

CALL FOR PAPERS

2021 A-LIFE Conference/Inaugural Australian Workshop on Public Finance

The inaugural A-LIFE Conference/Empirical Public Economics Workshop is hosted by the Tax and Transfer Policy Institute, Australian National University (ANU), the Australian Treasury and the Australian Tax Office, and will be held on **Thursday 18 and Friday 19 March, 2021** at the Crawford School of Public Policy at the ANU.

This is a call for submission of extended abstracts or full papers. Papers using A-LIFE, from any discipline, are welcome as are empirical papers using other data sets in any area of public economics, public finance, or tax policy. The **submission deadline is 29 January 2021**. Please send submissions to diane.paul@anu.edu.au. The selection of papers and discussants will be finalised by 18 February 2021. Domestic travel and accommodation will be covered for paper presenters and discussants. There is no registration fee for the workshop.

Professor Claus Thustrup Kreiner, of the Center for Economic Behaviour and Inequality, Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen will be the keynote speaker. Claus is co-editor of the *Journal of Public Economics* and an expert on the use of large administrative datasets for research and policy insight.

The conference will feature two types of papers: (1) papers about the A-LIFE data (e.g. making best use of the data; the representativeness of the data; tips and tricks for coding variables from A-LIFE into useful variables for analysis, etc.) and (2) empirical research papers in any area of public economics. Each paper will be assigned a discussant. The A-LIFE conference will also provide an opportunity to discuss the state of development of the A-LIFE dataset, and for researchers that are making use of large administrative datasets to share their latest research and insights.

Priority will be given to papers using ALIFE data, and then to papers using Australian data over those using data from other countries. We welcome incomplete papers and work in progress. Please feel free to forward this message to colleagues who may be interested

We look forward to seeing you in Canberra and. While the conference is envisaged as an in-Canberra event, please be assured that depending on the status of COVID-19, alternative arrangements that involve a mix of virtual and in-person attendance will be considered.

Best wishes

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