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ALife Conference

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Molonglo Theatre, JG Crawford Building (132), Lennox Crossing, ANU

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Time	ALife Conference PROGRAM	
	DAY 1 – Thursday 18 March 2021 Molonglo Theatre, Level 2, JG Crawford Building	
9:00 – 9:15		Opening and welcome <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Speaker:</u> Kirsten Fish, ATO</p>
9:15– 10:00	Session 1: The Alife dataset: current context and future directions	The ALife dataset (30 mins) <i>Contextual frame for the papers that follow: what ALife is + brief overview of upcoming dataset advancements. Discuss potential LEED module, household file, or other expansions to ALife – plus value and priority variables.</i> <u>Presenter/s:</u> Andrew Carter, ATO Variable examination: occupation (15 mins) <i>Evaluating Taxation Data vs HILDA survey on a key covariate: occupations.</i> <u>Presenter:</u> Robert Breunig
10:00 – 10:20		Morning Tea
10:20 – 12:00	Session 2: Labor market concentration and first of super papers	<i>2 presenters x 50 mins each (format for paper presentations: 30 min presentation + 10 minute discussant response + 10 min open discussion)</i> <p style="text-align: right;">Moderator: Catherine de Fontenay (PC)</p> Local labour market concentration and its implications for wages growth in Australia <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Presenter:</u> Jonathon Hambur (Treasury) <u>Discussant:</u> Martine Mariotti (ANU)</p> Responses to increases in the superannuation preservation age <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Presenter:</u> Roger Wilkins (Melb) <u>Discussant:</u> Gareth Myles (Adelaide)</p>
12:00 – 13:00		Lunch

13.00 – 15:30	Session 3: Super and retirement	<p><i>3 presenters x 50 mins each</i></p> <p>Moderator: Nu Nu Win (Treasury) The impact of government funded retirement contributions (matching) on the retirement savings behaviour of low and middle income individuals</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Kristen Sobeck (ANU) <u>Discussant:</u> Cain Polidano (Melb)</p> <p>How effective are matching schemes in enticing low-income earners to save more for retirement? Evidence from a national scheme</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Cain Polidano (Melb) <u>Discussant:</u> Kristen Sobeck (ANU)</p> <p>Income and saving responses to tax incentives for private retirement savings</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Marc Chan (Melb) <u>Discussant:</u> Claudio Labanca (Monash)</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Afternoon Tea	
16:00 – 17:40	Session 4: Intergenerational studies	<p><i>2 presenters x 50 mins each</i></p> <p>Moderator: Katherine Wagner (PBO) The effect of welfare assistance at arrival for immigrant mothers on long-term and intergenerational labour market integration: Findings from DOMINO and MADIP data</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Johannes Kunz (Monash) <u>Discussant:</u> Jacquelyn Zhang (ANU)</p> <p>Absolute intergenerational income mobility in Australia</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Peter Siminski (UTS) <u>Discussant:</u> Nathan Deutscher (ANU)</p>
17:40 – 18:00	Coffee	
18:00 – 19:00	<p style="text-align: right;">Keynote: Professor Claus Kreiner</p> <p>Professor of Economics and Director of the Center for Economic Behavior and Inequality (CEBI) at the University of Copenhagen Co-editor of Journal of Public Economics</p>	
19:30 – 22:00	<p>Conference dinner (By-invite only) Location: Daana Restaurant, 83 Theodore Street, Curtin, ACT 2605 <i>No designated speaker; an opportunity to mingle.</i></p>	

Time	DAY 2 – 19 March 2021 (Molonglo Theatre, Level 2, JG Crawford Building)	
9:00 – 10:40	Session 5: Life course income mobility	<i>2 presenters x 50 mins each</i> Moderator: Rosalyn Bell (PC) The rising persistence of top incomes in Australia <u>Presenter:</u> Nicholas Herault (Melb) <u>Discussant:</u> Andrew Leigh (MP) Life course income mobility trends in Australia <u>Presenter:</u> Tristram Sainsbury (ANU) <u>Discussant:</u> Peter Siminski (UTS)
10:40 – 11:00	<i>Morning tea</i>	
11:00 – 12:40	Session 6: Job scarring and the welfare system	<i>2 presenters x 50 mins each</i> Moderator: John Clark (PBO) Do scarring effects from job loss differ by age? <u>Presenter:</u> David Hansell (Treasury) <u>Discussant:</u> Sarah Dong (ANU) Insurance and incentive effects of Family Tax Benefits: The role of means testing <u>Presenter:</u> Darapheak Tin (ANU) <u>Discussant:</u> Ann Kayis-Kumar (UNSW)
12:40 – 1:40	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:40 – 15:20	Session 7: Responding to tax system incentives	<i>2 presenters x 50 mins each</i> Moderator: Andrew Carter (ATO) The heterogeneous elasticity of taxable income with respect to marginal tax rates: Evidence from Australian tax records <u>Presenter:</u> Tatsushi Oka (Monash) <u>Discussant:</u> Steven Hamilton (George Washington Univ.) Paying income tax after a natural disaster: The case of Queensland floods <u>Presenter:</u> Merve Kucuk (Deakin) <u>Discussant:</u> Alfredo Paloyo (Wollongong)
15:20 – 15:40	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
15:40 – 16:30	Session 8: Corporate Taxation	<i>1 presenter x 50 mins</i> Moderator: Sam Reinhardt (Treasury) Company tax elasticity in Australia <u>Presenter:</u> Brendan Fugate (ATO) <u>Discussant:</u> Christian Gillitzer (Sydney)
16:30 – 17:00	Wrap up and thank you <u>Speaker:</u> Graeme Davis (Treasury); Robert Breunig	