

RESEARCH SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC HISTORY

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Professor and Head of Department	N.G. Butlin
Senior Fellow	Dr A Barnard
Fellow	Mr B.D. Haig
Senior Research Fellow (Visiting Fellow)	Dr Helen Hughes
Research Assistant	Miss K. Suthern

Scholars

During the year Mr P.N. Lamb completed his thesis on N.S.W. Public Finance, 1855-1900, was examined and awarded the Ph.D degree. Mr Dowle continued his thesis on New Zealand Capital Formation and Economic Change, and Miss K. Takahashi transferred from the Department of Economics, School of Pacific Studies, to commence a thesis on manufacturing development in Australia.

Staff Appointments

Mr B.D. Haig transferred from the Bureau of Census and Statistics in September, to take the position of Fellow; Dr Helen Hughes arrived, also in September, as Senior Research Fellow for six months, prior to transferring to the School of Pacific Studies. Dr A. Barnard was promoted to be Senior Fellow.

Staff Research

Dr Barnard continued his work on the history of Goldsbrough Mort & Co., but most of the work on this occasion was in the form of new research projects. Dr Barnard started new research in the estimation of wool prices; Mr Haig began work on Australian social accounts, particularly in the conversion of estimates to constant prices; in this work he was assisted greatly by material and staff of the Bureau of Census and Statistics. Dr Hughes undertook a study of recent Australian economic development. Professor Butlin began work on study of comparative economic development of six developed countries - Australia, U.K., U.S.A., Japan, Sweden and Denmark.

Other Activities

Series of lectures were presented at the School of General Studies by Dr Barnard on American economic development, and by Professor Butlin on comparative economic growth. Seminar series on economic development were held in association with the School of General Studies. Three members of the Department prepared papers for ANZAAS:

- Mr Haig, 'The Distribution by Industry of Gross National Product at Constant Prices'
- Dr Hughes, 'Federation and Industrial Development'
- Dr Lamb, 'Land Policy and Public Finance in New South Wales, 1856-1900'.

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