

UNSW Business School

Past Honours students and theses

Note – the topics and students below are just an example of previous study. For more information, please contact the relevant [Honours Program Coordinator](#).

Accounting, Audit and Taxation

Management Accounting thesis projects

Examining Board Processes and Mechanisms: A Management Control Perspective

The evolution of trust and control in non-performing outsourcing relationships

The effect of supplier choice and information sharing behaviour on trust, controls and collaboration in the start-up phase of buyer-supplier relationships”

The Effect of Mood and Incentives on Negotiators’ Judgements about Negotiated Transfer Prices

Financial accounting thesis projects

The Importance of Human Capital Disclosures: Evidence from the English Premier League

Earnings Decomposition and Market Efficiency

CEO Departures and Market Uncertainty

The Price of Ambiguity and Information Asymmetry

On the Timeliness of Earnings: An Empirical and Theoretical Investigation

The Pricing of Earnings and its Components

Auditing Thesis Projects

Audit Quality in Initial Audit Engagements

Audit Seasonality and Audit Services

The Stickiness of Non-Audit Service Fees

Mandatory audit firm rotation and audit quality

Economics

Nalini Agarwal

Supervisor: *Kevin Fox*

Thesis Title: Dissecting Labour Shares using BLADE: An Empirical Investigation into the trend of drivers and Australian labour shares

Elif B Bahar

Supervisor: *Federico Masera*

Thesis Title: The Decaying American Dream: Violent Crime, Neighbourhoods and Intergenerational Mobility in the United States

Rhea Banerjee

Supervisor: *Gonzalo Castex, Pei-Cheng Yu*

Thesis Title: The Pursuit of Entrepreneurship: Can Universal Basic Income Play a Role? A Dynamic Model of Occupational Choice

Andrew Barich

Supervisor: *Denzil Fiebig, Hasin Yousaf*

Thesis Title: Bulk Billing and GP Satisfaction: A Study Using the MABEL Survey

Natasha Bradshaw

Supervisor: *Evgenia Dechter, Tess Stafford*

Thesis Title: Paid Parental Leave and the Division of Household Labour Time Use, Wages and Attitudes of Australian Couples

Jack Buckley

Supervisor: *Gabriele Gratton, Pauline Grosjean*

Thesis Title: Why Values Matter: The Persistence and Resurgence of the Far-Right in France

Max Formato

Supervisor: *Glenn Otto*

Thesis Title: Australian Macro-Financial Connectedness: A study of Dynamics and Determinants

Anny Francis

Supervisor: *David Gunawan, Robert Kohn*

Thesis Title: A Variational Bayes Approach to Copula Estimation

Nicholas Fransen

Supervisor: *Sarah Walker, Michele de Nadai*

Thesis Title: "We Didn't Start the Fire": The Impact of a Kenyan Logging Ban on Deforestation

Mitchell Kazmierczak

Supervisor: *Isabelle Dobrescu, Alberto Motta*

Thesis Title: Badges: A Randomised Controlled Trial

Carol Kong

Supervisor: *Arpita Chatterjee, Nalini Prasad*

Thesis Title: The Effects of Monetary Policy on the Australian Housing Market: A New Approach

Kate Mulready

Supervisor: *Sarah Walker, Scott French*

Thesis Title: Does Voluntourism Improve Educational Outcomes? Evidence from Indonesia

Jonathan Nathan

Supervisor: *Denzil Fiebig, Richard Holden*

Thesis Title: A Super Sleight of Hand: Attribute Non-Attendance in Superannuation

Patrick Parrish

Supervisor: *Seojeon Lee, Fanghua Li*

Thesis Title: Let's Talk About Sex, Baby: Investigating Sex Specific Difference in the Impact of Unemployment on Fertility

Harvey Thompson

Supervisor: *Juan Carlos Carbajal, Keiichi Kawai*

Thesis Title: Pay to Win: Micro-Transactions in Video-Games

Robert Tiong

Supervisor: *Kevin Fox, Shengyu Li*



Thesis Title: Treating Competition Right: Decomposing Treatment and Selection in the Competition-Productivity Relationship

Gary Wang

Supervisor: *Gonzalo Castex, Pei-Cheng Yu*

Thesis Title: Empty Nest: Optimal Dynamic Taxation with College Savings

Brendan Wilson

Supervisor: *Keiichi Kawai, Richard Holden*

Thesis Title: How Much is My Home Worth? The Value of Online Market Value and Estimates

Aaron Wong

Supervisor: *Glenn Otto*

Thesis Title: Stuck in Traffic (Data): Analysing the Spatial Structure of Sydney with Travel Time Data

Jim Xu

Supervisor: *Hongyi Li, Shengyu Li*

Thesis Title: Zoned Out of the Market: How Zoning Restrictions Increase House Prices in Sydney

Nicholas Bolevich

Supervisor: *Denzil Fiebig*

Thesis Title: Social Capital and Mental Health; An Empirical Study of the Buffering Effect

Stephen Burgess

Supervisor: *Evgenia Dechter*

Thesis Title: Best Interest at Heart? Modelling Determinants and Estimating Consequences of Early School Enrolment

Nicola Cole

Supervisor: *Andreas Ortmann, Pei-Cheng Yu*

Thesis Title: Have Australia Free Trade Agreements Increased the New Goods Margin?

