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# The New Zealand Economics Competition

2023 Awards Presentation Ceremony

Tuesday, 17 October 2023  
The University of Auckland  
Business School  
Department of Economics



# New Zealand Economics Competition 2023

## Welcome to the New Zealand Economics Competition 2023 Awards presentation ceremony.

The New Zealand Economics Competition has grown in size and reputation since its inception in 1997 and has been administered by the Department of Economics at The University of Auckland Business School since 2008.

The Competition is the largest and most prestigious one of its kind for secondary school students. The fifty-minute examination paper contains fifty multiple-choice questions that test both classroom theory and general knowledge of current economic issues.

This year about 2000 students from 56 schools throughout New Zealand entered the Competition. Tonight is an opportunity to recognise some of the students who have achieved outstanding performances.

We also wish to express our gratitude to the teachers and principals, without whose contribution the Competition would not be possible.

The 2023 New Zealand Economics Competition is sponsored by The University of Auckland Business School and is aimed not only at providing motivation to secondary school students to study economics, but also encouraging the pursuit of tertiary studies in economics.

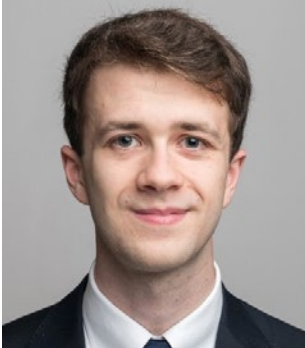
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## Programme outline

<b>7pm</b>	Ceremony begins Alexandre Dmitriev Coordinator of 2023 Competition
<b>7.05pm</b>	Welcome Prasanna Gai Head of Department of Economics
<b>7.10pm</b>	Deputy Dean's Credits Andrew Patterson Deputy Dean of Business & Economics
<b>7.15pm</b>	Te Ūnga Kairuruku - Greetings Natalie Wilson Schools & Community Recruitment Adviser
<b>7.20pm</b>	Awards announced High Distinction Awards for Top 10% and Notable Students
<b>7.40pm</b>	Guest speaker Cameron Haworth Senior Analyst, Reserve Bank of New Zealand
<b>8pm</b>	Awards with cash prize announced High Distinction Awards for Meritorious Students
<b>8.10pm</b>	Guest speaker Diego Villalobos Alberu Principal Economist, Te Komihana Tauhokohoko - Commerce Commission
<b>8:30pm</b>	Awards with trophy announced High Distinction Awards for National Winners Students
<b>8:35pm</b>	Joint Presentation by MADE & Economics Society
<b>8:45pm</b>	Closing of ceremony Steffen Lippert & Alexandre Dmitriev

# New Zealand Economics Competition Award Presentation Ceremony

## Guest speakers



### **CAMERON HAWORTH**

Senior Analyst, Reserve Bank of New Zealand

Cameron is a Senior Analyst at the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, a final year PhD candidate at the University of Auckland, and CFA level 3 candidate. He has helped develop the Reserve Bank’s range of alternative monetary policy tools, including negative interest rate policy and the design and implementation of the Large Scale Asset Purchase (LSAP) programme. His economic research covers a range of monetary and macroprudential policy problems, including the links between asset bubbles and wealth inequality and how ‘cautious expectations’ affect policymaking. Cameron will be the manager of the University of Auckland’s Case Programme in 2024, training undergraduate students to analyse complex business problems and compete internationally.



### **DIEGO VILLALOBOS ALBERU**

Principal Economist, Te Komihana Tauhokohoko - Commerce Commission

Diego studied Economics and Public Policy in Barcelona, Toulouse and Chicago. After working at Ofgem, the British energy regulator, he moved to New Zealand to work at Te Komihana Tauhokohoko - Commerce Commission, where he applies the insights from economics to make New Zealanders better off. His work is focused on regulating natural monopolies, such as electricity lines companies (like Vector), fibre companies (like Chorus) and airports (like Auckland airport), so that the prices they charge to consumers — and the quality that they deliver — approximate those we would expect if competition existed in these sectors.

