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# The New Zealand Economics Competition

## 2022 Awards Presentation Ceremony

Thursday, 20 October 2022  
The University of Auckland  
Business School  
Department of Economics



# New Zealand Economics Competition 2022

## **Welcome to the New Zealand Economics Competition 2022 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 1800 students from 80 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 2022 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.

For more information about the New Zealand Economics Competition, visit our webpage at <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/business/about-business-school/economics/nz-economics-competition.html> or email us at [econcomp@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:econcomp@auckland.ac.nz)

## **Programme outline**

<b>7pm</b>	Ceremony begins Alexandre Dmitriev Coordinator of 2022 Competition
<b>7:02pm</b>	Welcome Prasanna Gai Head of Department of Economics
<b>7:07pm</b>	Deans Credits Susan Watson Dean of Business & Economics
<b>7:12pm</b>	Te Terenga Kaitiaki - Greetings Kitiona Pasene Schools and Community Engagement
<b>7:17pm</b>	Awards announced  High Distinction Awards for Top 10% and Notable Students
<b>7:35pm</b>	Guest speaker Eyal Apatov Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children
<b>7:55pm</b>	Awards with cash prize announced  High Distinction Awards for Meritorious Students
<b>8:01pm</b>	Guest speaker Caitlin Davies Te Mana Tātai Hokohoko - Financial Markets Authority
<b>8:21pm</b>	Awards with trophy announced  High Distinction Awards for National Winners Students
<b>8:23pm</b>	MADE speaker Asha Sundaram, MADE Leader
<b>8:33pm</b>	Closing of ceremony Steffen Lippert & Alexandre Dmitriev

# New Zealand Economics Competition Award Presentation Ceremony

## Guest speakers



### **CAITLIN DAVIES**

Economist,

Te Mana Tātai Hokohoko - Financial Markets Authority

Caitlin is the first economist employed by Te Mana Tātai Hokohoko (the Financial Markets Authority), New Zealand's primary regulator for financial market conduct. Her day-job includes conducting research on conduct-focused regulation, tracking developments in New Zealand and global financial markets, and supporting her colleagues to expand their economics capabilities. Caitlin completed her PhD in economics at the University of Auckland in July 2020. She has also worked as an intern at the New Zealand Treasury and Kāinga Ora, and as an associate researcher at Kōtātā Insights.



### **EYAL APATOV**

Senior Analyst,

Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children

Eyal completed his Master of Commerce (Economics) from the University of Auckland in 2013. Since then, Eyal has worked as an Analyst for the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). At MBIE, Eyal worked in the regions and cities team, providing advice to local economies on how to maximise their growth potential. Also, Eyal worked in MBIE's strategic research team, conducting research in the areas of youth unemployment (with a focus on Māori and Pacific Peoples), trade, and income inequality. Insights from this work informed local employment interventions and policy development. Eyal also worked for Motu Economics and Public Policy Research, conducting research in the areas of productivity, economic geography, education, and natural disasters. In 2018, Eyal started working for Oranga Tamariki (Ministry for Children) as a Senior Analyst. In this role, Eyal used economic tools and methods to estimate the impact various interventions and practice changes had on the well-being of tamariki and whānau.

## Delegates



### **SUSAN WATSON**

Dean of the University of Auckland Business School

Professor Susan Watson is Dean of the University of Auckland Business School. She holds joint chairs in the Faculty of Law, and the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Auckland, and is Director of Governance at the Aotearoa Centre for Leadership and Governance. She researches and teaches primarily corporate law and corporate governance. Her research has been published widely in New Zealand and internationally. She has written and edited numerous books, treatises and articles and won the Legal Research Foundation Sir Ian Barker Published Article Award. She is a Research Member of the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI) – the only New Zealander to be appointed to date. She has been a visiting Professor at Vanderbilt University and Tilburg University, and a visiting academic at the Oxford Law Faculty. In 2020, Professor Watson was elected president of the Society of Corporate Law Academics (SCoLa).