George Prassas

Supervisor: *Gigi Foster, Richard Holden, Pauline Grosjean*

Thesis Title: Unexpected Bias in Cricket Umpire Decision Making

Jack Skelley

Supervisor: *Sarah Walker, Scott French*

Thesis Title: This Little Village Went to Market: Roads, Trade Frictions, and Market Access in India

Adam Solomon

Supervisor: *Richard Holden*

Thesis Title: Strategy and Fundraising in Sequential Majoritarian Elections

Tristan Truvert

Supervisor: *Christopher Gibbs*

Thesis Title: Low Interest Rates and Financial Crisis; An Historical Analysis from 1870 to 2013

Sarah Davies

Supervisor: *Gutam Bose, Sarah Walker*

Thesis Title: Social Norms and Female Labour Force Participation in India

Binal Dodhia

Supervisor: *Gabriele Gratton, Alberto Motta, Sarah Walker*

Thesis Title: Understanding Ex-Ante and Ex-Post Corruption: Evidence from Kenyan Public Transport Sector

Simon Graham

Supervisor: *Gigi Foster, Tess Stafford*

Thesis Title: Disambiguating Ambiguity: An Experimental Analysis of Attitudes to the Unknown



Isabel Hartstein

Supervisor: *James Morley, Glenn Otto*

Thesis Title: Credit Ration and the Real Economy: A Time Series Analysis Using US Data

Barath Kirubakaran

Supervisor: *Christopher Gibbs, Nalini Prasad*

Thesis Title: Understanding the Cash Flow Channel, Heterogenous Effects Across Australian Households

Beatrix Leung

Supervisor: *Denzil Fiebig, Hongyi Li*

Thesis Title: Complexities of the Firm Innovation System: Assessing Complementarities within Organisational Innovation

Helena Luo

Supervisor: *Andreas Ortmann, Evgenia Dechter*

Thesis Title: The Effect of Personality Traits on Productivity

William Weatherburn

Supervisor: *Glenn Otto, Pei-Cheng Yu*

Thesis Title: An Empirical Analysis of Disaggregated Australian Service Exports

Kelvin Guo

Supervisor: *Glenn Otto*

Thesis Title: The Role of House Prices in the Monetary Transmission Mechanism within Australia

Damoon Sadeghian

Supervisor: *Pauline Grosjean, Sarah Walker*

Thesis Title: The 19th Century 'Squattocracy' and Contemporary Inequality

Tuong Bao Tran Nguyen

Supervisor: *Evgenia Dechter*

Thesis Title: The Impact of Child Care Policies on Maternal Labour Force Participation and Hours of Work in Australia

Tsz Ho Dawin Heung (Jeff)

Supervisor: *Valentyn Panchenko, Robert Kohn*

Thesis Title: Improving the Australian Macro-Economic Forecasts

Calvin Yue He

Supervisor: *Richard Holden, Mariano Kulish, James Morley*

Thesis Title: Sovereign Default Risk and the Fiscal Spending Multiplier

Aidan Wood

Supervisor: *Sang-Wook (Stanley) Cho*

Thesis Title: The Environmental Impact of Trade Liberalisation in Developing Countries: A General Equilibrium Approach

Kai Zen

Supervisor: *Gigi Foster*

Thesis Title: The Impact of Selective High Schools on Student Achievement

Rohan Garga

Supervisor: *Gautam Bose, Peter Kriesler*

Thesis Title: Trust & Institutional Confidence in the Aftermath of Disaster

Cecelia Chang

Supervisor: *Anton Kolotilin, Hodaka Morita*

Thesis Title: Punishing Corporate Crime: An Economic Analysis

Justin Tang



Supervisor: *Juan Carlos Carbajal, Hongyi Li*
Thesis Title: Toll Booths on the Internet – Adblocking and Online Media

Sebastien Printant

Supervisor: *Christopher Gibbs, Nalini Prasad*
Thesis Title: The Sensitivity of Australian Yields and the AUD/USD Exchange Rate to Macroeconomic News Surprises

Aaryn Lally

Supervisor: *Glenn Otto, Kevin Fox*
Thesis Title: Hedonic Pricing and the User Cost of Housing in the Netherlands

Vanty Tang

Supervisor: *Arpita Chatterjee*
Thesis Title: Effects of Chinese Import Competition on Local Labour Markets in Australia

Timothy Tze-Hymn Lo

Supervisor: *Valentyn Panchenko*
Thesis Title: Asset Pricing Model with Adaptive Learning and Heterogeneity

Nathan Walsh

Supervisor: *Tess Stafford*
Thesis Title: Residential Electricity Usage: How do Households Respond to Dynamic Peak Pricing Events?

