

Women and the Budget

Economics Webinar

Thursday, 26 November 2020

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Online via Microsoft Teams

Event Overview

The economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have been experienced by men and women in different ways, given the gender patterns in employment and household roles that prevail within Australian society. Despite women shouldering the bulk of jobs lost since the start of the pandemic, the Government's Budget responses have been largely directed at male-concentrated industries.

This webinar examines the economic data to assess these gender patterns and explores the value of Gender Responsive Budgeting. Our speakers will discuss examples of how to cast a gender lens on economic policy formation, and consider where the barriers and resistance to adopting a gender lens approach stem from. The costs of overlooking a gender lensed approach to economic policy will be explored, not only in terms of costs to women, but in terms of the loss to the wider economy. Participants will have the opportunity to join the discussion through Q&A.

Griffith University is pleased to partner with the Women in Economics Network (WEN) to host this webinar.

Panel

Gene Tunny (Moderator) | Founder and Director, Adept Economics

Gene Tunny is the founder and Director of Adept Economics. He is a former Australian Treasury official and regular media commentator on state and federal budget policy issues. Gene runs the blog Queensland Economy Watch and the podcast Economics Explored.

Dr Leonora Risse | Lecturer in Economics, RMIT University

Dr Leonora Risse is a research economist, currently a Lecturer in Economics at RMIT University, and in residence as a Research Fellow with the Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard University in the US. She earned her PhD in Economics from the University of Queensland in 2008 and worked as a Senior Research Economist for the Australian Productivity Commission, chiefly working on education and employment inquiries. She formerly held a Vice-Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship at RMIT University. Her research experience encompasses labour economics, gender differentials, wellbeing and disadvantage, population and demographic economics, the economics of education, and efficiency analysis.

Sally Moyle | Honorary Associate Professor at ANU

Sally is an Honorary Associate Professor at the ANU, associated with the Gender Institute, and a member of the Board of the National Foundation for Australian Women. She helped write the NFAW Gender lens report this year and has a long experience in government gender equality work, having led the federal Office for Women and the DFAT Gender Equality work across development and foreign policy. Sally also worked for a long time at the Australian Human Rights Commission on gender equality and was the CEO of CARE Australia, an international development and humanitarian organisation.

Dr Tracey West | Lecturer in Finance, Griffith University

Dr Tracey West has a strong background in household finance, with several publications on household finance, financial literacy and financial planning issues, including a PhD thesis completed in 2016. Recent work has been published in Economic Notes, Financial Counselling and Planning, Financial Planning Research Journal, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, JASSA, the Consumer Interests Annual. This work contributes to knowledge on investor behaviour, informing curriculum development and guidance for advisors in the financial services industry. She currently teaches Behavioural Finance and Wealth Management at Griffith University, Australia.

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