World Economic Performance: Past, Present and Future
Long Term Performance and Prospects of Australia and Major Asian Economies

Seminar on the Occasion of Angus Maddison’s 80th Birthday
5-6 December, 2006
School of Economics, The University of Queensland

Day 1: 5th December, 2006

8.30 – 9.00  Registration – Room S402, Social Sciences Building

9.00 – 9.15  Welcome: D.S. Prasada Rao, The University of Queensland
Opening Remarks: David Siddle, Deputy-Vice Chancellor (Research), UQ

Session 1 – Chair: D.S. Prasada Rao, The University of Queensland

9.15 – 10.30: Justin Yifu Lin, China Center for Economic Research, Peking University
Needham Puzzle, Weber Question and China’s Miracle: Long Term Performance since the Sung Dynasty
Discussant: Leong Liew, Griffith University

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.15 Ross Garnaut (to be presented by Ligang Song), Australian National University
Driving forces in Chinese growth since 1978 and the outlook to 2030
Discussant: Harry Wu, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

12.15 – 14.00 Lunch Break

Session 2 - Chair: Erwin Diewert, University of British Columbia

14.00 – 15.15 Harry Wu, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Angus Maddison, University of Groningen
China’s Economic Performance: How Fast has GDP Grown; How Big is it Compared with the USA?
Discussant: Yue Ximing, People’s University of China, Beijing.

15.15 – 15.45 Coffee Break

15.45 – 17.00 Deepak Lal, University of California at Los Angeles
Driving forces behind the acceleration of Indian growth and the outlook to 2030
Discussant: D.S. Prasada Rao, The University of Queensland
Day 2: 6th December, 2006

**Session 3 - Chair: Bill Shepherd, Griffith University**

9.15 – 10.30 Osamu Saito, Hitotsubashi University
*Japan’s alternating phases of growth and outlook for the future*
Discussants: Erwin Diewert, University of British Columbia

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.15 Pierre van der Eng, Australian National University
*Accounting for Indonesia’s economic growth: Recent past and near future*
Discussant: Hal Hill, Australian National University

12.15 – 13.45 Lunch

**Session 4 - Chair: Ian Castles, Australian National University**

13.45 – 14.45 Graeme Snooks, Australian National University
*Dynamics Downunder: Australian Economic Strategy and Performance from the Palaeolithic to the Twenty-first Century*
Discussant: Angus Maddison, University of Groningen

14.45 – 15.45 Bob Gregory, Australian National University
*What ever happened to the Australian labour market over the last fifty years? How did it become so polarized?*
Discussant: Max Corden, University of Melbourne

15.45 – 16.15 Coffee Break

16.15 – 17.00 **Round Table Discussion:** Performance and Prospects of Australia and Major Asian Economies

**Discussion Leader: Max Corden, University of Melbourne**

18.30 for 19.00 **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DINNER**
Restaurant: Augustine’s on George
(By invitation only)

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