## Delegates



### **ANDREW PATTERSON**

Deputy Dean, University of Auckland – Faculty of Business & Economics | Professional Teaching Fellow

Andrew is joint Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Business & Economics, and a Professional Teaching Fellow in the Department of Management and International Business. Andrew joined the Faculty in 2014. His specialist areas are conflict resolution, negotiation, employment relations, general management, and teaching & learning. He has 18 years of experience in tertiary teaching across several disciplines. Andrew sits on numerous university and faculty committees. He is the recipient of a QS-Wharton Reimagine Education Award, three UABS teaching excellence awards, and has been invited to share his work and participate in forums at universities, including Renmin University of China, Beijing, Harvard Law School, MA, USA, and Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia. Outside of his responsibilities at the university Andrew has contributed to the education portfolio of the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand (AMINZ), where he is an affiliate member. He also engages in external negotiation consulting and employment advocacy for employers and employees.



### **NATALIE WILSON**

Te Ūnga Kairuruku | Schools & Community Recruitment Adviser, University of Auckland

Natalie is the Law and Business Te Ūnga Kairuruku Recruitment Adviser within the Schools and Community Engagement Team for the University of Auckland. She studied Psychology and Sociology at the University of Auckland and has worked in student services ever since, helping guide taura through their journey of higher education. Coming from a previous role in Unievrsity of Auckland Student Hubs, Natalie's speciality knoweldge is in degree planning, support services and course advice for any University of Auckland degree. Natalie has a strong belief that higher education at the University of Auckland gives students more than just academic growth and oppoutunities, it helps them build industry networks, gives them practical experience in a range of subjects, and fine-tunes interpersonal communication skills, which in turn, prepares them for entering the workforce well rounded. Natalie made the move from Student Hubs to Schools and Community Engagement to be a part of leading students into this space.

## Department of Economics Staff



**PRASANNA GAI** MPhil, DPhil  
Professor | Head

Prasanna is Head of the Department and Professor of Macroeconomics at the University of Auckland. His work, which applies ideas from network and game theory to understand the causes and consequences of financial crises, has been published in leading journals, including *The Review of Financial Studies*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, *Journal of International Economics*, and the *Proceedings of the Royal Society (A)*. Professor Gai is also the author of two books on financial crises and systemic risk, both published by the Oxford University Press. He holds a Doctorate and a Master of Philosophy (Economics) from Christ Church, Oxford, and a Bachelor of Economics (Hons) from the Australian National University. He serves on the Board of the New Zealand Financial Markets Authority, is a Senior Research Fellow at the Deutsche Bundesbank, Frankfurt, an Academic Adviser to the Bank of Canada, Ottawa, and a Fellow of the National Institute of Social and Economic Research (NIESR), London, Britain's oldest independent economics thinktank. In 2019, he delivered the A.W.H. Phillips Lecture to the New Zealand Economics Association. Professor Gai was formerly at the Bank of England (1994-2007) and was a Professor of Economics at the Australian National University (2008-10).



**STEFFEN LIPPERT** Diplom Volkswirt, PhD  
Associate Professor | Deputy Head

Steffen joined the Department in July 2014 as a Senior Lecturer. Prior to this, he was a Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University of Otago and at Massey University and a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Research Institute of Industrial Economics in Stockholm. He studied Economics at Mannheim, Berkeley, and Toulouse and received his PhD in Economics in 2005 jointly from the Toulouse School of Economics and Mannheim University. His research focuses on the Economics of Climate Negotiations, the Economics of Innovation, and the Economics of Social Interactions and Networks. Steffen currently serves as the Deputy Head of the Department of Economics and the Subject Area Leader in Economics.



