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The New Zealand Economics Competition

2019 Awards Presentation Ceremony

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Department of Economics



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Dr Haiping Zhang

Department of Economics
The University of Auckland
Business School

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High Distinction

Guest speaker

Stephanie Honey

Associate Director
New Zealand International
Business Forum

Presentation of trophies and awards

National winners

Closing

2019 New Zealand Economics Competition

Welcome to the New Zealand Economics Competition 2019 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 2194 students from 91 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 2019 New Zealand Secondary Schools Economics Competition is sponsored by The University of Auckland Business School, the Treasury and the Kelliher Economics Foundation 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

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Guest speaker

Stephanie Honey

Associate Director, New Zealand International Business Forum



Stephanie has spent her career in the exciting world of international trade, working first as a trade negotiator for the New Zealand Government and now as a consultant in the private sector. Stephanie has travelled and worked widely in the Asia-Pacific, including China and South-East Asia, the Americas, Europe, and Australia.

Stephanie served as New Zealand's chief agriculture negotiator at the World Trade Organisation in Geneva and also spent three years at the New Zealand Embassy in Brussels. She is currently Associate Director of the New Zealand International Business Forum (a coalition of globally-oriented New Zealand businesses) and policy advisor to the New Zealand members of the APEC Business Advisory Council. She is also co-founder of a business providing executive education in trade policy, Global Trade Insights, and loves talking about trade and trade economics!

Representative from the Treasury

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 macroeconomist by training, with extensive international experience in the 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 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 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 Ryan Greenaway-McGrevy

BA BCom(Hons), PhD

Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Auckland

Director, Centre for Applied Research in Economics (CARE), University of Auckland

Ryan is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Auckland, where he serves as the Director of the Centre for Applied Research in Economics (CARE) within the Department of Economics. Prior to joining the University of Auckland, he was a Research Economist in the Office of the Chief Statistician at the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) in Washington, D.C. In this capacity he represented the US on various committees, including the United Nations ‘London Group’ to revise the System of Environmental-Economic Accounts (SEEA), and the Eurostat-OECD) taskforce on emission permits in the national accounts.

He was recently awarded a Marsden Fund Grant to develop new methods for forecasting with panel data with application to New Zealand’s property markets. He frequently comments on economic policy in various media outlets, including the New Zealand Herald and Radio New Zealand. In August 2018, he received a Research Excellence Award from the University of Auckland Business School.

Professor Steven Poelhekke

MSc *Utrecht*, M Res PhD *EUI*

Professor, Department of Economics, University of Auckland

Steven Poelhekke is Professor of Economics at the University of Auckland, and affiliated to the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Tinbergen Institute, CESifo in Munich, and OxCarre in Oxford. He previously worked at the Dutch Central Bank. His research interests cover International Trade and Investment, and their intersections with Development and Environmental Economics. He has studied, among other topics: the local impact of mining on infrastructure and the tradeable sector, the persistence of foreign direct investment benefits for domestic firms in developing countries, and the effects of resource wealth and multinational banks on foreign direct investment.

He is a Dutch national and holds a PhD from the European University Institute, Florence, Italy. He has published among others in the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, and the *European Economic Review*. Columns and policy pieces have appeared on VoxEU.org, the LSE Business Review and *Economisch Statistische Berichten*.

Dr Haiping Zhang

BA and MA *UIBE*, PhD *Bonn*

Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Auckland

Haiping Zhang is Senior Lecturer at the Department of Economics, University of Auckland. Prior to this, he was an assistant professor at the School of Economics, Singapore Management University and a research fellow at Bonn University. He has a Ph.D. from Bonn University in Germany. He is primarily a macroeconomist with research interests that span three related yet distinct areas: international macroeconomics and trade, financial development and productivity dynamics, and innovation and endogenous technology adoption. His work has been published in top field journals, e.g., *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, *Economic Theory*, *Review of International Economics*, *Open Economies Review*. He has received the research funds from German Research Foundation and University of Auckland Business School.

