Dear ECON students,

The Department of Economics is committed to supporting and encouraging our best and brightest economics students at all levels. As part of this support, in consultation with a group of students, last year we set up an Economics Discussion Group (EDG).

At meetings of the Group, enthusiastic students at all levels of study at the University of Waikato get together over lunchtime to discuss issues of the day. The purpose of the Group is to give students an opportunity to discuss economics in the real world, using an inquiry-based or research-focused approach. We envisage that these discussions will lead to better understanding of the role of economics, but also tangible results like Summer Research Scholarship projects, Honours or Masters projects, etc. We see this group as providing a lot of value and complementing your study, especially if you are considering majoring in economics. The sessions will be suitable for students at all levels, from first-year to doctoral study.

The Economics Discussion Group will have its first meeting for 2015 on

**Wednesday 11 March 1-2pm, in MSB.01.**

At this first meeting we will be discussing:

"Should GST be levied on online purchases?"

The session will be chaired by **Rebecca Palmer, a second-year BMS student majoring in Economics and Finance.**

The Department of Economics will provide free pizza and drinks for the meeting. If you would like to attend the session, please RSVP to Michael Cameron (mcam@waikato.ac.nz) for catering purposes.

The EDG also has its own Facebook group: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/1443609135882784/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1443609135882784/). Join the group to continue the discussion, or to suggest future topics for discussion.

Thanks,

Michael Cameron, and the student organisers of EDG