2019 Economic and Political Overview in Brisbane

Thursday 14 February 2019, 10.00am to 2.00pm
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
## morning agenda

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11.55am  Welcome (back)
          Kyl Murphy
          State Director and Company Secretary, CEDA

12.00pm  Introduction
          Professor Nick James
          Executive Dean, Faculty of Law, Bond University

12.10pm  Speaker address
          Professor Simon Jackman
          Chief Executive Officer, United States Studies Centre

12.25pm  Speaker address
          Peter Varghese AO
          Chancellor, The University of Queensland

12.40pm  Lunch

1.10pm   Moderated discussion and questions
          Moderator: Melinda Cilento, Chief Executive, CEDA
          • Michael Blythe, Chief Economist and Managing Director,
            Economics, Commonwealth Bank of Australia
          • Professor Simon Jackman, Chief Executive Officer, United States
            Studies Centre
          • Sara James, Journalist and author
          • Peter van Onselen, Journalist and Professor of Politics and Policy,
            Griffith Business School
          • Peter Varghese AO, Chancellor, The University of Queensland

1.50pm   Close
          Kyl Murphy
          State Director and Company Secretary, CEDA
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Bond offers undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Law; Business; Communication and Creative Media; Architecture and Built Environment; and Health Sciences and Medicine. All students have access to unparalleled academic and technological resources on Bond’s world-class Gold Coast campus.

We’ve engineered all our programs to have a strong focus on entrepreneurial thinking and creative problem solving, with strategies to help graduates thrive in a disrupted, digital world.

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Our New Master of Laws in Enterprise Governance

Bond is proud to launch its new LLM in Enterprise Governance at the CEDA Economic and Political Overview 2019. The Program commences in May 2019 and will lead participants through the regulatory, compliance and legal frameworks that underpin all aspects of effective governance. Open to both law and non-law graduates, this 16-month, eight subject program is designed for current directors, aspiring directors and leadership teams engaged with boards. Each subject comprises a two-day Intensive held at the beautiful Bond University Gold Coast campus, with the balance of content presented as online modules. Hear from leading non-executive directors and practitioners from the private, public and not for profit sectors as they explain real life scenarios and board decision making within a legal context.

Bond University has been a member of CEDA since 2012.
Michael Blythe
Chief Economist and Managing Director, Economics, Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Michael Blythe is the Chief Economist and Managing Director of Economics at the Commonwealth Bank (CBA). His extensive experience as an economist reflects more than thirty years working in economic policy and financial market-related areas.

Michael’s role encompasses monitoring, analysing and forecasting trends in the Australian economy and financial markets. In addition, he prepares a wide range of research material on matters of current interest. In his capacity as the CBA’s Chief Economist, he is a regular conference presenter and media commentator on major economic developments and themes. Michael and his team have consistently ranked in the top three for macroeconomic analysis advice in various industry polls.

Michael works in the Institutional Banking and Markets division of the Commonwealth Bank. This division is responsible for managing the Group’s relationships with major corporate, institutional and government clients and providing a full range of capital raising, transactional and risk management products and services.

After graduating in Economics from the University of Sydney in 1982, he spent a total of 13 years in various roles within the Economic Group of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA). This included a stint at the International Monetary Fund in 1988. He was the RBA’s Senior Economist from 1991-95. Key features of these roles involved the provision of economic analysis and policy advice.

Michael joined the Commonwealth Bank in late 1995.
Sara James
Journalist and author

Twitter: @SaraJamesAus

Sara James is an Emmy award-winning foreign correspondent and accomplished author. She also reports on United States (US) politics for ABC News Breakfast with her featured segment American in Oz. Sara co-anchored ABC News 24’s coverage of the 2016 US election and the 2017 Presidential Inauguration. She provides analysis for The Project, ABC Radio Melbourne, and other news outlets.

Prior to moving to Australia in 2008, Sara was a Correspondent for NBC Dateline based in New York. She travelled the world to report on stories including the Taliban; modern slavery in Sudan; the Bosnian War Crimes Tribunal; and 9/11, in her former hometown of New York. Sara has received numerous awards including the Overseas Press Club of America Citation for Excellence, the US National Press Club award, and an Emmy. Sara also served as guest anchor on NBC broadcasts including the Today Show; NBC Nightly News; and MSNBC.

Sara is the author of An American in Oz (Allen & Unwin), co-author of The Best of Friends (HarperCollins) and editor of An Extraordinary School (ACER Press).
speaker

Peter van Onselen
Journalist and Professor of Politics and Policy, Griffith Business School
Twitter: @vanOnselenP

Dr Peter van Onselen is Professor of Politics and Policy at Griffith University. He is also Political Editor at Network Ten and the Contributing Editor at The Australian newspaper.

