

NOTICES

Centre for the Study of the History of Economic Thought

A Centre for the Study of the History of Economic Thought has been established within the Department of Economics at the University of Sydney, with Peter Groenewegen, Professor of Economics, as its Foundation Director.

The Centre's purpose is to promote both teaching and research in the History of Economic Thought. Apart from fostering and encouraging the undergraduate teaching of the subject by both the Department of Economics and the Departments of History and Economic History, the Centre hopes to expand postgraduate research in the area, taking advantage of the rich library resources available for this purpose at both the University of Sydney and other Sydney libraries. Postgraduate research to be encouraged would include studies in the History of Australian Economics, as well as the more general history of economic research. In addition, the Centre will take over the series of Reprints in Economics, restarted in the early 1980s by Professor Groenewegen of which four issues have appeared. The first reprint under the Centre's rubric will be the publication of an (unpublished) manuscript paper by Alfred Marshall (written circa 1871) on the History and Method of Economics, as a contribution to celebrating the centenary of Marshall's *Principles*. The Centre in addition intends to commence a reprint series of Australian Economic Classics, financed through commercial sponsorship. The first two titles contemplated for the Australian series will have strong associations with the University of Sydney. One of these will be a reprint of two papers on railway economics by Morris Pell, the Foundation Professor of Mathematics in the University; the other will reprint a number of economic lectures given by Professor Robert Irvine, the Foundation Professor of Economics in the University of Sydney.

In addition the Centre intends to conduct workshops, seminars, special lectures and like ventures, some of which are specifically intended to expand the scope of the Centre's activities from a concern with economic thought towards interest in more general political and social thought as well. A first workshop on the topic, "The Origins of Laissez-Faire in Retrospect and Prospect" is planned for February 1990. The Centre also hopes to publish working papers and encourage the publication of monographs.

The affairs of the Centre will be overseen by a Board consisting of the teachers of the subject at the University as well as outside members drawn from eminent teacher/researchers in the field outside the University of Sydney. The

Inaugural Board includes Associate Professors Barry Gordon (Newcastle) and John Pullen (New England), and Mr Michael White (Monash) in this capacity. The day-to-day running of the Centre is to be assisted by an Executive Committee, Teaching Committee, and Research Committee drawn from members of the Board. The 1989-91 Executive consists of the Director, Peter Groenewegen, Tony Asproumouros and Flora Gill.

The Centre is desirous of extending its membership to all those interested in the history of economics, or more widely, the history of economic, social and political thought. Those wishing to be placed on the mailing list of the Centre's activities should contact the Director, Centre for the Study of the History of Economic Thought, Department of Economics, The University of Sydney.

**Report of the HETSA Business Meeting
Held at the Fifth HETSA Conference
Canberra, July 4, 1989**

1. On a motion from the President, the office of President of HETSA was abolished.
2. Ray Petridis and John Pullen were re-appointed as respectively Secretary/Treasurer of HETSA and Editor of the *HETSA Bulletin*.
3. Mac Boot (Australian National University) and Colin Rogers (University of Adelaide) were added to the Editorial Board of the *HETSA Bulletin*.
4. It was decided to establish a HETSA Prize for the best student essay or thesis by an Australian student in the history of economic thought. Details of the Prize have yet to be finalised.
5. The venue for the sixth HETSA Conference 1991 will be Monash University, with Michael White as convenor.
6. An Income and Expenditure Statement forwarded by the Treasurer for the year 1988-89 indicates that HETSA's current assets are \$1220.