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2023 Conference on Women's Safety & Financial Security

Schedule and program

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Research School of Finance, Actuarial Studies and Statistics

College of Business and Economics

The Australian National University

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Vice-Chancellor Foreword

On behalf of The Australian National University (ANU), I warmly welcome you to the 2023 Conference on Women's Safety and Financial Security, hosted by the ANU Research School of Finance, Actuarial Studies and Statistics.

Now in its second year, this two-day interdisciplinary conference is an important arena for academics, leaders, policymakers and representatives from the business community in Australia, and around the world, to address the critical issues affecting women's lives and wellbeing.



The conference aims to bring to the fore, the complex and multifaceted challenges that we as a society must address – labour market outcomes, gender equality, financial abuse, coercive control and intimate partner violence. These pressing issues require a deep understanding and also a collective effort to find practical, actionable solutions.

Being situated in Canberra, the conference also presents a unique opportunity to have real influence on the policy debate around women's safety and financial security.

Over the next two days, I encourage you all to engage in robust discussions, challenge prevailing norms and biases, and seek opportunities to work together to make a difference. Although there is still significant work to be done in this space, bringing economists, social workers, lawyers and government representatives together is a pivotal step forward. By collaborating, engaging in discussions and making new connections, you will bring valuable insights to this critical mission. Today's deliberations can have a profound impact on countless women's lives and their livelihoods in the future.

I wish to extend my gratitude to the event founder, ANU Associate Professor Phong Ngo as well as our local and international guest speakers, participants, sponsors, organisers and the support team who have made this conference possible.

Thank you for attending and I look forward to the debates, discussions and new ideas borne from this year's event.

Professor Brian P. Schmidt AC FAA FRS

Vice-Chancellor and President

2011 Nobel Laureate (Physics)

In Memoriam:

Jorge Agüero

It is with great sadness that we share with you that Jorge Agüero, who was scheduled to speak at this year's conference, passed away on May 7, 2023 due to complications from pancreatic cancer. We mourn his loss, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family.



Jorge was Associate Professor of Economics and El Instituto at the University of Connecticut, where he has worked since 2013. He was also affiliated with the Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP) at the university as well as the Group of Development Analysis (GRADE) in Peru.

Known in his fields for his keen eye towards recognising quality research, he served as an editor of the Review of Economics of the Household and the South African Journal of Economics. He was a regular participant in National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) meetings.

A true scholar with a curious mind, Jorge was excited to talk about ideas with anyone, answering interesting questions with data, but his passion was for research that would improve the lives of the disadvantaged in developing countries. He made incredible contributions in the areas of health, education, discrimination, intimate partner violence and gender, focusing on timely topics with policy implications. He was widely published in top-tier economic journals and received grants for his research from the United Nations Population Fund, the World Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank, in addition to numerous internal grants from the University of Connecticut.

Jorge was renowned for his wise and caring mentorship of students and colleagues. Born in Lima, Peru, to a family of modest means, he was particularly passionate about mentoring individuals traditionally underrepresented in the field of economics, such as women and minorities.

He will be greatly missed.

Conference Schedule

Venue

Cultural Centre
University Ave, Kambri,
The Australian National University ([website](#))

November 23, 2023

8:50am-9:30am	Welcome
9:30am-11:00am	Session 1
11:00am-11:30am	Morning tea
11:30am-1:00pm	Session 2
1:00pm-2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm-3:30pm	Session 3
3:30pm-4:00pm	Afternoon tea
4:00pm-4:45pm	Session 4

November 24, 2023

9:00am-10:30am	Session 5
10:30am-11:00am	Morning tea
11:00am-12:30pm	Session 6
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm-3:00pm	Session 7
3:00pm-3:30pm	Afternoon tea and farewell

Conference Program

November 23, 2023

- Opening** Introductions by Steve Sault, Director of RSFAS, ANU
- 8:50am-9:00am** Welcome to Country by Serena Williams, Ngunnawal Elder
- 9:00am-9:20am** Conference opening by Commissioner Micaela Cronin
The Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission
- 9:20am-9:30am** Welcome and housekeeping by Phong Ngo
Conference Chair & Organizer, ANU

Session 1 **Chair:** Jananie William, ANU

- 9:30am-10:15am** **Title:** Gender Norms and Cultural Extinction
Presenter: Eleonora Guarnieri, University of Exeter
- 10:15am-11:00am** **Title:** A Need for a More Expansive Notion of Masculinity
Presenter: Allan Ball, White Ribbon Australia
- 11:00am-11:30am** Morning tea