Peter holds a Bachelor of Arts with first class honours, a Master of Commerce and a Master of Policy Studies as well as a PhD in political science. Peter is the author or editor of six books, including four best sellers, with his books shortlisted for awards including the John Button prize for writings on public policy and the Queensland Premier’s Literary Awards.

His biography on John Howard was ranked by the Wall Street Journal as the best biography of 2007. Peter has won Walkley and Logie awards for his broadcast journalism and a News Award for his feature and opinion writing.
Professor Nick James
Executive Dean, Faculty of Law, Bond University

Professor Nick James is the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Law at Bond University. He is a former commercial lawyer and has been practising as an academic since 1996.

He is passionate about legal education and the role of law schools in modern society. His areas of teaching expertise include law in context; legal theory; animal law; business law; and company law. He has won numerous awards for his teaching including a National Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning, and he is the author of three textbooks: Business Law, Critical Legal Thinking and The New Lawyer (with Rachael Field and Jackson Walkden-Brown).

He has written numerous journal articles, book chapters; conference papers in the areas of legal education; critical legal theory; and disruption of the legal services sector.

Nick is Executive Director of the Bond University Centre for Professional Legal Education; Executive Editor of the Legal Education Review; Chair of the Australasian Law Teachers Association (ALTA); and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.
Speaker

Professor Simon Jackman
Chief Executive Officer, United States Studies Centre

Twitter: @SimonJackman

Simon Jackman commenced as Chief Executive Officer of the United States Studies Centre in April 2016. Between 1996 and 2016, he was a Professor of Political Science and Statistics at Stanford University.

Simon’s teaching and research centres on public opinion; election campaigns; political participation; and electoral systems with special emphasis on American and Australian politics. His research has appeared in the leading journals of political science, including the American Political Science Review; the American Journal of Political Science; the Journal of Politics; Public Opinion Quarterly; Political Analysis; the British Journal of Political Science; Electoral Studies and the Australian Journal of Political Science. He is the author of Bayesian Analysis for the Social Sciences (Wiley 2009), a widely used textbook on Bayesian statistical methods with an emphasis on applications in the social sciences.

Simon’s current research projects focus on the opportunities and challenges of web-based survey research; the political and scientific consequences of under-representing unlisted or hard-to-reach populations in social research; predictive models of political behavior; and methods for large scale, automated coding and analysis of political speech.

Simon was born and raised in Brisbane, and graduated with first class Honours in Government from the University of Queensland. He earned his doctorate at the University of Rochester and Princeton University. His first academic appointment was at the University of Chicago, followed by a Visiting Fellowship at Australian National University, prior to taking up his appointment at Stanford. Simon was a Visiting Professor at the United States Studies Centre from 2009 until he commenced his role as Chief Executive Officer in 2016.
Peter Varghese AO
Chancellor, The University of Queensland

Peter took up his position as the 14th Chancellor at The University of Queensland in July 2016.

Prior to this appointment Peter was Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in December 2012 to July 2016. His diplomatic appointments include High Commissioner to India (2009-12); High Commissioner to Malaysia (2000-02); and postings to Tokyo, Washington and Vienna.

From 2004 to 2009, Peter was Director General of the Office of National Assessments, a statutory office which reports directly to the Prime Minister and also coordinates the Australian intelligence community. In 2003, he was the senior international adviser in the office of Prime Minister John Howard. He also headed up the international division of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet from 1998 to 1999.

In 1996-97, Peter headed up the secretariat which drafted Australia’s first White Paper on foreign and trade policy.

Peter was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) in 2010 for distinguished service to public administration, particularly in leading reform in the Australian intelligence community and as an adviser in the areas of foreign policy and international security. He was awarded a Doctor of Letters honoris causa by The University of Queensland in July 2013 in recognition of his distinguished service to diplomacy and Australian public service.

In October 2016, Peter took up the position of non-Executive Director on the Board of AMP.

Peter is a graduate and university medalist in history from The University of Queensland. He is married to Margaret Varghese. They have one adult son and a grandson.
Melinda Cilento
Chief Executive, CEDA

Twitter: @MelindaCilento

Melinda is a company director and experienced senior executive. She is a non-executive director of Woodside Petroleum and Australian Unity and Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia. Melinda is also a member of NAB’s advisory council on corporate responsibility as well as a member of the Parliamentary Budget Office panel of expert advisors.

She was previously a Commissioner with the Productivity Commission and Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Economist with the Business Council of Australia. Melinda has also previously held senior roles with the Federal Department of Treasury, Invesco and the International Monetary Fund.

Melinda’s executive and director experience covers the corporate, government and not-for-profit sectors and she has a strong track record of working collaboratively across sectors.

Melinda’s professional qualifications include a Masters of Economics (Australian National University), and Bachelor of Economics (Hons) and Bachelor of Arts (Psychology), (Flinders University, SA). She has also completed the AICD Company Directors Course.

