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Invitation

'The State of the Economic Policy Debate'

Including 'The State of the Economics Profession and the Policy process'

The inaugural **Deakin Policy Forum** breakfast

SPEAKERS

Chairman - Introduction

Professor Michael Porter

Professor of Public Policy
Alfred Deakin Research Institute

Professor Judith Sloan,

University of Melbourne and leading economic and labour
market expert

Professor Henry Ergas,

Leading economist, writer and critic on economic policy
and international economic issues

Friday 2 December 2011, 7.30 am - 9 am

Deakin University Melbourne City Centre
Level 3
550 Bourke St
Melbourne.

7.30 am – 8 am - Buffet breakfast provided

8 am – 9.15 am – Presentations and open Forum

9.15 am – 10.00 am - Meeting re future structure and
governance for 2012 (topics, timing, membership)

RSVP

Wednesday 23 November

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The Deakin Policy Forum

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This inaugural Deakin Policy Forum (DPF) will be at the Deakin University Melbourne City Centre, Level 3, 550 Bourke St, Melbourne, Friday 2 December, 2011: 7.30 am buffet breakfast for 8 am Forum start.

The lead speakers will be Professors Henry Ergas and Judith Sloan, both frequent writers on wide-ranging policy issues and lively contributors to the economic debate. There will also be an open discussion in what we intend to be a policy focused group.

Judith Sloan holds degrees from University of Melbourne and London School of Economics. Judith has been a Commissioner for the Productivity Commission and the Australian Fair Pay Commission, has directed the National Institute for Labour Studies, on the Board of the Westfield Group and the Lowy Institute.

Henry Ergas is Senior Economic Adviser to Deloitte, Australia, has written widely in leading journals, led major consultancies on utilities and regulation, and contributed a large number of publications at all levels. Henry is also an Adjunct Professor in Economics at Monash University and was at the OECD in Paris for 15 years, including as Counsellor for Structural Policy in the Economics Department.

The Forum will be followed by **optional participation in a follow-on meeting on strategy, structuring and governance of the Policy Forum in 2012** – discussing the ground rules for this major new and independent vehicle aimed at lifting the quality of economic and social policy debate in Australia.

The Deakin Policy Forum aims to make sense of our current policy predicaments and seeks your engagement in responding to the most unusual political, economic, and international settings in many decades. We seek to fill gaps in the policy debate – creating a new bridge in the market for policy ideas.

The Forum is housed within the Alfred Deakin Research Institute at Deakin University, and seeks to be an active player within the broader policy community. An Advisory Council is being formed with a strong base of economic; labour market, state enterprise and water sector expertise, to which we will be adding energy, finance and technology issues. The Council through its meetings, often electronic, and as an adjunct to policy forums, will also seek and generate topics and contributors.

Regular membership in the DPF will be sought from individuals, corporates, and institutions including NGOs and government agencies. DPF events will be designed for follow-on workshops, as suits the situation, often after the breakfast meetings and with electronic or web-based access.

There will be a process where particular sub-themes can create flow-on research funding, but in a way that will not constrain outcomes.

The forum will have an online discussion space as an extension to or linked with the Deakin and other relevant web sites.

Other indicative issues include:

- Health, aged care and hospital policies – including alternative financing structures;
- Refugees and migration;
- Europe and the Euro – common currency and uncommon economies;
- Water reforms and trading; Australia as a food bowl for Asia;
- China shocks and opportunities;
- US financial policies, the GFCs, the US\$ and derivatives regulation;
- Climate policy and carbon tax Issues;
- Uranium exports – leasing and nuclear power.

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