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Qualifications

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Biography

Inga grew up in Norway, and came to Australia initially as an international student. She holds a Bachelor of Business (with Honours) and a Master of Business (Finance). Her honours and masters theses concern the relationship between corporate social responsibility and financial asset characteristics. She began working for the Economics department at UWA in 2005, assisting with teaching across various undergraduate units. She has since specialised in the teaching of large first-year units, and in particular microeconomics and quantitative methods. Inga is very passionate and enthusiastic about her teaching, which is consistently well-received by students, and has received numerous nominations for teaching awards. Her interest in economics is driven by a desire for understanding how people behave – particularly when faced with economic choices, and has recently completed a PhD on the economic analysis of happiness and satisfaction. She has five journal publications to date, two of which are from her PhD thesis (both in ERA/ABDC A-ranked journals). She is currently working on publishing further from her thesis work, as well as other collaborative projects. Her wider research interests include various aspects of labour economics, health economics, welfare economics and the economics of education. Inga currently sits on the Business School Ethics Committee. She is a member of the Economics Society of Australia (currently a council member of the WA branch), as well as the Young Economists Network. She has acted as a referee for several high-ranking journals, both Australian and International.

Key research

- ❖ Early interests: Corporate Social Responsibility Corporate Social and Financial Performance
- ❖ Currently: Welfare, wellbeing, happiness and satisfaction

Publications

Journal Publications:

Kristoffersen, I. (2015). An Empirical Evaluation of the Ordinal and Cardinal Comparability of Life Satisfaction Scores. *Social Indicators Research* (ABDC: A) Forthcoming (Published online 15 December 2015)

Kristoffersen, I. (2010). The Metrics of Subjective Wellbeing: Cardinality, Neutrality and Additivity. *The Economic Record*. 86 (272), 98-123 (ABDC: A) (Chapter 2 of PhD thesis)

Kristoffersen, I., Gerrans, P. & Clark-Murphy, M (2008). Corporate Social Performance and Financial Performance. *Accounting, Accountability and Performance*. 14(2) 45-88 (ABDC: C)

Gerrans, P., Kristoffersen, I., & Clark-Murphy, M. (2004). The Behaviour of Socially Responsible Investments as Financial Assets. *Australian Accounting Review*, 34 (3), 10-20. (ABDC: B)

Clark-Murphy, M., Kristoffersen, I., & Gerrans, P. (2002). What makes superannuation decisions difficult? *International Journal of Business Studies*, 10(1), 73-94. (ABDC: C)

Working Papers:

Kristoffersen, I. (2011). The subjective wellbeing scale: how reasonable is the cardinality assumption? Number 11.15 of the Discussion Paper Series, Economics, UWA Business School

Kristoffersen, I. (2015). The Age-Happiness Puzzle: The Role of Economic Circumstances and Financial Satisfaction. To be published in the June issue of the Discussion Paper Series, Economics, UWA Business School

Conference presentations (2010-2014):

Kristoffersen, I. (2011; 2013) The Age-Happiness Puzzle. Presented at the HILDA conference (University of Melbourne, Nov 2013).

Kristoffersen, I. (2013; 2015) The Education-Happiness Puzzle. Drafts presented at the Economics Society of Australia Conference (Murdoch University, July 2013); at the HILDA conference (University of Melbourne, Nov 2013); and for UWABS Economics Discipline Work-in-Progress series (May 2015)

Theses:

Are SRI funds different from non-SRI funds, from a financial asset perspective? Evidence from some Australian SRI funds. (Honours Thesis, 2002)

The relationship between corporate social performance and financial asset characteristics: Australian evidence. (Masters Thesis, 2005)

Economic analysis of happiness and satisfaction: selected methodological issues and applications. (PhD Thesis, 2015)

Roles, responsibilities and expertise

Inga is currently coordinating and lecturing ECON1101 Microeconomics and ECON1111 Quantitative Methods. She also sits on the Ethics Committee for the Business School. She has acted as a referee for The Economic Record, Economics Letters, The Manchester School, The Australian Journal of Agricultural & Resource Economics, and the Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities

Languages

Fluent in Norwegian (first language) and English (second language); Good understanding of Swedish and Danish

Memberships

The Economics Society of Australia; Young Economists Network; Australian Institute for Quality of Life Studies
Economics Society of Australia

Honours and awards

Excellence in Teaching Award 2008

Previous positions

2005-current: UWA Business School (Economics)

[Includes significant career breaks for parental leave in 2009/10 and 2013/14]

2001-2005: Edith Cowan University (Casual tutor and research assistant)

2001-2005: Godfrey Pembroke Financial Consultants

Teaching

Currently lecturing:

ECON1111 Quantitative Methods for Business and Economics

ECON1101 Microeconomics: Prices and Markets

Previously also been involved in teaching:

ECON2272 Mathematics for Economists

ECON1102 Macroeconomics: Money and Finance

ECON2234 Macroeconomics: Policy and Applications

ECON2236 International Finance

ECON3365 Macroeconomic Theory

Research profile

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