Melinda began as CEDA Chief Executive Officer in October 2017.
CEDA would like to thank the following members for hosting a corporate table at today’s event.

**Corporate Tables**

- Arrow Energy
- Ashurst
- Bond University
- Colin Biggers & Paisley
- Deloitte
- Electoral Commission of Queensland
- Griffith University
- QSuper
- Queensland Department of Employment, Small Business and Training
- Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads
- Queensland Department of Innovation, Tourism Industry Development and Comm Games
- Queensland Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
- Queensland Treasury Corporation
- Telstra
- The University of Queensland

**Attendees**

- Julian Aitken
  Executive Director, Finance and Performance
  Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads
- Michael Anthonisz
  Senior Economist
  Queensland Treasury Corporation
- Elise Arklay
  Secretary, Local Government Change Commission
  Electoral Commission of Queensland
- Chris Armstrong
  Senior Relationship Manager
  QSuper
- Chris Aston
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  Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Graeme Bartrim
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  National Parks Association of Queensland Inc
- Alison Bayntun
  Principal Executive Officer
  Queensland Department of Employment, Small Business and Training
- Stephen Beamond
  Executive General Manager, Queensland Enginium
- Rod Besley
  CEDA Honorary Life Trustee
- Andrew Bills
  Senior Executive
  CS Energy
- Terri Birrell
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  Regional and Industry Engagement
  Queensland Department of Employment, Small Business and Training
- Michael Blythe
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  Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- Anna-Lise Bolton
  Senior Sergeant
  Queensland Police Service
- Victor Borzillo
  Partner
  Colin Biggers & Paisley
- Lily Boscariol
  Senior Manager Strategy and Business Analysis
  North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation
- James Boxer
  Account Director
  Queensland Government Australia Post
- Gary Brady
  Faculty Business Director, Faculty of Law
  Bond University
- Patrick Brady
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Adele Young

Prof Heather Zwicker
Executive Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
The University of Queensland
notes
CEDA Queensland: February - April 2019

The business value and cost of loyalty

**DATE** Tuesday 26 February 2019, 12.00pm to 2.00pm *(invitation only)*

**SPEAKER** Alan Kirkland, Chief Executive Officer, CHOICE

**EVENT OVERVIEW** Amidst much current talk of trust, Choice CEO Alan Kirkland discusses recent research into loyalty – the value loyalty brings to business, the cost of taking it for granted, and what a loss of trust will mean for customer, citizen and business loyalty.

*CEDA Trustee boardroom briefing hosted by Mercer.*

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2019 Economic and Political Overview in Townsville

**DATE** Friday 1 March 2019, 12.00pm to 2.00pm

**VENUE** The Ville Resort-Casino, Sir Leslie Thiess Drive, Townsville

**SPEAKERS** Belinda Allen, Senior Economist, Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Sara James, Emmy Award winning journalist and author

**EVENT OVERVIEW** CEDA presents this premier national event in Townsville in 2019. CEDA’s Economic and Political Overview (EPO) provides big picture political analysis, trusted economic forecasts and advice for the year ahead.

*Supported by CEDA members major sponsors Ergon Energy Retail and Yurika and James Cook University.*

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Economic access, advantage and housing

**DATE** Tuesday 5 March 2019, 12.00pm to 2.00pm *(invitation only)*

**SPEAKER** Jackie Huggins AM, Co-Chair, National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples

**EVENT OVERVIEW** CEDA research reports investigating inequality and entrenched disadvantage point to the critical role affordable housing plays in economic opportunity. National Congress Co-Chair Jackie Huggins, will speak to the positive impact policy reform can have for Australia and for Indigenous Australians.

*CEDA Trustee boardroom briefing hosted by PwC.*
Budget review: underwriting Australia’s social compact

**DATE** Tuesday 12 March 2019, 12.00pm to 2.00pm  
**VENUE** The Westin Brisbane, 111 Mary Street, Brisbane  
**SPEAKERS** Jarrod Ball, Chief Economist, CEDA and Jenny Gordon, Chief Economist, NOUS Group  

**EVENT OVERVIEW** Has enough been done to secure Australia’s long-term fiscal position and fund the critical services that keep Australians healthy, comfortable and safe? Hear how the state of Australia’s finances impact our quality of life and economic success when CEDA’s senior audience convenes in Brisbane.  

*Supported by CEDA members major sponsor Griffith Business School and supporting sponsor NOUS Group.*

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Improving health outcomes

**DATE** Wednesday 13 March 2019, 12.00pm to 2.00pm  
**(invitation only)**  
**SPEAKER** Michael Walsh, Director-General, Queensland Health  

**EVENT OVERVIEW** Queensland Health’s total budget is $18.3 billion. Director-General Michael Walsh will discuss the work ahead to improve access to quality and safe healthcare for all Queenslanders.

