

**Queensland Economics Winter School in Public Policy Evaluation**  
7 June – 9 June 2017

**Preliminary Agenda**

**Wednesday 7 June**

2:00 pm	Check-in at <a href="#">O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat</a>
2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Arrival Coffee
3:00 pm to 4:00pm	<b>Opening and Introduction of the Topic – Policy Evaluation in Economics</b> - Uwe Dulleck
4:00pm to 6:00pm	<b>Minimum wages</b> - Steve Machin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of minimum wage systems;</li> <li>• Quasi experiments;</li> <li>• Evaluating the employment effects of minimum wages;</li> <li>• Evaluating other modes of firm adjustment to minimum wages;</li> <li>• Minimum wages and wage inequality.</li> </ul>
6:30 pm	Dinner

**Thursday 8 June**

7:00 am to 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am to 10:00 am	<b>Education quality</b> - Steve Machin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education production functions;</li> <li>• Class size studies;</li> <li>• Evaluating school reforms.</li> </ul>
10:00 am to 10:30 am	Morning Tea
8:30 am to 12:00 pm	<b>Labour Market Discrimination</b> - Steve Machin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic notions of discrimination;</li> <li>• Decomposition methods and changes over time in gender wage differentials;</li> <li>• Direct evidence on discrimination.</li> </ul>
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm to 2.30 pm	<b>Guided walk</b>
2.30 pm to 3:00 pm	Afternoon Tea
3:00 pm to 5:30 pm	<b>Presentations by Participants</b>
6:00 pm	Dinner

**Friday 9 June**

7:00 am to 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am to 8:30 am	<b>Check out from O'Reilly's</b>
8:30 am to 10:00 am	<b>Confidential Data: an example from Queensland Education &amp; Crime:</b> - Tony Beaton <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Availability &amp; access;</li><li>• Ethics;</li><li>• Data merging &amp; preparation for analysis.</li></ul>
10:00 am to 10:30 am	Morning Tea
10:30 am to 12:00 pm	<b>Crime</b> - Steve Machin <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crime and economic incentives;</li><li>• Returns to crime;</li><li>• Crime and police.</li></ul>
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm	<b>Contemporary Policy Issue Discussion: weekend, holiday penalty rates policy</b> - moderated by Steve Machin, Uwe Dulleck & Julian Pearce
2:30-3:00pm	<b>Conclusion</b>
3:00 pm	<b>Depart</b>