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After reform: the economic policy agenda in the 21st century

Tuesday 4th October 2016 5.30pm–7.00pm

Speaker

Professor John Quiggin

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Location

ANU China in the World

Lecture Theatre

Since the 1980s, economic policy in Australia has been dominated by a policy agenda referred to by its proponents as “microeconomic reform” or simply “reform”, based on the ideas of free trade, privatisation and reductions in the scale and scope of government activity. This agenda has exhausted its political support and run out of ideas. It offers no answers to the policy challenges of the 21st century, including growing inequality, financial fragility and the demands of the information economy. This lecture will address the question: What comes next?

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This lecture is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception.



John Quiggin is an Australian Laureate Fellow in Economics at the University of Queensland. He is prominent both as a research economist and as a commentator on Australian economic policy. He is a Fellow of the Econometric Society, the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and many other learned societies and institutions. He has produced over 1500 publications,

including six books and over 200 refereed journal articles, in fields including decision theory, environmental economics, production economics, and the theory of economic growth. He has also written on policy topics including climate change, micro-economic reform, privatisation, employment policy and the management of the Murray-Darling river system. His latest book, [Zombie Economics: How Dead Ideas Still Walk Among Us](#), was released in 2010 by Princeton University Press, and has been translated into eight languages. He is currently visiting the ANU as the holder of the Gruen Chair.

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