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'Higher Education and the 2009 Federal Budget'
Professor Simon Marginson and Mr Andrew Norton

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All welcome

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Professor Simon Marginson is a Professor of Higher Education in the Centre for the Study of Higher Education where he has worked since July 2006. A Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences Australia, the holder of continuous ARC Large Grant/ Discovery project grant funding since 1995 and designated an Australian Professorial Fellow in 2002, his current work is focused on higher education policy and international education in the context of globalization.



Andrew Norton is an Australian author and researcher. He is a Research Fellow at The Centre for Independent Studies and Policy and Government Relations Adviser at the University of Melbourne. He is former director of the CIS's Liberalising Learning research programme and editor of its journal Policy. Previously, Norton was the Higher Education Adviser to Dr David Kemp, Federal Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs. He was a fortnightly columnist for The Courier-Mail and a monthly columnist for The Education Age.

What will the 12 May federal budget bring for higher education and research in Australia, and what will be the effects at the University of Melbourne? This year's federal budget is more than usually important for the knowledge economy in Australia because the federal government will announce its long awaited decisions in relation to the recommendations of the 2008 reviews of higher education (the Bradley report) and the national innovation system (the Cutler review).

It is now almost universally agreed that Australian higher education is under funded. The reviews recommended the introduction of full cost research funding, bringing Australian funding levels up to those of the UK and Canada, near full indexation of the funding of government subsidized student places, a 10 per cent increase in teaching -related funding, increased funding for student support, a partial deregulation of government funding arrangements

to allow student volume (but not tuition price) to expand freely, and other measures. But the budget is also grappling with a synchronized global recession which has sharply reduced projected government revenues, while creating unplanned new spending requirements. The topic will be introduced by Andrew Norton and Simon Marginson.