

**Inaugural Australasian Development Economics Association Conference**  
**10-11 February, 2025**  
Queensland University of Technology  
Gardens Point Campus  
(S Block, Level 12, OJW Room)  
2 George Street Brisbane, Queensland, Australia 4000

Each paper has been allocated 30 minutes (25 minutes presentation + 5 minutes for questions). The last presenter of a session is the Chair of that session (responsible for ensuring that the session runs on time, and managing the time allocated to presentations and questions). The Chair should coordinate with the session presenters regarding their preferences on taking questions during the presentation or at the end of their presentation. Note that each session is followed by a break and discussions may continue during those breaks. To ensure smooth running of sessions, please make sure to load your presentation prior to your session. You can email your presentation in advance to [adeaconf2025@qut.edu.au](mailto:adeaconf2025@qut.edu.au) or bring a USB to upload presentations on the day.

**Location:**

All sessions in S Block (A campus map is attached):

(A) Level 12 - OJW room; (B) Level 4 - Room S404; (C) Level 3 - Room S310.

Morning Tea, Lunch, and Afternoon Tea will be served in the foyer terrace adjoining OJW.

**Conference Dinner:**

Dinner is on Feb 10 from 6.00 pm at The Jetty Restaurant, which is walking distance (10-12 minutes) from the conference venue, via the Goodwill Bridge (see directions below). We will depart from the conference venue around 5.45PM and walk to the restaurant. Please advise if alternative transport needs to be arranged.



**10<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Registrations from 8.30am: OJW Foyer, S Block, level 12

9.00 AM – 9.10 AM

Conference Opening and Welcome  
**Professor Paula Macdonald**, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research)  
 Queensland University of Technology

9.10 AM – 10.20 AM

**Keynote session 1:** Learning from Fieldwork - drawing on [ongoing work](#) on external validity  
**Professor Jonathan Morduch**, New York University  
 Session Chair: **Associate Professor Dipa Sarkar**, Queensland University of Technology  
 Location: OJW Room, S Block, Level 12

10.20 AM – 10.40 AM    *Morning Tea: OJW Foyer, S Block, level 12*

Session 1	Session 1A (OJW Room): <b>Education and Human Capital – I</b>	Session 1B (Room S404): <b>Health and Wellbeing - I</b>	Session 1C (Room S310): <b>Entrepreneurship and Innovation</b>
10.40 AM – 12.40 PM	“Early childhood education, parent social networks, and child development”, Keyu Guo, <b>Asad Islam</b> (Monash University), John A. List, Michael Vlassopoulos, Yves Zenou	“Hope walks: The impact of clubfoot treatment on human flourishing in Ethiopia”, Bruce Wydick, Gianna Camacho, <b>Patrizio Piraino</b> (University of Notre Dame)	“Breaking the paycycle: Impact of flexible salary on women factory workers”, Achyuta Adhvaryu, <b>Sowmya Dhanaraj</b> (Good Business Lab), Smit Gade, Anant Nyshadham, Apoorv Somanchi
	“The best buy? Prospective evidence on successful remediation in Morocco’s public primary schools”, <b>Hosam Ibrahim</b> (University of Minnesota), Andreas de Barros, Sarah Deschênes, Paul Glewwe	“The Impact of Super Apps on Nutritional Transition in Developing Countries: A Case Study of Digital Platforms Expansion in Indonesia”, <b>Elza S. Elmira</b> (University of Bonn), Asep Suryahadi	“The effect of long-duration entrepreneurship training with performance-based incentives: Evidence from a randomized controlled trial”, Shyamal Chowdhury, <b>Syed Hasan</b> (Massey University), Uttam Sharma

<p>“Export-manufacturing expansion and adolescent schooling: Indonesian evidence from a gender perspective”, Retno Maruti, <b>Longfeng Ye</b> (RMIT), Anna Zhu</p>	<p>“The timing of universal and permanent cash transfers and infant health”, Christine Ho and <b>Ying Liu</b> (Singapore Management University)</p>	<p>“Exploring female entrepreneurship in India: Sector-wise dynamics and insights”, <b>Namitarani Gochhayat</b> (Indian Institute of Technology-Bhilai), Rekha Ravindran</p>
<p>“The formation of economic preferences”, Alexander Bertermann, Laura Breitskopf, <b>Shyamal Chowdhury</b> (Australian National University), Hannah Schildberg-Hörisch, Matthias Sutter</p>	<p>“Leveraging parental preferences to inform policy on sugar-sweetened beverages: A discrete choice experiment”, Nyamdavaa Byambadorj, Rohan Best, Undram Mandakh, <b>Kompal Sinha</b> (Macquarie University)</p>	<p>“Development of the Platform Economy and Indigenous Innovation”, Chen Zhu, Shimei Zhang, <b>Yanrui Wu</b> (University of Western Australia)</p>

12.40 PM –1.30 PM *Lunch: OJW Foyer, S Block, level 12*

Session 2	Session 2A (OJW Room): <b>Evaluation of Social Programs</b>	Session 2B (Room S404): <b>Crime and Social Norms</b>	Session 2C (Room S310): <b>Inequality and Institutions</b>
1.30 PM - 4.00 PM	<p>“Diffusion in social networks: Experimental evidence on information sharing vs persuasion”, Marcel Fafchamps, Asad Islam, <b>Debayan Pakrashi</b> (Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata), Denni Tommasi</p>	<p>“Neighbourhood crime and student cognitive development”, <b>Kushneel Prakash</b> (University of Melbourne), Sefa Awaworyi Churchill, Russell Smyth</p>	<p>“Trial and error: Democratic backsliding and the role of media”, <b>Josh Greenwood</b> (University of Auckland), Chanelle Duley, Prasanna Gai</p>
	<p>“Social protection systems in India: Impact of self-help groups on access to and employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National</p>	<p>“Attitudes and norms about intimate partner violence: What makes women more impressionable?”, Gaurav Dhamija,</p>	<p>“Communities of commerce: The legacy of Chinese immigration on Java, Indonesia”, <b>Quoc-Anh Do</b> (Monash University), Sebastian</p>

Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme”, Thomas de Hoop, Garima Siwach, <b>Chinmaya Holla</b> (American Institutes for Research), Bidhubhusan Mahapatra	Mehreen Mookerjee, <b>Manini Ojha</b> (O P Jindal Global University), Sanket Roy	Ellingsen, Gedeon Lim
“Beyond loans: Empowering women through tailored support”, Jinnat Ara, <b>Dipanwita Sarkar</b> (Queensland University of Technology)	“From education to extremism? Exploring Madrassa identity and its implications”, <b>Rafat Mahmood</b> (Monash University), Samreen Malik, Jocelyn Belanger	“Inclusive growth: Measurement and determinants in OECD countries”, <b>Fatemeh Arjomandi-Behzad</b> (Queensland University of Technology), Radhika Lahiri
“Psychological interventions provide resilience to negative shocks”, Victoria Baranov, Sonia Bhalotra, Pietro Biroli, <b>Michelle Escobar Carías</b> (University of Melbourne), Joanna Maselko	“Determinants of crime in India - Does conviction matter?”, Christopher K. Mathen, <b>Siddhartha Chattopadhyay</b> (Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur)	“Illuminating inequality: Intra-state economic convergence and regional disparities in Karnataka, India”, <b>Mohammed Hashim</b> (Krea University)
“Contextualizing child labor reforms: The impact of education policy on female child labor in rural India”, <b>Alberto Posso</b> (Griffith University)	“Changing harmful norms through information and coordination: Experimental evidence from Somalia”, Pedro Ferreira, Selim Gulesci, Eliana La Ferrara, <b>David Smerdon</b> (University of Queensland), Munshi Sulaiman	“Improving estimates of mean welfare and uncertainty in developing countries”, <b>Joshua Merfeld</b> (KDI School of Public Policy and Management), David Newhouse

