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Who do I call for a comment on....?

Melbourne Business School has a number of expert faculty who can provide independent comment on a range of issues.

Listed below is a selection of news themes featured in the media this month. Each theme is accompanied by an MBS faculty member point-of-view.

All faculty listed are available for immediate comment.

China slowdown effect on the Australian economy and export/import industries

Mark Crosby	Tel: 9349 8184 Mob: 0437 988 120 Email: m.crosby@mbs.edu.au (Overseas from Dec 5 so only contactable by email.)	Mark can speak about what's happening in China with the GDP growth in the next 12 months and how the package of policy proposals from China are likely to affect both China's economy and our economy. There's also the issue of whether Chinese companies will acquire Australian resource companies, which he thinks is likely to be on the cards.
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Commonwealth government stimulus package

Mark Crosby	Tel: 9349 8184 Mob: 0437 988 120 Email: m.crosby@mbs.edu.au (Overseas from Dec 5 so only contactable by email.)	What real effect will the package have? Are public sector budget deficits a problem?
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Government role in supporting child care (ABC Learning Centre in receivership)

Joshua Gans	Please call Leanne to organise an interview. Tel: (03) 9349 8167 Mob: 0409 217 270 E: leanne.mcdonald@mbs.edu	Joshua claims that the existing scheme could be significantly improved. To find out how, give Leanne a call to arrange a time to speak to him.
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Childcare issues affect all parents, but principally it affects women, even when they occupy management positions. Quality childcare is one of the non-negotiable pre-requisites for continued workforce attachment for parents. A small proportion of women managers / professionals leave work for family reasons and another 40% for a combination of family and work reasons.

Global response to financial crisis (and the G20 Summit)

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There is a need for internationally consistent accounting standards. It facilitates cross border investment and the interpretation of accounting statements by the global community. However accounting needs to reflect the legal environment of its host country. The US is currently trying to harmonise its accounting standards with the rest of the world, but Jim says more can be done on to enforce standards across different countries.

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Proper balance between market innovations/competition and government regulations will increase investors' confidence and reduce future bailout costs.

Rise in protectionism

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Paul can discuss the rise in protectionism both in Victoria, Australia and in the US under Obama. He can also debate whether there are other ways to solve the problem?

Bonuses for financial firm executives/ executive compensation

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Why are bonuses being paid when firms have not performed? According to Ian, there are two competing perspectives. One reason organisations pay bonuses is to attract and keep talent. That is pitted against the issue of motivation. Paying these bonuses actually acts as a demotivator for change in behaviour that

leads to improvements in firm performance. How do you balance these two tensions? On one hand executives know if they don't pay they are probably going to lose top talent. On the other hand if they do pay, they risk creating an environment that probably doesn't incentivise top talent to make the necessary changes in behaviour.

The Obama administration and what it will mean to Australia

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Sven can speak about the consequences of Obama's election for the current financial crisis. He says a bailout of the automakers provides a unique chance to change the direction of Detroit's ailing industry.

The Emissions Trading Scheme introduction. Will it damage the economy?

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