Session 2 **Chair:** Heather Douglas, University of Melbourne

- 11:30am-12:15pm** **Title:** Responding to Intimate Partner Violence Victimization: Why it is Important that Coercive Control is Understood Within a Social and Systemic Entrapment Framework.
Presenter: Julia Tolmie, University of Auckland
- 12:15pm-1:00pm** **Title:** Using evidence to prevent and respond to financial abuse
Presenter: Jane Lloyd, ANROWS
- 1:00pm-2:00pm** Lunch

Session 3 **Chair:** Anne Summers, University of Technology Sydney

2:00pm-2:45pm **Title:** The Unintended Impacts of an Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Program: Experimental Evidence from Rwanda

Presenter: Claire Cullen, University of Oxford

2:45pm-3:30pm **Title:** Indigenous Women, Violence and the Settler State: Recent Engagements in International Law

Presenter: Hannah McGlade, Curtin University

3:30pm-4:00pm Afternoon tea

Session 4 **Chair:** Kristen Sobeck, ANU

4:00pm-4:45pm **Title:** Violence against women: new insights from the pandemic in Italy and from causal analysis

Presenter: Francesca Bettio, University of Siena

End of Day 1

November 24, 2023

Session 5 **Chair:** Michele Robinson, ANROWS

9:00am-9:45am **Title:** Economic Abuse: What the ‘Small Data’ from a New Service Tells Us About Women’s Financial Safety

Presenter: Rebecca Glenn, Centre for Women’s Economic Safety

9:45am-10:30am **Title:** Preventing Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Through Economic Security: Survivor-Centered Approaches

Presenter: Rachel J. Voth Schrag, University of Texas at Arlington

10:30am-11:00am Morning tea

Session 6

Chair: Anna Von Reibnitz, ANU

11:00am-11:45pm

Title: Designed to Disrupt: Preventing the Weaponisation of Essential Products and Services

Presenter: Catherine Fitzpatrick, Flequity Ventures

11:45pm-12:30pm

Title: CommBank Next Chapter as a Response to Financial Abuse

Presenter: Gunjan Pagare, Commonwealth Bank of Australia

12:30pm-1:30pm

Lunch

Session 7

Chair: Dana Hanna, ANU

1:30pm-2:15pm

Title: Old-Age Income and Intimate-Partner Violence

Presenter: Giulia La Mattina, University of South Florida

2:15pm-3:00pm

Title: Men, Money, and Relationships: Male Perspectives on Economic and Financial Abuse

Presenter: Ayesha Scott, Auckland University of Technology

3:00pm-3:30pm

Afternoon tea and farewell

Speaker & Conference Chair Bios

Speakers (in order of appearance)

Eleonora Guarnieri

Lecturer in Economics, University of Exeter ([bio](#))

Allan Ball

Director, White Ribbon Australia ([bio](#))

Julia Tolmie

Professor of Law, University of Auckland ([bio](#))

Jane Lloyd

CEO (Acting), ANROWS ([bio](#))

Claire Cullen

Head of Research at Youth Impact NGO and Research Fellow, University of Oxford ([bio](#))

Hannah McGlade

Associate Professor of Law, Curtin University ([bio](#))

Francesca Bettio

Professor of Economics, University of Siena ([bio](#))

Rebecca Glenn

Founder and CEO of the Centre for Women's Economic Safety ([bio](#))

Rachel J. Voth Schrag

Associate Professor of Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington ([bio](#))

Catherine Fitzpatrick

Adj. Assoc. Prof. UNSW School of Social Sciences

Founder & Director, Flequity Ventures

Member, National Plan Advisory Group

Chair, ANU Student Safety and Wellbeing Committee ([Bio](#))

Gunjan Pagare

Executive Manager Community Investment, Marketing and Corporate Affairs,
Commonwealth Bank of Australia ([bio](#))

Giulia La Mattina

Associate Professor of Economics, University of South Florida ([bio](#))

Ayesha Scott

Senior Lecturer in Finance and Deputy Director of the [Auckland Centre for Financial Research](#), Auckland University of Technology ([bio](#))

Conference Chair and Organiser

Phong Ngo

Associate Professor in Finance & Deputy Director of Research RSFAS, Australian National University ([bio](#))

Session Chairs (in order of appearance)

Jananie William

Senior Lecturer in Actuarial Studies, Australian National University ([bio](#))

Heather Douglas

Professor of Law, University of Melbourne ([bio](#))

Anne Summers

Professor of Domestic and Family Violence at UTS Business School, University of Technology Sydney ([bio](#))

Kristen Sobeck

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