

# THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

## Thematic Groups Report 2008

**Name of group:** Economic Sociology

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**Please provide a brief report of activities conducted between July 2007 and July 2008:**

The three convenors were appointed in December 2007. Since then we developed a website [www.economicsociology.org.au](http://www.economicsociology.org.au), a further online presence as an interest group on Facebook and a bi-annual newsletter 'exchange'. We have attempted with our newsletter and website to appeal to both sociologists within TASA and other professionals and researchers within the social sciences. We anticipate that our explicit explanation that this is a TASA related group would encourage broader membership of TASA. We have also submitted a proposal for a panel session at the 2008 TASA conference (and have been involved with the refereeing of papers for this conference).

We plan to use these vehicles for the following purposes:

- As a means to expand and consolidate the group
- As a platform for networking amongst members
- As a focus for the exchange of information and knowledge on economic sociology
- To promote the work of Australian academics and postgraduates who are researching in areas relevant to economic sociology
- To broaden awareness amongst the wider sociological community about the potentials and possibilities of economic sociology.

**Please identify any activities you expect to conduct in the next 12 months:**

We plan to achieve the following in 2008-2009:

- **Newsletter:**

We will continue with our biannual newsletter, with the second issue scheduled for release in February 2009. We aim to grow this publication by calling for researcher profiles, book and article reviews and encouraging further participation from postgraduates. We hope to balance these contributions from within Australian economic sociology by maintaining the feature section of the newsletter to engage with other disciplines, public intellectuals and international scholars external to the thematic group. This was achieved with our inaugural newsletter's Q&A with Ross Gittins, Economics Editor of the *Sydney Morning Herald*. Our proposed list for future contributors includes sociologist Michael Pusey, and economists such as Barbara Pocock and Steven Keen.

- **Website:**  
We will maintain and develop the website with regular updates on at least a monthly basis. On a quarterly basis, short e-news updates will be sent out informing people of changes to the site and other appropriately substantial matters.
- **Seminar series:**  
Building on our conference panel session, we plan to develop a seminar series. Initially seminars will be held in Melbourne, but we plan to collaborate with colleagues in other states to also develop seminars in other regions.
- **International networks:**  
As the focus for the group over the next year is to expand and consolidate membership and profile, it is timely for us to be engaging with similar organisations around the world. We intend to achieve this through direct communication as well as our new website and our presence on Facebook. We will also provide information and relevant materials (eg. thematic group business card) for group members attending international conferences.

**Please provide the names and email addresses of group members. Convenors must check that these people are financial members of TASA for 2008. (This list can be appended as a separate file if more convenient.)**

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