**HAIPING ZHANG** MA, MPhil, PhD

Senior Lecturer | MADE Leader

Haiping Zhang is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Economics, University of Auckland. Before coming to New Zealand, Haiping held positions as an Assistant Professor at the School of Economics, Singapore Management University, and a research fellow at Bonn University. He has a PhD from Bonn University in Germany. His research interests span three areas: international macroeconomics and trade, financial development, and innovation and endogenous technology adoption in the data economy. His work has been published in top field journals, and his commentary on trade and digital economy has appeared in media outlets like National Business Review



**ALEXANDRE DMITRIEV** PhD

Senior Lecturer | Competition Coordinator

Alexandre is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Economics at the University of Auckland. Before coming to New Zealand, he held positions as a lecturer at the University of New South Wales (Sydney, Australia) and a senior lecturer at the University of Tasmania (Australia). Alexandre studied Economics in Stockholm, Uppsala and Barcelona and received his PhD in Economics in 2007 from Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. His research focuses on Open-economy Macroeconomics, International Finance and Computational Economics.



**SANKET SEN** BA (H), MSc

Doctoral Candidate | Competition Administrator

Sanket Sen is a PhD candidate in the University of Auckland Business School, where he conducts research on the social implications of economic inequality. Using methods from behavioural and experimental economics, he investigates how different dimensions of inequality influence people's behaviour and attitudes in areas such as cooperation, trust and punitiveness. He has a strong academic background in economics, with a B.A.(H) degree from the University of Delhi, India and a fully funded M.Sc. degree from the University of Nottingham, U.K. He is also passionate about teaching and has gained valuable experience as a graduate teaching assistant for several economics and management courses. Besides his academic and professional pursuits, he is a passionate photographer who loves to capture the beauty of nature and culture.

## Special thanks



**FARYAL AMIN** MBA, PGDip  
Group Service Coordinator

Faryal Amin is Kairuruku Ratonga ā-Rōpū or Group Services Coordinator in the Department. She provides executive administrative support, liaises with faculty, recruitment and HR and aligns financial policy. Prior to joining this role, she worked as an Academic Quality Administer at Unitec Institute of Technology. She holds degrees in Master of Business Administration, Master of Arts and a Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resource Management. She has several years of practical and progressive career experience and knowledge in the field of education and business management.

# High Distinction Awards

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Year</b>
David Nie	ACG Parnell College	13
Eric Liang	ACG Parnell College	13
Allen Weng	ACG Parnell College	11
Yvonne Wang	ACG Parnell College	13
Emily Du	ACG Parnell College	13
Kino Shi	ACG Parnell College	12
Jia Guo	ACG Parnell College	11
Yebin Kim	ACG Parnell College	13
Luke Kowalski	ACG Parnell College	13
Devin Joyce	ACG Parnell College	12
Emily Wang	ACG Parnell College	13
Tanvi P Kidiyappa	ACG Parnell College	13
Thomas Zheng	ACG Parnell College	12
Chenghao Li	ACG Parnell College	11
Ishaan Shivlal	ACG Parnell College	12
Dan Deen	ACG Parnell College	12
Mumukshu Patel	ACG Parnell College	12
Samuel Zhang	ACG Parnell College	12
Kayla Wang	ACG Parnell College	11
Ivy Plyshevsky	ACG Strathallan College	12
Mitchell Faint	ACG Strathallan College	12
Angus Baker	Auckland Grammar School	13
Zhengxiao Song	Auckland Grammar School	13
Ramanujan Madhusudhan	Auckland Grammar School	13
Lachlan Green	Auckland Grammar School	13
YiMing Huang	Auckland Grammar School	13
Raj Chakrabarti	Auckland Grammar School	13
Bryun Lau	Auckland Grammar School	12
Hunter McPherson	Auckland Grammar School	13
Shaohang Tong	Auckland Grammar School	13
Jack Wilson	Auckland Grammar School	13
Rex Hu	Auckland Grammar School	12
Troy Lee	Auckland Grammar School	12



