



The Global Economic Implications of Population Ageing

26-27 August 2019 | Barton Theatre, Australian National University, Canberra

DAY 1 – MONDAY 26 AUGUST

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTING
8:30am-9:00am	Registration (Arrival tea and coffee served)	
9:00am-9:10am	Welcome and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen Sullivan, Crawford Director, Australian National University (ANU) Warwick McKibbin, ANU/Centre for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis (CAMA) and CEPAR Meghan Quinn, Deputy Secretary, Macroeconomic Group, Department of the Treasury 	
9:10am-10:45am	Session 1 – Demographics: The sunny side up? Chair: Lisa Elliston, Treasury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How have demographics supported economic growth? What is the international context and what opportunities or challenges arise? How have population attitudes to ageing changed over time? Are there any lessons from the past? 	Professor Kent Smetters, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania Professor Peter McDonald, University of Melbourne and CEPAR
10:45am-11:10am	Morning tea	
11:10am-12:40pm	Session 2 – Ageing and technology Chair: Jess Robinson, Treasury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does ageing drive technological innovation? How could technological innovation improve ageing? Can education compensate for the effects of population ageing on macro performance? Are there lessons from Japan? 	Professor Sarah Harper CBE, University of Oxford Mr Rafal Chomik University of New South Wales (UNSW)
12:40pm-1:45pm	Lunch	
1:45pm-3:15pm	Session 3 – Knowledge accumulation or deterioration: Effect of ageing population on productivity Chair: Pip Brown, Treasury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How could population ageing effect productivity? What is the outlook for the role of technology and innovation to counterbalance ageing? What is the role for education in adjusting to ageing? 	Professor Jong-Wha Lee, Korea University and CAMA Associate Professor Creina Day, ANU
3:15pm-3:30pm	Afternoon tea	
3:30pm-5:00pm	Session 4 – Economic wealth and intergenerational equity Chair: Michael Kouparitsas, Treasury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will population ageing affect the distribution of wealth across countries? How will population ageing affect the distribution of wealth across generations? How will population ageing affect macroeconomic variables? 	Dr Anna Shabunina, IMF Dr George Kudrna, UNSW
6.00pm	Welcome dinner for speakers, chairs and other invited guests. Venue: Lucky's at the QT Hotel	



DAY 2 – TUESDAY 27 AUGUST

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTING
8:30am-9:00am	Arrival tea and coffee served	
9:00am-10:30am	<p>Session 5 – China and the ‘middle income trap’</p> <p>Chair: Alex Heath, Reserve Bank of Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What factors will help China overcome the ‘middle income trap’? • What are the implications of China remaining a middle income country, versus a high income country? • How might China’s demographics impact the global economic outlook? 	<p>Professor Wing Thye Woo, UC Davis</p> <p>Associate Professor Ligang Song, ANU</p>
10:30am-10:45am	Morning tea	
10:45am-12:15pm	<p>Session 6 – Ageing and social protection</p> <p>Chair: Vicki Wilkinson, Treasury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the implications of Ageing for social protection policy? • How should social protection in an ageing society be financed? • Can aged care costs be contained? 	<p>Professor John Piggott, UNSW and CEPAR</p> <p>Associate Professor Bruce Bradbury, UNSW</p>
12:15pm-1:00pm	Lunch	
1:00pm-2:30pm	<p>Session 7 – Macroeconomic variables: the effects from demographic trends</p> <p>Chair: Laura Berger-Thomson, Treasury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will the shifting distribution of the global population shape trends in international trade, financial flows and migration over the next 30 years? • How will demographic trends affect important macroeconomic variables and policies? 	<p>Dr Larry Liu, ANU and CEPAR</p> <p>Professor Warwick McKibbin, ANU and CEPAR</p>
2:30pm	Conference concludes	