

Economics Network E-Newsletter

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Economics Network Spring Workshops for Lecturers

The Economics Network has the following events planned. If you wish to attend any of these events, please RSVP to Ashley Lait (ashley.lait@bristol.ac.uk).

Technology in Teaching Workshop at Coventry University – 31 May 2012, 2pm

The workshop will involve a demonstration session focused such as Echo360 (lecture capture), Wikis, Audience Response Systems (clickers) and podcasts.

Workshops on Assessment and Feedback and Project-based Learning at Kingston University – 25 May 2012, 11.15am and 1.30pm

The assessment and feedback workshop will focus on assessment for learning, and examine principles of effective assessment and feedback to improve student academic performance and engagement.

The project-based learning workshop will involve an examination of ways in which this more student-centred approach to learning can be used in Economics.

Creative Uses of Seminars Workshop at the University of Birmingham – 17 May 2012, 2pm

The workshop will introduce innovative and interactive teaching methods for seminars, including practical ideas such as group activities, presentations, debates and games.

Games and Experiments in Teaching Workshop at the University of Nottingham – 14 May 2012, 2pm

The workshop will introduce participants to games and experiments that can be introduced into teaching to engage students and help them remember and contextualise what they have learnt.

Technology in Teaching Workshop at the London School of Economics – 11 May 2012, 1.30pm

The workshop will involve a demonstration session focused such as Echo360 (lecture capture), Wikis, Audience Response Systems (clickers) and podcasts.

More information on these events can be found at: <http://www.economicsnetwork.ac.uk/news>.

Economics Network and CPD Foundation Launch Event

The Economics Network is running a series of lectures on current 'hot topics' in economics in collaboration with the CPD (Continuing Professional Development) Foundation. The first of these, entitled **House Prices: Answers the house buyer would like to have**, will take place on **Wednesday 30 May at 6.15pm in the Cruciform Building at University College London**.

The lectures are aimed at people in employment who are not economists but would benefit from briefings on topics relevant to them or their employment.

If you, or a colleague or student, are interested in attending this event, details and a link to register interest can be found at: <https://www.cpdfoundation.com/events/30-may-12-house-prices-answers-the-house-buyer-would-like-to-have>

Economics Network Employers' Survey

The Economics Network is undertaking its third Employers' survey with the aim of improving understanding of the skills economics graduates need in the workplace.

This survey is part of an ongoing research project into the effectiveness of learning and teaching in Economics HE. It is partially funded by the Higher Education Academy. The results of the survey will be available on our site <http://www.economicnetwork.ac.uk/projects/surveys.htm>.

If you know or work with employers of economics graduates we would greatly appreciate if you could ask them to complete the survey, which can be found at: <http://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/ltsn/employers>.



Student competition

Please encourage your students to enter Economics Network's student competition which is now open! This year we want students to answer the following question:

"How would you use economics to solve one of these issues: poverty; climate change; or structural unemployment?" Entries can be submitted in a variety of formats (e.g. essay, poem, song or video).

Both undergraduate and postgraduate students, studying any subject can apply and just need submit their entry by email to Eoghan Beamish (eoghan.beamish.09@bristol.ac.uk) by 30 April 2012. Please see our student website for more details: <http://studyingeconomics.ac.uk/student-challenge-2012/>.

HEA Social Sciences Conference

The Higher Education Academy is looking for economists to submit papers for their Social Sciences Conference, which will be held in Liverpool on 28 and 29 May. The key themes for the conference are:

- Problem-based learning
- Simulations and games
- Technology-enhanced learning
- Inquiry-based learning
- Active learning
- Experiential learning
- Pre-placement and placement learning
- Work-based learning

For more information, please see:

http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/events/detail/2012/SocSci_Cluster_Conf_28May2012.

Book Educator e-textbook

Book Educator is looking for an author who is interested in writing an electronic textbook on one of the following titles:

- An introduction to Macroeconomics
- An introduction to Microeconomics
- Global economic institutions

Instructors who adopt the textbook will be able to either allow students to access the book for free or require students to buy a \$20 upgrade service that allows for automatic marking, highlighting features and a number of other enhancements. Authors will receive a 25% royalty rate from the upgrade service and additional royalties from content specific advertisements.

To view an example textbook, please see the online 'Introduction to International Organizational Behaviour' at www.IntroToOB.com. For more information, please contact Rick Champlin (rick@bookeducator.com).

For information on Economics Network events, please visit: <http://www.economicsnetwork.ac.uk/news>

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