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# The New Zealand Economics Competition

2018 Awards Presentation Ceremony

Tuesday 16 October 2018  
The University of Auckland  
Business School  
Department of Economics



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## Programme

### Welcome

Dr Asha Sundaram  
Department of Economics  
The University of Auckland  
Business School

### Presentation of awards

High Distinction

### Guest speaker

Tim Ng  
Deputy Secretary and Chief  
Economic Adviser  
New Zealand Treasury

### Presentation of trophies and awards

National winners

### Closing

Please join us in the Level 1  
Foyer of the Sir Owen G Glenn  
Building for refreshments before  
the awards ceremony.

## 2018 New Zealand Economics Competition

Welcome to the New Zealand Economics Competition 2018 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 forty multiple-choice questions that test both classroom theory and general knowledge of current economic issues.

This year 2426 students from 89 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 2018 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 website at [www.business.auckland.ac.nz/nzeconcomp](http://www.business.auckland.ac.nz/nzeconcomp)

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## Guest speaker

### Tim Ng

Deputy Secretary and Chief Economic Adviser, The Treasury, New Zealand



Tim Ng is responsible for ensuring that the Treasury's policy advice on raising New Zealand living standards is supported and strengthened by sound economic theory and evidence. Tim is a macroeconomist by training, with extensive international experience in monetary, fiscal and financial system policy. His work is published in a range of professional and academic journals.

Prior to joining the Treasury, Tim managed various functions at the Reserve Bank of New Zealand including domestic and international economic monitoring and forecasting, analysis of monetary policy conduct, banking regulation and payments system policy. Tim has also worked as an economist at the Bank for International Settlements and at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Tim was born and raised in Auckland. He has postgraduate degrees in economics from Victoria University of Wellington and in biochemistry from the University of Auckland.

## Department of Economics staff

### **Professor Ananish Chaudhuri**

BSc(Hons) *Calc*, MA *J Nehru U*, MA PhD *Rutgers*

#### **Professor of Experimental Economics and Head of Department**

Ananish Chaudhuri is a Professor of Experimental Economics and the Head of the Department of Economics at the University of Auckland. He is also the Founder and Director of DECIDE – the University of Auckland Business Decision Making Lab. He has published widely in leading international scholarly journals and is the author of “Experiments in Economics: Playing Fair with Money” published by Routledge.

He is ranked among the top 10% of authors in Economics across the world according to the well-known RePEC (Research Papers in Economics) database. His work is often cited in the popular media, and he frequently contributes perspective pieces to media outlets including the New Zealand Herald. He has won multiple grants both from the Royal Society NZ Marsden Fund and the Australian Research Council. He currently serves on the Evolution and Human and Behavioural Sciences Panel of the Marsden Fund and is associated in an editorial capacity with a number of highly ranked international scholarly journals. In August 2018, he received a Research Excellence Award as well as the Distinguished Contribution Award from the University of Auckland Business School.

## **Dr Asha Sundaram**

*BA Mumbai, MPhil Oxf, MA PhD Syracuse*

**Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Auckland**

Asha Sundaram 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, South Africa. She has an MPhil in Economics from Oxford University and a PhD from Syracuse University, New York. Her research spans the areas of international trade and development economics. Her work has been published in top field journals and general-interest journals like the *Journal of International Economics* and the *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, in books published by Oxford University Press and in the research-based policy analysis portal VoxEU. She has consulted for the World Bank and the Peterson Institute of International Economics in Washington DC and for the Asian Development Bank in Manila.

## **Dr James Tremewan**

*BA Cant, BCA Well, MSc PhD Toulouse*

**Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Auckland**

James joined the Department of Economics at the University of Auckland in June 2018. Prior to this, he held positions as a research fellow at the Vienna University of Economics and Business and as an assistant professor at the University of Vienna (Austria). After an undergraduate degree in mathematics at the University of Canterbury, James first studied Economics at Victoria University Wellington and received his PhD in Economics in 2011 from the Toulouse School of Economics (France). His research focuses on Behavioural and Experimental Economics.