Arsh Verma	Auckland Grammar School	12
Dominic Western	Auckland Grammar School	12
Ruben Partigliani	Auckland Grammar School	12
Aarit Banerjee	Auckland Grammar School	12
Kairav Haldar	Auckland Grammar School	12
Philbert Zhai	Auckland Grammar School	12
Ethan Lilley	Avondale College	13
Jiayue Xu	Avondale College	12
Leo Xie	Botany Downs Secondary College	13
John Wang	Botany Downs Secondary College	12
Arav Singh	Botany Downs Secondary College	12
Rosetta Tanner	Botany Downs Secondary College	12
Mehak Tiwary	Botany Downs Secondary College	12
Shain Babu	Botany Downs Secondary College	12
Muhammad Taffazal	Botany Downs Secondary College	12
Shivam Shankar	Burnside High School	12
Daniel Lough	Burnside High School	12
Yash Naicker	Burnside High School	12
Juhyeong Kim	Burnside High School	12
Adam Barton	Cashmere High School	13
Matthew O'Connor	Christ's College	13
Matthew Flint	Christ's College	12
Alex Wackrow	Diocesan School for Girls	13
Christina Cai	Diocesan School for Girls	13
Chloe Luo	Diocesan School for Girls	12
Jessica Gao	Diocesan School for Girls	12
Zoe Paterson	Glendowie College	13
Ben Davies	Glendowie College	12
Mustafa Farhat	Glendowie College	12
Harry O'Rourke	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Daniel Loy	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Theo Bankers	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Rupert Leary	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Luke Bradley	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Kinnon Broekhuizen	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Justin Yang	Hamilton Boys' High School	12

Fiona He	King's College	12
Yuan Wells	King's College	13
David Lou	Kristin School	12
Michael Deng	Kristin School	13
Nicole Wong	Kristin School	12
Jason Chen	Kristin School	13
Aubery Rong	Kristin School	13
Frank Xiao	Kristin School	13
Roger(Ruijie) Zhao	Kristin School	13
Liam Gunn	Kristin School	13
Caitlin Sly	Kristin School	13
Oscar Lixing Liu	Kristin School	12
Sabrina Liu	Kristin School	12
Laurence Hang	Kristin School	12
Ryan Gao	Kristin School	12
Yisen Cui	Kristin School	12
Tianqi Zhang	Kristin School	12
Patrick Vezich	Kristin School	12
Evan Huang	Lynfield College	12
Josh Radford	Macleans College	13
Dante Anderson	Macleans College	13
Alex Ly	Macleans College	12
Melody Mai	Macleans College	13
Shafquat Tabeeb	Macleans College	13
Hongrui Li	Macleans College	13
Aaron Huang	Macleans College	12
Jason Dong	Macleans College	12
Henry Steel	Napier Boys' High School	13
Fu Lin Hong	Napier Boys' High School	13
Cam Thanachitsiri	Napier Boys' High School	12
Matthew Wallis	Onslow College	12
Amy (Yifan) Wang	Pinehurst School	12
Winston (Yunrui) Hu	Pinehurst School	13
Courtney Hayward	Pinehurst School	13
Gloria (Hyunseo) Kim	Pinehurst School	12
Jack Potier	Pinehurst School	12

Renalle (Wing Yue) Chan	Pinehurst School	12
Lewis Stamford	Pinehurst School	12
Summer Bailey	Rangitoto College	12
Martin (Cheuk Wing) Leung	Rangitoto College	13
Sophie Lee	Rangitoto College	13
Alice Hout	Rangitoto College	13
William Li	Rangitoto College	13
Andrew Li	Rangitoto College	13
Sanada (Mingqian) Norrington	Rangitoto College	13
Daniel Leece	Rangitoto College	13
Eileena Bao	Rangitoto College	12
Rayen Lee	Rosmini College	13
Ethan Larcombe	Sacred Heart College	12
Henry O'Neill	Sacred Heart College	12
Max Clarke	Sacred Heart College	12
Charlie Leach	Sacred Heart College	12
Sun Sangareeyakul	Sacred Heart College	12
Daniel Xian	Saint Kentigern College	11
Jamie Hilliam	Saint Kentigern College	13
Avik Mehta	Saint Kentigern College	13
Ewan Po	Saint Kentigern College	13
Ethan Liu	Saint Kentigern College	13
Chris Ye	Saint Kentigern College	13
Eric Wu	Saint Kentigern College	13
Rick Liu	Saint Kentigern College	12
Raymond Wang	Saint Kentigern College	13
Johnny Ye	Saint Kentigern College	13
Orlando Ye	Saint Kentigern College	13
Steven Li	Saint Kentigern College	11
Xandi Cooke	Scots College	13
Emma Cameron	Scots College	13
Veerapat Wongsirojkul	Scots College	12
Andrew Griffiths	Scots College	13
Vicky Zhou	St Cuthberts College	12
Ena Yin	St Cuthberts College	12
Stephen Thomas	St Paul's College	12