### **KITONA PASENE**

Schools and Community Engagement Manager,  
The University of Auckland

Kitona is the Te Terenga Kaitiaki or the Schools & Community Engagement Manager for the University of Auckland. Kitona completed his Master of Education from the University of Auckland in 2019. He has been in the education sector for almost a decade, in various roles. The former Onehunga High School teacher has a passion for supporting young people and believes education opens up doors for students, their family and community. After teaching for a few years, Kitona became the Pacific advisor for the University of Auckland, supporting Pacific students into higher education and running engagement initiatives for communities. Following this stint, he became the Schools Liaison Officer for the University of Otago, promoting higher education to schools across the upper north island. He currently leads the Te Terenga team to engage with secondary students from year 9 to ensure a smoother process for students transitioning from high school to university.

## Department of Economics Staff



**PRASANNA GAI** MPhil, DPhil

Professor and 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** PhD, Postdoc

Senior Lecturer and 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.





**ASHA SUNDARAM** MA, MPhil, PhD

Senior Lecturer and MADE Leader

Asha is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Economics, University of Auckland. Prior to this, she was a Senior Lecturer at the School of Economics, University of Cape Town. She has an MPhil in Economics from the University of Oxford and a PhD from Syracuse University. Her research spans the areas of international trade and development economics, exploiting microdata to explore the impacts of globalisation on labour markets and firms. She has been published in top field journals, general-interest journals, and books by Oxford University Press. She was a visiting research scholar at the Department of Economics, University of Michigan and the Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning: CAFRAL, Reserve Bank of India. She has consulted for the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East-Asia: ERIA and research institutions like the Peterson Institute of International Economics: PIIE. Her commentary on trade and policy issues has appeared in media outlets like the New Zealand Herald, BBC news and Newshub.



**ALEXANDRE DMITRIEV** PhD

Senior Lecturer and 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.



**SOURYABRATA MOHAPATRA** BSc, MSc, MPhil  
Doctoral Candidate and Competition Administrator

Souryabrata joined the department as an international full-time PhD candidate in late 2019. His empirical research is in the field of climate change economics, guided by Prof Basil Sharp and Dr Asha Sundaram. Prior to that, he worked as a Research Associate on an ICSSR project at IIT Hyderabad. Of late, he fulfilled two sponsored visiting fellowships at NISER and IIT Bhubaneswar in mid 2021, and later acted as a Course Coordinator whilst completing two sponsored internships in early 2022. Besides providing teaching and research assistance in the department, he is affiliated with Energy Centre and multiple professional associations, actively participating in academic events. He received many academic awards, including a gold medal in bachelor's and distinction from RBI governor in master's program. His recent research outputs are published in reputed Scopus-indexed journals, earning him honoraria. His diversions involve sketching and music.

## 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

Name	School	Year
Chloe An	ACG Parnell College	12
Emily Du	ACG Parnell College	12
Shengtao Huang	ACG Parnell College	13
Devin Joyce	ACG Parnell College	11
Yebin Kim	ACG Parnell College	12
Luke Kowalski	ACG Parnell College	12
Queena Peng	ACG Parnell College	13
Rangimarie Puttick	ACG Parnell College	13
Emily Wang	ACG Parnell College	12
Angus Baker	Auckland Grammar School	12
Ronghua Chang	Auckland Grammar School	13
Zhiyuan Chen	Auckland Grammar School	13
Rawad Eldik	Auckland Grammar School	13
Jonathan Goldsmith	Auckland Grammar School	13
YiMing Huang	Auckland Grammar School	12
Travis Hutchison	Auckland Grammar School	13
Daniel Johnston	Auckland Grammar School	13
Zhengxiao Song	Auckland Grammar School	12
Rishinandan Vanal	Auckland Grammar School	13
Alexander Ward	Auckland Grammar School	13
Daniel Wong	Auckland Grammar School	12
Oliver Worker	Auckland Grammar School	13
Wonseok Lee	Auckland International College	12
Yifei Song	Auckland International College	12
Ethan Lilley	Avondale College	12
Abigail Mak	Baradene College	13
Aimee Ng	Baradene College	13
Marcus Loh	Botany Downs Secondary College	12
Jennifer Nguyen	Botany Downs Secondary College	12