# New Zealand Economics Competition 2018 Merit List

<b>HIGH DISTINCTION Awards</b>		<b>Year</b>
Carl Abi Nakad	Auckland Grammar School	13
Keith Anderson	Elim Christian College	13
Nicholas Anderson	Mackenzie College	13
David Bates	Auckland Grammar School	12
Mathis Bitton	Kristin School	12
Christopher Blandford	Kerikeri High School	13
Lachlan Broadhurst	ACG Parnell College	12
Cameron Bruce	King's High School	12
Jono Cahill	Westlake Boys High School	12
Jialan Campbell-Luo	Tauranga Boys' College	12
Jarrold Chan	Auckland Grammar School	12
Jason Chan	Macleans College	13
Alex Chen	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Andrew Chen	Saint Kentigern College	13
Jia Chenhao	ACG Senior College	13
Benson Chiang	Rangitoto College	12
Sophie Clarke	Thames High School	13
Johnathan Coe	Tauranga Boys' College	13
Joshua Commons	Auckland Grammar School	12
Vincent Connett	Auckland Grammar School	13
Tom Crook	Auckland Grammar School	12
Issie Dekker	Aquinas College	12
Harjot Singh Dhillon	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Ayden Dickins	Pinehurst School	13
Qiyu Ding	Westlake Boys High School	12
Anchen Dong	Auckland International College	12
William Evans	Glendowie College	12
Raymond Feng	Lynfield College	13
Andrew Fleming	James Hargest College	12
Libby Flett	James Hargest College	12
Raiden Frederiksens	Auckland Grammar School	12

Jett Gannaway	St Peter's College, Auckland	13
Daniel Gao	Westlake Boys High School	12
Luke Geange	St Peter's School, Cambridge	13
Celine Goh	St Cuthbert's College	12
Oliver Goldsmith	Auckland Grammar School	12
Nicholas Goodman	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Allen Guan	Westlake Boys High School	12
Yifan Guo	Macleans College	13
Luke Han	Auckland Grammar School	13
Jacob Hay	Napier Boys' School	12
Denley Heasman	Hamilton Boys' High School	11
Tane Hiha	Napier Boys' School	12
Zane Hill	FAHS Feilding High School	13
Adam Hitchiner	Tauranga Boys' College	12
Tiffany Ho	Macleans College	12
Tama Hoare	Auckland Grammar School	12
Ryan Holt	Tauranga Boys' College	13
Nicholas Huang	Auckland Grammar School	13
Callum Jarvis	Westlake Boys High School	13
Leighton Jensen	Auckland Grammar School	13
Saphol Jirattiticharoen	James Hargest College	13
Harper Johnston	Wentworth College	12
Caitlyn Khoo	Macleans College	12
Hajin Kim	Rangitoto College	13
Elizabeth Koh	Macleans College	13
Kamilla Korokhova	ACG Strathallan College	12
Robin Kunwar	Burnside High School	13
Callum Lee	Saint Kentigern College	12
Fergus Lellman	Aquinas College	13
Joseph Licht	Hamilton Boys' High School	13
Cassandra Liu	Macleans College	12
Max Loomb	Tauranga Boys' College	13

Jake Lyons	Kristin School	12
Madi Mackie	St Mary's College, Auckland	13
Rawiri Mahue	ACG Strathallan College	12
Rohan Manaena	St Patrick's College, Silverstream	13
Robbie Maris	Tauranga Boys' College	13
Evelyn Marshall	Kristin School	13
Kemp McCulloch	ACG Parnell College	12
Joshua McSherry	Westlake Boys High School	13
Isaac Mercer	Glendowie College	13
Joel Molloy	St Peter's College, Auckland	13
Luke Morgan	FAHS Feilding High School	13
Scott Mueller	Wentworth College	13
Ethan Ng	Burnside High School	12
Panwa Nilprapunt	Macleans College	12
Mackenzie O' Brien	Westlake Boys High School	13
Olivia Overfield	Saint Kentigern College	11
Mitchell Palmer	Auckland Grammar School	13
Dean Palmer-Neels	Auckland Grammar School	12
Gabriel Pan	Hillcrest High School	12
Jaskaran Pannu	Botany Downs Secondary College	12
Trixie Pena	Onslow College	13
Alex Pentchev	ACG Parnell College	12
Paola Pineda	Rangitoto College	12
William Price	Westlake Boys High School	13
Milan Rama	Auckland Grammar School	12
Sanjit Ramesh Chandran	Macleans College	13
Jiraphat Leon Rattanaprasit Perry	Auckland Grammar School	13
Oliver Reeves	Wentworth College	13
Rodger Yang	Auckland Grammar School	12
Mark Seddon	Westlake Boys High School	12
Shea Smith	James Hargest College	13
Eric Song	Burnside High School	12
Hamish Steadman	Thames High School	12
Joshua Stevenson	Christ's College	13
Tide Jiazan Sun	Auckland International College	12
Max Surveyor	Christ's College	12