Jacob Brown	St. Peter's College	12
David Zhong	Wentworth College	12
Bethany Smith	Wentworth College	12
Alan Bailey	Westlake Boys High School	12
Devin Shen	Westlake Boys High School	12
Millen Cleaver	Westlake Boys High School	12
Alex Ivanov	Westlake Boys High School	12
Ray Ishihara	Westlake Boys High School	12
Mai Nguyen	Westlake Girls High School	12
Roshan Madhav	Whangarei Boys' High School	12

## Merit list

### National winners: \$300 prize and trophy

Name	School	Year
Angus Baker	Auckland Grammar School	13
David Lou	Kristin School	12

### High Distinction: \$200 prize

Name	School	Year
David Nie	ACG Parnell College	13
Eric Liang	ACG Parnell College	13
Michael Deng	Kristin School	13
Winston (Yunrui) Hu	Pinehurst School	13
Shivam Shankar	Burnside High School	12
Amy (Yifan) Wang	Pinehurst School	12
Daniel Lough	Burnside High School	12

### High Distinction: \$100 prize

Name	School	Year
Zhengxiao Song	Auckland Grammar School	13
Matthew O'Connor	Christ's College	13
Yvonne Wang	ACG Parnell College	13
Ramanujan Madhusudhan	Auckland Grammar School	13
Xandi Cooke	Scots College	13
Emily Du	ACG Parnell College	13

Leo Xie	Botany Downs Secondary College	13
Josh Radford	Macleans College	13
Martin (Cheuk Wing) Leung	Rangitoto College	13
Sophie Lee	Rangitoto College	13
Emma Cameron	Scots College	13
Allen Weng	ACG Parnell College	11
Nicole Wong	Kristin School	12
Summer Bailey	Rangitoto College	12
Fiona He	King's College	12
Alan Bailey	Westlake Boys High School	12
Kino Shi	ACG Parnell College	12
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Harry O'Rourke	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
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Jia Guo	ACG Parnell College	11
Daniel Xian	Saint Kentigern College	11

## Congratulations on your excellent performance

It has been our pleasure to acknowledge the students' outstanding performance in this national competition. We look forward to meeting and talking with you after the presentations.

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## Schools and Community Engagement

Please take the opportunity to talk with affiliates of the Schools and Community Engagement team. The team aims to liaise with secondary school students, parents, guardians, school careers advisers and the community. They provide key information about university study options and entry requirements, engage with the wider community both digitally and in person through whanau information evenings and school careers events throughout New Zealand, and offer on-campus or digital appointments for parents and students, including tours of the campus and halls of residence.

Web: [auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/undergraduate-study-options/information-for-parents/meet-our-team.html](https://auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/undergraduate-study-options/information-for-parents/meet-our-team.html)

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The University of Auckland Economics Society is an independent university club that seeks to foster connections between students passionate about economics at the university, regardless of whether you study it. We facilitate a range of professional and social events, including: speaker series, competitions, career events on the professional side, and pub quizzes, social mixers and study rooms on the social side. If you have an interest in economics, sign up for the UoA Economics Society at the link on our Facebook page, and be sure to follow us to keep updated on all of the fantastic events we run!

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