*CEDA Trustee boardroom briefing hosted by BDO.*

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Artificial intelligence and ethics

**DATE** Wednesday 20 March 2019, 12.00pm to 2.00pm  
**VENUE** Hilton Hotel, 190 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane  
**SPEAKER** David Thodey AO, Chairman, CSIRO  

**EVENT OVERVIEW** Economics is pushing the rapid development of artificial intelligence (AI). How will future AI will impact individuals, businesses, our society and how ethical will the application of new technology be? Join CEDA’s senior audience of leaders to hear how we will respond to what is fundamentally an ethical question, born of our time, and one that will shape the future of our society and economy.

*Supported by CEDA member major sponsor Microsoft. Further sponsorship opportunities available.*
New policy foundations: higher expectations

**DATE** Friday 22 March 2019, 12.00pm to 2.00pm *(invitation only)*

**SPEAKER** Dr Chris Sarra, Director-General, Queensland Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

**EVENT OVERVIEW** To increase economic participation, the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships works across government, community and industry. Director-General Dr Chris Sarra will discuss the work ahead to progress proven solutions and to test entirely new approaches.

*CEDA Trustee boardroom briefing hosting opportunity available.*

Building cities: social and economic impact

**DATE** Thursday 4 April 2019, 12.00pm to 2.00pm *(invitation only)*

**SPEAKER** Colin Jensen, Chief Executive Officer, Brisbane City Council

**EVENT OVERVIEW** Brisbane City Council is the largest local government in Australia. Colin Jensen will discuss the central role of local government in building economic and social value in a city and a region.

*CEDA Trustee boardroom briefing hosted by Transurban.*

CEDA Queensland: May – July 2019

This fragile system: water reform

**DATE** Friday 3 May 2019, 12.00pm to 2.00pm

**VENUE** Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Bank, Brisbane

**SPEAKER** Malcolm Thompson, Deputy Secretary Water Division, Federal Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and Professor Tony Wong, Chief Executive Officer, Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities

**EVENT OVERVIEW** The next phase of water reform is critical. Hear directly from policy makers and leading thinkers on best practices and the new ideas for rapidly growing urban centres.

*Supported by CEDA member major sponsor Cardno. Further sponsorship opportunities available.*
Economic success for industry and regions

DATE Friday 10 May 2019, 12.00pm to 2.00pm (invitation only)

SPEAKER Mark Cully, Chief Economist, Federal Department of Industry, Innovation and Science

EVENT OVERVIEW Mountains of carefully analysed data are revealing new opportunities for industry and regions. Federal Department of Industry, Innovation and Science Chief Economist, Mark Cully, will detail the major findings of the Departments annual studies.

CEDA Trustee boardroom briefing hosted by Allens.

Productivity panel

DATE Wednesday 22 May 2019, 12.00pm to 2.00pm

VENUE W Brisbane, 81 North Quay, Brisbane

SPEAKER Peter Achterstraat AM, Commissioner for Productivity, NSW Treasury; Michael Brennan, Chairman, Productivity Commission; Dr Matthew Butlin, Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission; Kim Wood, Principal Commissioner, Queensland Productivity Commission

EVENT OVERVIEW The leaders of state and Commonwealth bodies working to provide independent economic and policy advice to governments will be convened for the first time by CEDA in Queensland.

Sponsorship opportunities available.

Mental health impacts: workplace and workforce

DATE Thursday 23 May 2019, 12.00pm to 2.00pm (invitation only)

SPEAKER Lucinda Brogden, Chair and Commissioner, National Mental Health Commission

EVENT OVERVIEW The National Mental Health Commission research investigates Australia’s mental health and suicide prevention systems. Commissioner and Chair Lucinda Brogden will discuss their findings and the implications for workplaces, workforces.

CEDA Trustee boardroom briefing hosting opportunity available.
**Australian infrastructure audit**

**DATE** Tuesday 2 July 2019, 12.00pm to 2.00pm

**VENUE** Hilton Brisbane, 190 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

**SPEAKERS** Julieanne Alroe, Chair, Infrastructure Australia

**EVENT OVERVIEW** In the final days of June 2019, Infrastructure Australia (IA) will release its five yearly *Australian Infrastructure Audit*. The development of IA’s second audit is expected to identify and measure existing and future gaps in Australia’s infrastructure, opportunities to support economic growth through better use of existing assets and strategic investment in additional capacity.

*Sponsorship opportunities available.*

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Research and policy

CEDA’s only agenda is to pursue good public policy to progress Australia’s economic and social development. Since 1960 CEDA has produced more than 3000 publications, research reports and articles highlighting emerging issues and directions in a diverse range of policy areas. Research in 2019 will focus on Australia’s long-term budget position, the effects of temporary migration, a survey of Australian businesses on their approach to economic development, and new approaches to addressing entrenched disadvantage.

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