



Research Program

"What works in Education?" 2025

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Date: 30th – 31st October 2025

Time: 9:00AM – 2:30PM

Venue: UNSW Sydney – Business Lounge Level 6, UNSW Business School (E12)

DAY 1: THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2025

09:00 – 09:25	Arrival and Registration, Refreshments
09:30 – 09:35	Welcome to Country – Aunty Maxine Ryan
09:35 – 09:45	Welcome to the 2025 STEP UP conference @ UNSW Business School Isabella Dobrescu (Head of the School of Economics, UNSW) Frederik Anseel (Dean of UNSW Business School, UNSW)
09:45 – 10:30	Implementation Matters: Generalizing Treatment Effects in Education Presenter: Rafe Meager (UNSW) Discussant: Liana Jacobi (University of Melbourne)
10:30 – 11:15	Opting to Opt-In: How Consent Can Improve Statistical Power Despite Reducing Sample Size Presenter: Chris Carter (UTS) Discussant: Patrick Vu (UNSW)
11:15 – 11:45	MORNING TEA
11:45 – 12:30	University Fees, Subsidies and Field of Study Presenter: Jan Kabatek (University of Melbourne) Discussant: Mario Fiorini (UTS)
12:30 – 13:15	KEYNOTE: Building Interest in Economics Presenter: Tanya Livermore (Public Education Department, RBA)
13:15 – 14:30	LUNCH



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DAY 2 FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025

09:30 – 10:15	Linking Vocational Schools to Industry: Effects on Teachers in Indonesia Presenter: Masyhur Hilmy (UNSW) Discussant: Tommaso Sartori (Monash University)
10:15 – 11:00	The Effects of Out-of-Home Care Placements on Children's Safety and Schooling Presenter: Nicole Black (Monash University) Discussant: Nathan Kettlewell (UTS)
11:00 – 11:30	MORNING TEA
11:30 – 12:15	Do Time-Constraints Matter? How, Why, and For Whom? Presenter: Pelin Akyol (e61 Institute) Discussant: Michelle Rendall (Monash University)
12:15 – 13:00	KEYNOTE: Perspectives on Inequality in US Education Presenter: Sue Dynarski (Harvard University)
13:00 – 14:30	LUNCH
	CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE