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PROGRAM

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DAY 1 – Thursday 4 August 2022

Molonglo Theatre, Level 2, JG Crawford Building

9:00 – 9:15		<p>Opening and welcome</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Speaker:</u> Ms Laura Berger-Thomson First Assistant Secretary, Revenue Group, Treasury</p>
9:15 – 10:00	ATO Presentation	<p>The ALife Family Links File</p> <p>The ATO will provide an update on the ALife project, including an overview of the new ALife Family Links file.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Presenter:</u> Andrew Carter, Director Tax Policy Research Australian Taxation Office</p>
10:00 – 10:20	Morning Tea	
10:20 – 12:00	<p>Session 1:</p> <p>Alife 1</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Moderator: Claudio Labanca (Monash University)</p> <p>Growth, redistribution and inequality: Lessons from Australia's three decades of uninterrupted economic growth</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Presenter:</u> Nabeeh Zakariyya (Australian National University) <u>Discussant:</u> Arezou Zaresani (University of Sydney)</p> <p>Distributional national accounts for Australia</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Presenter:</u> Nicolas Herault (University of Melbourne) <u>Discussant:</u> Nathan Deutscher (Australian National University)</p>

12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	
13.00 – 14:40	Session 2: RED	Moderator: Jenny Humphrys (Department of Social Services) The effect of job search requirements on welfare receipt <u>Presenter:</u> Roger Wilkins (University of Melbourne) <u>Discussant:</u> Stefanie Fischer (Monash University) Wage subsidies and the reliance of youth on welfare payments <u>Presenter:</u> Abuzar Ali (University of Melbourne) <u>Discussant:</u> Patrick Jomini (Productivity Commission)
14:40 – 15:10	Afternoon Tea	
15:10 – 16:50	Session 3: ALife 2	Moderator: Nathan Deutscher (Australian National University) College majors and labour market mismatch <u>Presenter:</u> Michelle Rendall (Monash University) <u>Discussant:</u> Rigissa Megalokonomou (University of Queensland) Earnings and income risks: evidence from Australian tax data <u>Presenter:</u> Federico Zilio (University of Melbourne) <u>Discussant:</u> Gus Tunks (Parliamentary Budget Office)
19:30 – 21:30	Conference dinner (By-invite only) Location: Daana Indian Restaurant 83 Theodore Street, Curtin, ACT 2605 <i>No designated speaker; an opportunity to mingle.</i> ACT CABS PH: 02 62800077 https://www.actcabs.com.au/ Canberra Elite Taxi PH: 61261600 https://www.canberraelite.com.au/	

DAY 2 – Friday 5 August 2022 (Molonglo Theatre, Level 2, JG Crawford Building)		
8:30 – 10:10	Session 4: L-LEED + broader datasets	<p style="text-align: right;">Moderator: Alfredo Paloyo (University of Wollongong)</p> <p>Workforce skills and firm productivity</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Presenter:</u> Oscar Lane (Treasury)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Discussant:</u> Cecilia Karmel (Australian National University)</p> <p>Optimal parental leave subsidization with endogenous fertility and growth</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Presenter:</u> Solmaz Moslehi (Monash University)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Discussant:</u> Miguel Olivo-Villabrille (University of Sydney)</p>
10:10 – 10:30	Morning tea	
10:30 – 11:20	Session 5: COVID-19 I	<p style="text-align: right;">Moderator: Flora Carapellucci (Department of Social Services)</p> <p>Flattening which curve? The property-price gradient in Sydney during the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Presenter:</u> Nicholas Sheard (Victoria University)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Discussant:</u> Sasan Bakhtiari (Department of Industry)</p>
11:20 – 12:20	Keynote: Professor Greg Kaplan	
		<p style="text-align: right;">Moderator: Robert Breunig</p> <p>Title: Intended and unintended consequences of superannuation in Australia: Insights from a lifecycle heterogeneous agent model</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Professor, Kenneth C. Griffin Department of Economics, University of Chicago</p>
12:20 – 13:20	Lunch	
13:20 – 15:00	Session 6: ALife 3	<p style="text-align: right;">Moderator: Kat Di Marco (Treasury)</p> <p>Technological change, occupational switches, and intergenerational mobility</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Presenter:</u> Satoshi Tanaka (University of Queensland)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Discussant:</u> Brendan Fugate (Australian Taxation Office)</p> <p>Impacts from increasing the Age Pension eligibility age in Australia</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Presenter:</u> Ha Vu (Deakin University)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Discussant:</u> Garry Barrett (University of Sydney)</p>
15:00 – 15:20	Afternoon tea	
15:20 -16:10	Session 7: COVID-19 II	<p style="text-align: right;">Moderator: Gemma Van Halderen (Australian Bureau of Statistics)</p> <p>Early pension withdrawals as stimulus</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Presenter:</u> Steven Hamilton (George Washington University)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Discussant:</u> Ellen Stuart (University of Sydney)</p>
16:10 – 16:30	Wrap up and thank you	
		<u>Speaker:</u> Robert Breunig, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute