, Professor Kevin Fox, addresses participants at the Centre for Human and Social Capital Research workshop.
Seminar Series: Economics

Dr Stephen Morgan
University of Melbourne
The Measure of Chinese: Stature and Economic Development since 1800

Professor Tran Van Hoa
Centre for Strategic Economic Studies (CSES), and Director, Vietnam and ASEAN+ Research Program, Victoria University
Impact of Policy Change and Shocks on Trade and Growth within Asian FTAs

Associate Professor Joan Rodgers and Dr Abbas Valadkhani
School of Economics & Information Systems
A Multi-Dimensional Ranking of Australian Economics Departments

Professor Mokhtar Metwally
School of Economics & Information Systems
Students Preferences for Teaching Strategies that Strengthen the Learning of Economics in Middle Eastern Universities

Professor Andrew Worthington
Head, School of Accounting & Finance
University of Wollongong
Modelling spot prices in the Australian wholesale electricity market

Dr Martin O'Brien
School of Economics and Information Systems
The Youth Labour Market in Australia - Implications from Work Choices Legislation

Dr H.M.T.N.R. Herath
Visiting Fellow from Sri Lanka
Role of the State of Sri Lanka in the Context of Selected Asian Countries: Identification of the Drawbacks

John Pezzey
ANU
Mechanisms for Controlling a Total Quantity Under Uncertainty

Associate Professor Glenn Otto
School of Economics, UNSW
House Price Growth in Australia's Capital Cities

Dr Abbas Valadkhani & Prof Simon Ville
Analysing the Comparative Performance of Australian Universities Under The Unified National System, 1992-2003
Working Paper Series

06-01 Elias Sanidas and Kankesu Jayanthakumaran, The Consequences of Trade Liberalisation on the Australian Passenger Motor Vehicle Industry


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06-06 Kankesu Jayanthakumaran and Mosayeb Pahlavani, Australia and New Zealand CER Agreement and Breakpoints in Bilateral Trade: An Application of the Wald-type Test

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06-10 Amnon Levy, Optimal Control of Locusts in Subsistence Farming Areas

06-11 Abbas Valadkhani, What Determines the Demand for Money in the Asian-Pacific Countries? An Empirical Panel Investigation

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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 (HCl) 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

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 E-Commerce; 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 E-Commerce.

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; macroeconometric 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

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- 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
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- Selection committee member.
- Co-director, Centre for Small Business and Regional Research.
- Member, Faculty of Commerce Research Committee.

Helen Hasan
- Member, Editorial board: Journal of Knowledge Management Research and Practice.
Ann Hodgkinson
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• Commerce Faculty Executive.
• Commerce Faculty Representative, Academic Staff Development Committee.
• Ex-officio Member of Academic Senate.
• School Primary Investigation Officer, Student Conduct Rules.
• Academic Member of University Non-Academic Matters Investigation Committee.
• Secretary, ANZRSAI.
• Coomaditchie United Aboriginal Artists Cooperative, E-commerce Website.

Kankesu Jayanthakumaran
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• Library Liaison Officer.

Boon Lee
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• Co-Director, Centre for SME Research and Development.
• Referee for Journal of Electronic Commerce Research and World Development.
• Convener 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.

Mohktar Metwally
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• President of the Association of the Middle East Business and Economic Research (inc.).
• Associate Editor: Humanomics.

Frank Neri
• Economics Honours Coordinator.
• Commerce representative on the Quality Assurance Subcommittee of the UEC.

Martin O’Brien
• Faculty of Commerce Representative on Faculty of Arts Committee.

John Rodgers
• 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.
- Member of the American Society of Labor Economists.
- Member of the Economic Society of Australia.
- Member of the American Economic Association.

Ali Saleh
- Editorial board member: Singapore Economic Review; Academy of Taiwan Business Management Review.

Elias Sanidas
- Participation in the International Friendship program.

Tran Van Hoa
- Coordinator, Vietnam Focus and ASEAN+3 Research Program.
- Executive Member: Asia Pacific Economic Forum (APEF) Director, Economics International Committee.
- Vietnam UOW Alumni Association.
- NSW-Vietnam Chamber of Commerce.
- Victoria Institute of International Studies Asia Pacific Economic Association (APEA), Program Committee.
- Honorary Professor, National Economics University, Vietnam Honorary Professor, National Advanced Training Institute, Vietnam Ministry of Trade.

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