Finance

The effect of the ban on short selling on market efficiency and volatility

Cross-listed stocks: Which market processes firm-specific news?

Corporate social responsibility, market competition and firm productivity

The role of corporate governance in the reduction of risk: Evidence from the global financial crisis

Importance of financial and macroeconomic variables in predicting exchange rates

How do key Australian equity indices respond to overnight movements in the S&P 500 index?

Could investing in ETFs lead to a market bubble?

Reverse mortgage as an instrument for Australian families' optimal use of housing wealth

Learning with High-Cardinality Categorical Features in Actuarial Applications

Evaluating the Australian Government's Pension Loans Scheme

Mitigating Information Quality Tensions in Digital Citizen Science Platforms: An Action Design Research Approach

Information Systems and Technology Management

Tye, M

Supervisor: *Leong, C and Khoo, Y H*
Thesis Title: Digital Grassroots in activism: Social Media in Malaysia's Bersih Movement for Electoral Reform

Lai, L. S.

Supervisor: *Choi, B. C.*
Thesis Title: No Privacy Surprises in Mobile Apps: Managing Privacy Expectation through Annotated Security Information in App Stores

Wang, B.



Supervisor: *Lim, E T K and Van Toorn, C*

Thesis title: Designing Digital Entrepreneurial Crowdfunding Platforms for Persuasion and its social implications

Gu, H

Supervisor: *D'Ambra, J and Stephens, K*

Thesis title: *Organisation Culture and Business Process Management Success*

Hua, W

Supervisor: *Leong, C and Jie, Y*

Thesis title: Exploring User-Created Digital Content Ecosystem: A Study of China's Digital Celebrity Industry

Luu, V

Supervisor: *Land, L and Chin, W. W.*

Thesis title: Safeguarding Against Romance Scams- Using Protection Motivation Theory

Harun, R

Supervisor: *Choi, B. C. and Yu, J*

Thesis title: Searching for Angels: Identifying Effective Characteristics of Successful Crowdfunding Campaigns

Carbonie, A

Supervisor: *Guo, Z and Cahalane, M*

Thesis title: Positive Personal Development through eSports

Kim, H

Supervisor: *Tan, F; Leong, C; Kim, D. D.; Ondrus, J and Tan, B*

Thesis title: Value co-creation in Digital Content Ecosystems: A Study of Hallyu

Peng, J. J.

Supervisor: *Guo, Z and Cahalane, M*

Thesis title: Online Game User Experience

Sargeant, C

Supervisor: *Thorogood, A; Jourkhadar, G and Cecez-Kecmanovic, D*

Thesis title: Digital Capabilities: Getting Ahead of the Curve

Islam, S

Supervisor: *Cahalane, M and Finnegan P*

Thesis title: Making Physical Activity a Habit: Using Gamified Physical Activity Trackers to Sustain Behaviour

McEwan, M

Supervisor: *Shi, Y and Van Toorn, C*

Thesis title: Business Analytics (BA)-powered transformation for environmental and social sustainability in organisations: A dynamic capabilities perspective

Butalan, C

Supervisor: *Tan, F and Chan, C*

Thesis title: 'Bridging the Sustainability Leadership Chasm: A Case Study of the Sustainability Advantage Program of the NSW Government, Australia,

Munns, B. J.

Supervisor: *Van Toorn, C., Finnegan, P., Kalgovas, B. J., & Benlian, A.*

Thesis title: Sustaining Digital Transformation: The imperative to innovate continuously in the Australian financial services sector

Kwong, C

Supervisor: *Thorogood, A and Van Toorn, C*

Thesis title: Banks responding to FinTechs in the Digital Era



Hwang, D

Supervisor: *Thorogood, A and Van Toorn, C*

Thesis title: The FinTech Perspective on Banks: Collaboration, Challenges and Recommendations

Marketing

Examining Online Brand Community Engagement: A Functional Approach

Exploring Complementarity Incongruence: The Influence of Context and Artificial Intelligence-based Product Recommendations on Willingness to Pay

Risk and Actuarial Studies

Katie Sun

Bachelor of Actuarial Studies (Honours)

Thesis Title: Evaluating the Australian Governments Pensions Loans Scheme (University Medal)

Melantha Wang

Bachelor of Actuarial Studies (Honours)

Thesis Title: Learning with High-Cardinality Categorical Features in Actuarial Applications

Scott Shao

Bachelor of Actuarial Studies (Honours)

Thesis Title: Reverse Mortgage as an Instrument for Australian Families' Optimal Use of Housing Wealth