Conor Sutherland	Auckland Grammar School	12
Hamish Sutton	Elim Christian College	13
Harsh Talathi	King's College	13
Nick Tuckey	James Hargest College	13
Aylish Waldron	Sacred Heart Girls' College, Hamilton	13
Dylan Wallace	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Lintao Wang	Auckland Grammar School	13
Louis Wang	Lynfield College	12
Anjie Wang	Macleans College	12
Tommy Whitaker	Christ's College	12
Devael Wijaya	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Josh Williams	Hutt International Boys' School	12
Max Williamson	Westlake Boys High School	12
Scott Withell	Scots College	12
Liam Wong	Auckland Grammar School	13
Owen Wong	Burnside High School	13
Juchan Woo	Rangitoto College	12
Richard Wright	Bethlehem College	13
Shine Wu	Newlands College	13
Hayley Xie	Macleans College	12
Xinrong Yao	Auckland International College	12
Yang Fan Yun	Macleans College	12
Judd Zhan	Macleans College	12
Pan Zhang	Auckland Grammar School	12
Qikun Zhang	Kristin School	13
Alan Zhang	Macleans College	13
Kefei Zheng	Auckland Grammar School	13
Chenxin Zheng	Auckland International College	13
Oscar Zhou	ACG Senior College	12
Raymond Zhou	Auckland Grammar School	12
Judy Zhu	ACG Parnell College	13
Yiren Zhu	Auckland Grammar School	12
Crystal Zhu	Kristin School	13

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HIGH DISTINCTION - \$50 prize		
Trixie Pena	Onslow College	12
Carl Abi Nakad	Auckland Grammar School	12
Alex Prentchev	ACG Parnell College	13

HIGH DISTINCTION - \$75 prize		
Sanjit Ramesh Chandran	Macleans College	11
Anchen Dong	Auckland International College	12
Vincent Connett	Auckland Grammar College	13
Raiden Frederiksens	Auckland Grammar College	13
Hajin Kim	Rangitoto College	13
Mackenzie O'Brien	Westlake Boys High School	13
Mark Seddon	Westlake Boys High School	13
Judd Zhan	Macleans College	13

HIGH DISTINCTION - \$100 prize		
Robin Kunwar	Burnside High School	11
Raymond Feng	Lynfield College	12
Ethan Ng	Burnside High School	12
Tide Jiazan Sun	Auckland International College	12
Mathis Bitton	Kristin College	13
Andrew Chen	Saint Kentigern College	13
Rodger Yang	Auckland Grammar College	13

National Winners - \$300 Prize and Trophy		Year
<b>Division Two</b>		
Olivia Overfield	Saint Kentigern College	12
Mitchell Palmer	Auckland Grammar School	12
<b>Division One</b>		
Oliver Goldsmith	Auckland Grammar School	13
Lintao Wang	Auckland Grammar School	13
Yang Fan Yun	Macleans College	13

# Congratulations on your excellent performance

Thank you all for attending the 2018 New Zealand Economics Competition Awards ceremony.

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



Please take the opportunity to talk with some of the students from our economics club on campus: **MADE** (Make a Difference with Economics). The aim of **MADE** is 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 the logo on their name badges.

## Photographer

The photographer is available and very happy to take group and individual photos.

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