

# SES Breakfast

An Australian Public Service Commission Programme

SES

## The benefits of randomised policy trials

These events provide participants with a forum to hear and interact with leading speakers on contemporary issues, which are relevant to their work.

### Programme overview

Randomised trials are an established evaluation tool elsewhere, yet remain rare in Australian policymaking. Andrew will argue that they should be at the heart of any serious commitment to 'evidence-based policymaking'.

Randomised trials are an unparalleled tool for estimating the causal effects of new policies, and the practical and ethical challenges surrounding them are eminently manageable.

### About the speaker

Andrew Leigh is a professor in the Economics Program of the Research School of Social Sciences at the Australian National University. His current research is in the fields of labour economics, public economics and the economics of elections.

Andrew holds a PhD from Harvard University, and has previously worked as a lawyer, a political adviser, and a think-tank researcher. He has published two books and over fifty journal articles and book chapters.

### Areas of Interest

Professor Leigh is also a regular columnist for the *Australian Financial Review*, and writes a semi-daily weblog (<http://andrewleigh.com>).

### Event details

**Date**

20 July 2009

**Duration**

1 hour 30 minutes

**Time**

Registration 7.10 am  
Prompt start 7.20 am  
Finish 8.45 am

**Venue**

The Boat House by the Lake  
Grevillea Park, Menindee Drive  
Barton ACT

**Fees**

\$115 (GST inclusive)

**Presenter**

Professor Andrew Leigh  
Australian National University

**Registration**

[www.apscregistration.gov.au](http://www.apscregistration.gov.au) or fax the completed registration form on the back of this flyer to 02 6202 3799

**Terms and conditions**

Cancellation terms and conditions are detailed on the registration form on the back of this flyer.

**More information**

Visit our website at [www.apsc.gov.au/seslearn](http://www.apsc.gov.au/seslearn) or please contact the programme manager on 6202 3765



Australian Government  
Australian Public Service Commission



**ONLINE register at [www.apscregistration.gov.au](http://www.apscregistration.gov.au) or FAX completed form to 02 6202 3799**

Programme name \_\_\_\_\_

Programme date \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Mr  Ms  Mrs  Miss other \_\_\_\_\_

Classification  SES Band 1  SES Band 2  SES Band 3

Title/position \_\_\_\_\_ Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Branch/team \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Agency ABN \_\_\_\_\_

Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

(This information will assist the Commission to improve learning and development outcomes for Indigenous employees).

**Special needs**

Please note any special dietary or other requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information about the subscription series

**Authorised person to complete and sign**

I understand the terms and conditions below. Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment**

Invoice Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (GST inclusive)

**Credit card payment**

Visa  Mastercard  American Express Card holder's name \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_ Card holder's phone \_\_\_\_\_

Card holder's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (GST inclusive)

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Fees and charges:** Please refer to the accompanying programme materials. The total amount payable includes GST for the supply. This completed document will be a tax invoice for GST when you make payment by credit card ONLY. Otherwise upon registration a tax invoice will be sent to you for payment. A course confirmation will be emailed to you once your place has been secured. Fees may be subject to change without notice.

**Substitutes and refunds:** If you are unable to attend your programme we would welcome a substitute at the appropriate level. Refunds (only available for development programmes) can be made if your written cancellation is received at least 30 calendar days prior to the start of the programme.

**Identifying information:** Your information is collected for the purpose of the Public Service Commissioner's functions under the *Public Service Act 1999*, which include coordinating and supporting APS-wide training and career development opportunities and fostering leadership and reporting on the State of the Service. It will be used for course administration, statistical analysis and evaluation of programmes. Some details may be disclosed to your home agency for administrative and statistical/monitoring purposes. Your information may be used to distribute information about other Commission-run or sponsored opportunities and to check our other databases. Occasionally mailing lists are made available to bodies with related functions. If you do not wish to have your information used for marketing purposes email [apscmailing@apsc.gov.au](mailto:apscmailing@apsc.gov.au). For more details see our privacy statement at <http://www.apsc.gov.au>.

**Other conditions:** Whilst the Commission aims to deliver programmes at the locations and on the dates specified in this publication, changes may occur. The Commission will endeavour to provide reasonable notice to participants of these changes.