4.00 PM - 4.20 PM      *Afternoon Tea: OJW Foyer, S Block, level 12*

4.20 PM – 5.30 PM	<b>Keynote session 2:</b> Subjective Expectations and Human Capital <b>Professor Adeline Delavande</b> , University of Technology Sydney Session Chair: <b>Associate Professor Jayanta Sarkar</b> , Queensland University of Technology Location: OJW Room, S Block, Level 12
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**Conference Dinner 6.00PM**  
**Venue: *The Jetty South Bank, 4 Sidon Street, South Brisbane***

<b>11<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	
9.00 AM – 10.10 AM	<b>Keynote Session 3:</b> Delivering Remote Learning in Developing Countries using a Low-tech Solution: Evidence from Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan <b>Professor Paul Glewwe</b> , University of Minnesota Session Chair: <b>Professor Asad Islam</b> , Monash University Location: OJW Room, S Block, Level 12

10.10 AM – 10.30 AM    *Morning Tea: OJW Foyer, S Block, level 12*

Session 3	Session 3A (OJW Room): <b>Policy, Regimes and Livelihood</b>	Session 3B (Room S404): <b>Political Economy and Reform</b>	Session 3C (Room S310): <b>Health and Wellbeing - II</b>
10.30 AM – 12.30 PM	<i>"The purdah meets the factory: Exposure to female employment, gender norms, and son preference"</i> , Reshad N. Ahsan, <b>Diana C. Suarez</b> (University of Melbourne), M.	<i>"Credit contract enforcement and income disparities across Indian states: A heterogeneous agents framework with formal and informal firms"</i> , <b>Kriti Khanna</b> (Plaksha	<i>"Socioeconomic disparities in the prevalence and incidence of sensory impairment in Australia: Evidence from panel data"</i> , <b>M Nure Alam</b> (Macquarie University)

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	“Life at the brink: Livelihood portfolios of the food insecure”, <b>Anke Leroux</b> (Monash University), Vance L. Martin	“Electoral cycles and consumption in India”, Ronit Mukherji, <b>Sakshi Satija</b> (Ashoka University)	“Restricting mothers’ international migration and child health”, <b>Takuya Hasebe</b> (Sophia University), Yuma Noritomo, Bilesha Weeraratne
	“Trade-offs in the design of simplified tax regimes: Evidence from sub-Saharan Africa”, <b>Christopher Hoy</b> (World Bank), Thiago Scot, Alex Oguso, Anna Custers, Daniel Zalo, Ruggero Doino, Jonathan Karver, Nicolas O Pillai	“The politics of health: Political competition and its role in reducing India’s healthcare burden”, <b>Sandip Datta</b> (Delhi School of Economics)	“Effect of weather variation on mortality rate of Bangladesh”, <b>Sazia Ahmed</b> (University of Waikato)
	“Migration, education, and work opportunities”, <b>Esther Miriam Girsberger</b> (University of Technology Sydney)	“The relevant Third: Threat of coalition and economic development”, Sourav Bhattacharya, Somdeep Chatterjee, <b>Pushkar Maitra</b> (Monash University), Manhar Manchanda	“National community health worker program and mental health: Evidence from Ghana”, Ankita Mishra, <b>Vinod Mishra</b> (Monash University), Rajabrata Banerjee

12.30 PM –1.20 PM *Lunch: OJW Foyer, S Block, level 12*

Session 4	Session 4A (OJW Room): <b>Climate, Shocks and Resilience</b>	Session 4B (Room S404): <b>Conflict and Demobilisation</b>	Session 4C (Room S310): <b>Gender and Family Dynamics</b>
1.20 PM - 3.20 PM	“Access to cash transfers and climate resilience in agriculture”, <b>Sabina Yasmin</b> (Krea University), Sheetal Sekhri, Poonam Tripathi, Sankha Mitra	“Roads and riots”, Ashani Amarasinghe, Joshua Merfeld, <b>David Ubilava</b> (University of Sydney)	“Marriage grant and fertility preference: Evidence from India”, <b>Sulagna Bhattacharya</b> (Indian Institute of Management Calcutta), Somdeep Chatterjee, Shubham Ojha
	“Credit and child labor complementarity in the wake of	“Is civil conflict driven by opportunity costs or state capacity?”	“Bridging the gap: How gender wage disparities drive child labour in