New Zealand Economics Competition 2019 Merit List

HIGH DISTINCTION Awards		Year
Carl Abi Nakad	Auckland Grammar School	13
Benjamin Adams	Tauranga Boys' College	12
Hannah Adams	Walter Payton College Preparatory High School	12
Griffin Aldrin	St Peter's College, Auckland	12
Richard Alley	ACG Strathallan College	12
Sanju Anil	St Peter's College, Auckland	13
Henry Baigent	Auckland Grammar School	13
Lucy Beban	ACG Parnell College	12
Harrison Biggs	John McGlashan College	13
Xander Butler	Long Bay College	13
Jialan Campbell-Luo	Tauranga Boys' College	13
Kelsey Campen	King's High School	13
Sarah Carruthers	ACG Strathallan College	12
Millie Caughey	St Cuthbert's College	12
Jason Chan	Macleans College	13
Faiz Charania	Westlake Boys High School	13
Darsh Chaudhari	Macleans College	12
Abhinav Chawla	Macleans College	12
Nathan Chen	Auckland Grammar School	12
Brandon Cheng	Walter Payton College Preparatory High School	10
Benson Chiang	Rangitoto College	13
Ryan Choy	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Sacha Choytoa	St John's College Hamilton	13
Sofie Claridge	Kapiti College	13
Joshua Commons	Auckland Grammar School	13
James Cowan	Lindisfarne College	13
Scott Cranstone	Christ's College	11
Tom Crook	Auckland Grammar School	13
Tim Cross	Christ's College	13

Kejun Dai	Auckland Grammar School	12
James Dolan	St Peter's College, Auckland	12
Liam Duffin	Tauranga Boys' College	12
Jonty Ebbett Watt	Lindisfarne College	13
Gareth Edwards	Westlake Boys' High School	12
Hayden Evans	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Raymond Feng	Lynfield College	13
William Feng	Saint Kentigern College	13
Dylan Ferns	Lynfield College	12
Libby Flett	James Hargest College	13
Thomas Friskney	Tauranga Boys' College	12
May Gan	Glendowie College	12
Jett Gannaway	St Peter's College, Auckland	13
Cameron Gardiner	Hamilton Boys' High School	13
Pierce Gardner	Hamilton Boys' High School	13
Joshua Gordon	Hamilton Boys' High School	12
Ethan Gray	St Peter's College, Auckland	13
Darcy Green	St Peter's College, Auckland	12
Kevin Guan	Macleans College	12
Catelyn Gunathilake	Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu	13
Lucas Hansen	Walter Payton College Preparatory High School	12
Amy Hargreaves	Macleans College	13
Nathan Harrison	John McGlashan College	13
Miller Hawkesby	Auckland Grammar School	12
Dominic Hawkins	Auckland Grammar School	13
Yujeong Heo	ACG Parnell College	13
Michael Hiddleston	Auckland Grammar School	12
Ben Holland	Ashburton College	13
Mathieu Houston	St Peter's College, Auckland	12
Angus Isherwood	Auckland Grammar School	12
Quinn Jackson	Auckland Grammar School	13
Amar Jerath	Walter Payton College Preparatory High School	12
Jenny Jiang	Saint Kentigern College	13
Alex Jin	Macleans College	12

Leo Kantrow	Walter Payton College Preparatory High School	10
Cameron Kennedy	Lindisfarne College	12
Robin Kunwar	Burnside High School	12
Matthew Lai	Westlake Boys' High School	12
Louis Lempriere	Auckland International College	12
Reid Lenihan	St Peter's College, Auckland	12
Johnathan Leung	King's College	12
Qingyuan Li	Westlake Boys' High School	13
Yiwei Li	Auckland International College	12
Joseph Licht	Hamilton Boys' High School	13
Oscar Lin	Auckland Grammar School	13
Henry Lockhart	Macleans College	13
Jack Love	St Peter's College, Auckland	12
Faye Lyu	Macleans College	13
Hugh Marshall	Auckland Grammar School	12
Charles Matthews	ACG Parnell College	12
Hamish McKenzie	St Peter's College, Auckland	12
Jack McKenzie	Tauranga Boys' College	12
Joshua McSherry	Westlake Boys' High School	13
Meysum Mehdi	Macleans College	12
Joel Molloy	St Peter's College, Auckland	13
Akito Nakamura	Saint Kentigern College	13
Ethan Ng	Burnside High School	13
Jarrold Ong	Otumoetai College	12
Mitchell Palmer	Auckland Grammar School	13
Matthew Park	Westlake Boys' High School	12
Trixie Pena	Onslow College	13
Oliver Pennington	Auckland Grammar School	12
Oliver Platt Byrnes	St Peter's College, Auckland	13
Ian Qiu	Westlake Boys' High School	12
Sanjit Ramesh Chandran	Macleans College	12
Jiraphat Leon Rattanaprasit Perry	Auckland Grammar School	13
Hugo Reeves	King's College	13
Timothy Reeves	King's College	13
Duncan Roff	King's High School	13