Leo Xie	Botany Downs Secondary College	12
Aaron Yang	Botany Downs Secondary College	12
Sophia Goodrick	Cashmere High School	13
Sam Le Lievre	Cashmere High School	13
Tim Sumetzberger	Cashmere High School	13
Henry Zhu	Cashmere High School	13
Oscar Gosling	Christ College	13
Christina Cai	Diocesan School for Girls	12
Lauren Chee	Diocesan School for Girls	12
Alex Wackrow	Diocesan School for Girls	12
Yoonie Park	Epsom Girls Grammar School	12
Jenna McLaren	Glendowie College	13
Zoe Paterson	Glendowie College	12
Josef Gillgren	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Nathan Ludlow	Hamilton Boys' High School	13
Hitesh Malhotra	Hamilton Boys' High School	13
Alexander Mayo	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Levi Pruden	Hamilton Boys' High School	13
Anton Slomp	Hamilton Boys' High School	13
Campbell Wood	Hamilton Boys' High School	13
Alice McIntosh	James Hargest College	13
Eulalia Terra Teodoro	James Hargest College	13
Seiya Ichiishi	John Paul College	13
Matthew Chen	King's College	12
Hugo Dixon	King's College	12
Brian Feng	King's College	12
Calan McDermott	King's High School	13
Alex Cabraal-Schmidt	Kristin	13
Jaeyong Jung	Kristin	13
Olivia Peng	Kristin	12
Henry Pinder	Kristin	13
Aubery Rong	Kristin	12

Jacob Wang	Kristin	12
Elaine Zhang	Kristin	12
Dante Anderson	Macleans College	12
Amber Ho	Macleans College	12
James Hui	Macleans College	13
Ian Yu Ho Kuk	Macleans College	12
Skyla Liu	Macleans College	13
Josh Radford	Macleans College	12
Caio Siqueira-Brown	Macleans College	12
Shafquat Tabeeb	Macleans College	13
Aadi Golchha	Ormiston Senior College	13
Benjamin Wood	Otumoetai College	13
Rohan Bhagat	Peachtree Ridge High School	13
Sarah Chung	Pinehurst School	13
Courtney Hayward	Pinehurst School	12
Langkee Hong	Pinehurst School	12
Samuel Donovan	Pukekohe High School	12
Lucas Hebbard	Rangitoto College	13
Rebecca Huang	Rangitoto College	12
Sun-woong Kang (Alex)	Rangitoto College	13
Sophie Lee	Rangitoto College	12
Daniel Leece	Rangitoto College	12
Junzhe (Richard) Li	Rangitoto College	13
William Li	Rangitoto College	12
Ky Khon Quach	Rangitoto College	13
Helen Wang	Rangitoto College	13
Will Booth	Rathkeale College	12
Rayen Lee	Rosmini College	12
Reuben Paul	Rosmini College	12
Ella Nguyen	Rutherford College	12
Ethan Fung	Saint Kentigern College	13
Yiyun Han	Saint Kentigern College	13

Jamie Hilliam	Saint Kentigern College	12
Ethan Liu	Saint Kentigern College	12
Marion Mah	Saint Kentigern College	13
Jack McKenzie	Saint Kentigern College	13
Avik Mehta	Saint Kentigern College	12
Sean Wang	Saint Kentigern College	12
Chris Ye	Saint Kentigern College	12
Johnny Ye	Saint Kentigern College	12
Emma Cameron	Scots College	12
Xandi (Alexander) Cooke	Scots College	12
Andrew Griffiths	Scots College	12
Rohit Guthpe	Scots College	13
Terry (Tianrui) Qi	Scots College	13
Nela Tajrychova	Scots College	13
Emma Qiu	St Cuthbert's College	13
Anushri Ajith	St Oran's College	13
Sebastian Castellanos	St. Peter's College	12
Daniel Hughes	St. Peter's College	12
Cass McNamara	St. Peter's College	12
Reuben Mowbray	St. Peter's College	12
Dominic Simons	St. Peter's College	12
Kevin Vu	St. Peter's College	13
Albert Wang	St. Peter's College	12
Tianxiao Chen	Takapuna Grammar School	13
Joe McKibbin	Takapuna Grammar School	12
Luke Hunter	Tauranga Boys' College	13
Luke McConnell	Tauranga Boys' College	13
Fergus Roberts	Tauranga Boys' College	13
Manav Sawhney	Tauranga Boys' College	13
Jacques van Rinsvelt	Tauranga Boys' College	13
Ethan Lambeth	Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu	12
Kirill Voynovsky	Wellington College	12