natural disaster: Evidence from Indonesia”, <b>Michell Yoonjei Dong</b> (Green Climate Fund), Hee-Seung Yang	Evidence from Indian states”, <b>Prakarsh Singh</b> (Plaksha University), Nausheen Sodhi	developing nations”, <b>Pragyan Paramita Sahoo</b> (Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur), Anwasha Aditya
“The Impacts of Rural Advisory Services on Household Energy Choices”, <b>Kwabena Addai</b> (Griffith University), Md Sayed Iftekhar, Nicholas Rohde	“Violent conflicts, climate change and food security: Evidence from Nigeria”, <b>Jamilu Babangida</b> (Griffith University), Anita Staneva, Parvinder Kler and Temesgen Kifle	“Intra-household bargaining power of women and open defecation: Evidence from NFHS-5”, <b>Amrita Chatterjee</b> , Diya Chatterjee
“Credit constraints and adaptation to climate change”, <b>Ricardo Dahis</b> (Monash University), Teevrat Garg, Russell Toth	“Peacefully demobilizing rebels: Identities, emotional cues, and the FARC”, Juan P. Aparicio, Michael Jetter, <b>Christopher Parsons</b> (University of Western Australia)	“Astrology and matrimony: Social reinforcement of religious beliefs on marriage matching in Vietnam”, Edoardo Ciscato, Quoc-Anh Do, <b>Kieu-Trang Nguyen</b> (University of Melbourne)

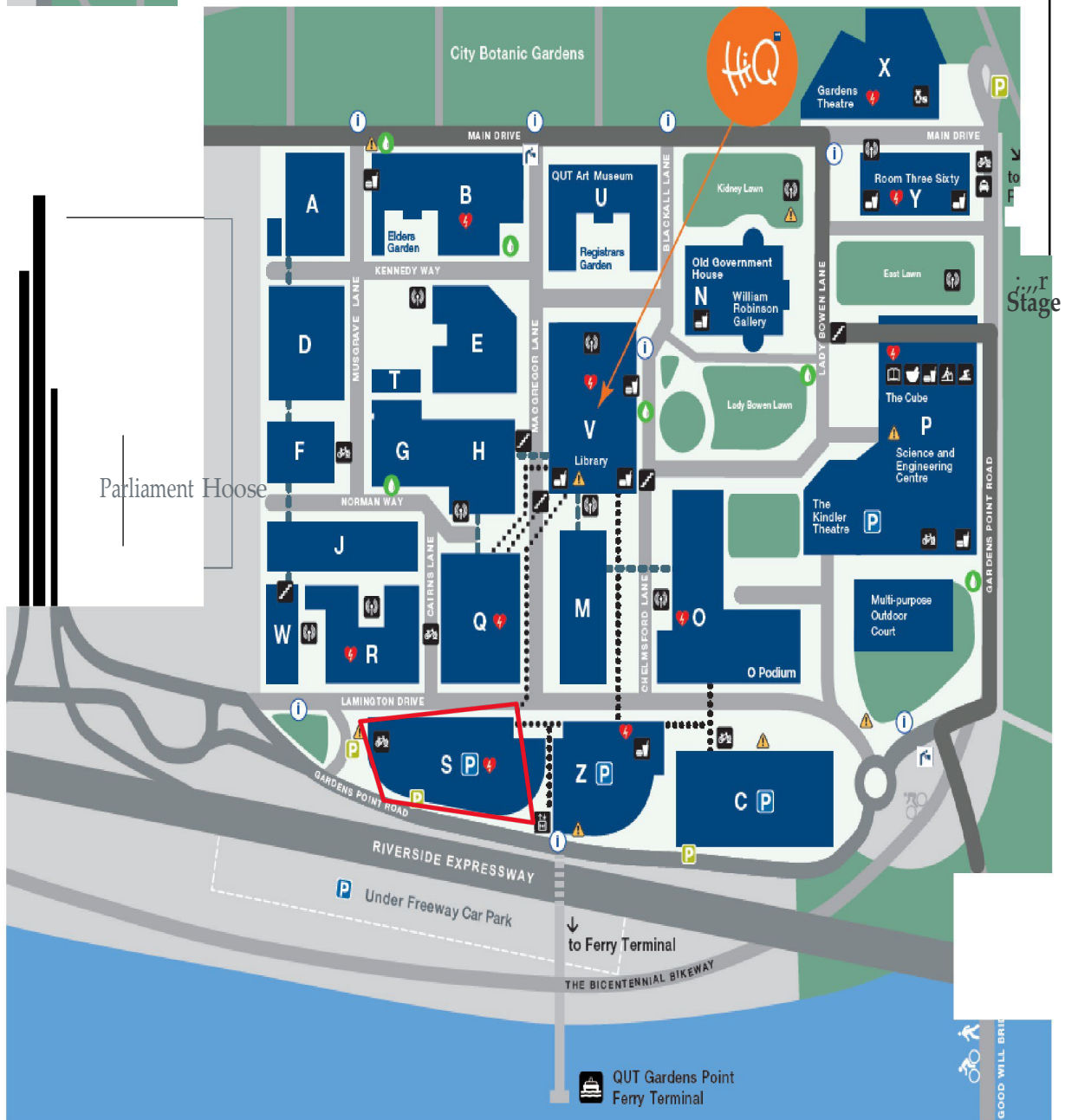
3.20 PM - 3.40 PM *Afternoon Tea: OJW Foyer, S Block, level 12*