Hamish Ross	St John's College	13
Callum Sng	King's College	13
Taric Speir	Auckland Grammar School	13
Joshua Stevenson	Christ's College	13
Qiyuan Sun	Westlake Boys' High School	13
Zhuoyue Camily Sun	ACG Parnell College	12
Max Surveyor	Christ's College	13
Alexander Tai	Westlake Boys' High School	13
Zhixin Tang	Kristin School	12
Cameron Todd	Glendowie College	12
Donovan Tull	St Patrick's College, Wellington	13
Lilly Van Keulen	Cashmere High School	13
Sebastian Verryt	Auckland Grammar School	13
Dylan Wallace	Hamilton Boys' High School	13
Anjie Wang	Macleans College	13
Ruoan Wang	St Peter's School, Cambridge	12
Tommy Whitaker	Christ's College	13
Matthew Wightman	St Peter's School, Cambridge	12
Liam Wong	Auckland Grammar School	13
Samuel Wong	Rangitoto College	12
Xiao Xiao	Kristin School	13
Daniel Xie	Rangitoto College	13
Stephen Xie	Rangitoto College	13
Ellie Xu	Rangitoto College	12
Dennis Yang	Kristin School	12
Henry Yao	Hamilton Boys' High School	13
Zihao Yu	Long Bay College	13
Mengyang Zhang	Auckland International College	12
Pan Zhang	Auckland Grammar School	13
Patrick Zhang	John McGlashan College	13
Tianyu Zhang	Kristin School	13
Tongwei Zhang	ACG Parnell College	12
Yiwen Zhang	Auckland International College	12
Alex Zhuang	Lynfield College	13

New Zealand Economics Competition

2019 Merit List

HIGH DISTINCTION - \$75 prize		
Jialan Campbell-Luo	Tauranga Boys' College	13
Kelsey Campen	King's High School	13
Abhinav Chawla	Macleans College	12
Tom Crook	Auckland Grammar School	13
Tim Cross	Christ's College	13
Ethan Gray	St Peter's College, Auckland	13
Jenny Jiang	Saint Kentigern College	13
Louis Lempriere	Auckland International College	12
Akito Nakamura	Saint Kentigern College	13
Ethan Ng	Burnside High School	13
Sanjit Ramesh Chandran	Macleans College	12
Timothy Reeves	King's College	13
Qiyuan Sun	Westlake Boys' High School	13
Lilly Van Keulen	Cashmere High School	13
Tianyu Zhang	Kristin School	13

HIGH DISTINCTION - \$150 prize		
Jonty Ebbett Watt	Lindisfarne College	13
Raymond Feng	Lynfield College	13
Xiao Xiao	Kristin School	13

HIGH DISTINCTION - \$200 prize		
Gareth Edwards	Westlake Boys' High School	12
William Feng	Saint Kentigern College	13
Nathan Harrison	John McGlashan College	13
Hugo Reeves	King's College	13
Sebastian Verryt	Auckland Grammar School	13

HIGH DISTINCTION - International School		
Hannah Adams	Walter Payton College Preparatory High School	12
Lucas Hansen	Walter Payton College Preparatory High School	12

Excellence shown by a female entrant - \$300 Prize and Trophy **Year**

Yujeong Heo	ACG Parnell College	12
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National Winners - \$300 Prize and Trophy **Year**

Carl Abi Nakad	Saint Kentigern College	13
Jason Chan	Auckland Grammar School	13
Jett Gannaway	St Peter's College, Auckland	13
Quinn Jackson	Auckland Grammar School	13
Mitchell Palmer	Auckland Grammar School	13
Jiraphat Leon Rattanaprasit Perry	Macleans College	13
Max Surveyor	Christ's College	13
Liam Wong	Auckland Grammar School	13
Henry Yao	Hamilton Boys' High School	13
Pan Zhang	Auckland Grammar School	13

International School Winner - Trophy **Year**

Amar Jerath	Walter Payton College Preparatory High School	12
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Congratulations on your excellent performance

Thank you all for attending the 2019 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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