Nellie Potter	Wellington East Girls' College	12
Keira Weitekamp	Wellington East Girls' College	12
David Zong	Wentworth College	11
Bailey Alan	Westlake Boys High School	11
Biss Eddie	Westlake Boys High School	11
Sasha Goryachev	Westlake Boys High School	13
Hunter Haynes	Westlake Boys High School	13
Harkness Logan	Westlake Boys High School	12
Ben Wells	Westlake Boys High School	13
Felicia Sihui Chen	Westlake Girls' High School	12

## Merit list

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

Name	School	Year
Junzhe (Richard) Li	Rangitoto College	13
Chris Ye	Saint Kentigern College	12

### High Distinction: \$200 prize

Name	School	Year
Angus Baker	Auckland Grammar School	12
Zhiyuan Chen	Auckland Grammar School	13
YiMing Huang	Auckland Grammar School	12
Daniel Johnston	Auckland Grammar School	13
Zhengxiao Song	Auckland Grammar School	12
Yifei Song	Auckland International College	12
Rohan Bhagat	Peachtree Ridge High School	13
Ella Nguyen	Rutherford College	12
Rohit Guthpe	Scots College	13
Hunter Haynes	Westlake Boys High School	13

### High Distinction: \$100 prize

Name	School	Year
Queena Peng	ACG Parnell College	13
Alexander Ward	Auckland Grammar School	13
Tim Sumetzberger	Cashmere High School	13
Oscar Gosling	Christ College	13
Alexander Mayo	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Alice McIntosh	James Hargest College	13
Shafquat Tabeeb	Macleans College	13
Aadi Golchha	Ormiston Senior College	13
Langkee Hong	Pinehurst School	12
Rayen Lee	Rosmini College	12
Joe McKibbin	Takapuna Grammar School	12
Kirill Voynovsky	Wellington College	12
Nellie Potter	Wellington East Girls' College	12
Felicia Sihui Chen	Westlake Girls' High School	12

## Congratulations on your excellent performance

Thank you for attending the 2022 New Zealand Economics Competition Awards presentation ceremony.

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



We take this opportunity to thank Dr Damir Azhar from Inspera team, the university-authorised exam facilitators, for delivering a secured online test for this year's Competition. Inspera is a best-in-breed and cloud-based specialist examinations platform that provides a consistent, user-friendly examination experience for both onshore and offshore students. For more information, visit their webpage at [remoteteaching.auckland.ac.nz/assessments/inspera/](https://remoteteaching.auckland.ac.nz/assessments/inspera/) or email them at [inspera@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:inspera@auckland.ac.nz)





Please take the opportunity to talk with friendly 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. For more information, visit their webpage at [auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/undergraduate-study-options/information-for-parents/meet-our-team.html](http://auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/undergraduate-study-options/information-for-parents/meet-our-team.html) or email them at [scet@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:scet@auckland.ac.nz)



Please take the opportunity to talk with students from our economics club: MADE - Make A Difference with Economics. MADE aims to supplement academic studies with real world engagement. The students learn how economics can empower communities and influence policy. You can identify the MADE students by their customised logo t-shirts. For more information, visit their webpage at [facebook.com/madeuoa/](https://facebook.com/madeuoa/) or email them at [made.aucklanduni@gmail.com](mailto:made.aucklanduni@gmail.com).



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