Session 5	Session 5A (OJW Room): <b>Environment and Development</b>	Session 5B (Room S404): <b>Education and Human Capital - II</b>	Session 5C (Room S310): <b>Microfinance and Vulnerability</b>
3.40 PM - 5.40 PM	“Landlocked low-income countries are different: The unique predicament for inequality and poverty in the sub-Sahara”, <b>Ed Wilson</b> (University of Wollongong), K. Jayanthakumaran, R. Verma.	“Assessing the impact of financial extension services on intrahousehold resource allocation: Evidence from rural India”, Abhiman Das, Hari K. Nagarajan, Vivek Pandey, <b>Abhishek Tripathy</b> (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad)	“The discrete choice experiments in microfinance in India”, <b>Bashid Ahmed</b> (University of Hyderabad)
	“Migration as an adaptive response to floods: Insights from vulnerable rural communities in Dhemaji,	“Leveraging upward inter-generational spillovers for sustainable living: Evidence from a randomized	“Gender gap in the urban wage premium”, <b>Hang Anh Nguyen</b> (University of Wollongong), Martin

Assam”, <b>Plawana Borthakur</b> (Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur), Kishor Goswami	control trial in India”, Somdeep Chatterjee, Debdatta Pal, <b>Shreya Mishra</b> (Indian Institute of Management Lucknow)	O’Brien, Alfredo Paloyo
“Large scale land acquisitions and attitudes towards intimate partner violence in Cambodia”, <b>Gabriel F. Cordoba</b> (Sophia University)	“Towards Inclusive early childhood education: A remote intervention for parental involvement and maternal well-being in rural Bangladesh”, Hai-Anh Dang, Asad Islam, Liang C Wang, <b>Ravisha Wellappuli</b> (Monash University)	“Who is more vulnerable to poverty: Monetary or calorie poor? Evidence from household-level data”, Kalyani Rathu Manannalage, <b>Shyama Ratnasiri</b> (Griffith University), Andreas Chai
“Fishing bans in Chinese waters: Effectiveness and spillovers”, <b>Haishan Yuan</b> (University of Queensland)	“Do conditional cash transfers improve learning outcomes? The role of school quality and household educational aspirations”, <b>Giang Tran</b> (Monash University)	“The impact of financial literacy training on clients of microfinance”, <b>Radhika Lahiri</b> (Queensland University of Technology)

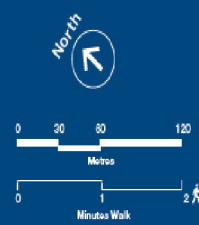
**Closing Remarks: 5.45PM**  
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| Bicycle Parking  | Child Care Centre | HiQ       | Elevated Walkway                        | Drinking Fountain      |
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