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

For independent comment on any of the following “hot issues” please feel free to call our faculty.

Where possible I have listed their mobile telephone numbers so you can call them directly or if you can't get through, let me know and I'll arrange for them to call you back. (Some do not have mobile telephone numbers, but are still happy to be contacted on other numbers, which I've included for you.)

Global financial crisis

Sam Wylie	Tel: (03) 9349 8185 Mob: 0428 103 859 Email: s.wylie@mbs.edu	Will the “Rudd Bank” work? How is it different to Tricontinental, VDEC and Bank SA vehicles which collapsed in the early nineties?
Paul Kerin	Tel: (03) 9349 8135 Mob: 0417 240 860 Email: P.kerrin@mbs.edu.au	Is the extension of the short selling ban by ASIC a good idea? Does it truly protect the integrity of the market?
Sam Wylie	Tel: (03) 9349 8185 Mob: 0428 103 859 Email: s.wylie@mbs.edu	Is the global financial crisis a calamity for developing nations?
Catherine de Fontenay	Tel: 9349-8231 Email: C.Fontenay@mbs.edu (Catherine does not have a mobile number)	What will be the impact of the global financial crisis be on crime rates in wealthy countries? And in developing countries?
Catherine de Fontenay	Tel: 9349-8231 Email: C.Fontenay@mbs.edu (Catherine does not have a mobile number)	China's response to the global financial crisis has a lot to do with the rural-urban income gap, which has the potential to undermine political stability.

Employment/unemployment

Ian Williamson	Tel: 9349 8157 Mob: 0403 220 262 E: i.williamson@mbs.edu	Executive salaries are coming under a lot of public and government scrutiny right now. Call Ian for an outspoken view on termination payments, new government legislation and productivity review.
Sam Wylie	Tel: (03) 9349 8185 Mob: 0428 103 859 Email: s.wylie@mbs.edu	For the Australian Government Apprenticeship Scheme to work and save hundreds of jobs, Australia's generous migration program may have to be cut. Is this sensible?
Ian Williamson	Tel: 9349 8157 Mob: 0403 220 262 E: i.williamson@mbs.edu	Pacific Brands and Holden are both replacing local with offshore labour. What are the true costs of outsourcing? Does a cheaper wage bill convert to a cheaper cost of doing business? Not likely, says Ian.
Isabel Metz	Tel: 9349 8226 Mob: 0418 387 912 Email: i.metz@mbs.edu	Many Australian organisations are restructuring and downsizing to weather the current difficult economic environment. But who is most likely to be affected? Research indicates that women and those working part-time may be the biggest losers when organisations operate in tough economic environments.

Carbon Emissions Trading Scheme

Joshua Gans	Please call Leanne McDonald to organise an appointment with Joshua on: Tel: 9349 8167' Mob: 0409 217 270 E: leanne.mcdonald@mbs.edu	The opposition wants to block the carbon emissions trading scheme, claiming it will hurt the economy and cost jobs. But implemented properly, it will achieve the opposite.
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Removal of tax haven status

Sven Feldmann	Tel: (03) 9349 8171 Mob: 0403 603 401 Email: s.feldmann@mbs.edu	With the UK focusing on the Caribbean and other tax havens, Switzerland may be forced to open up about its clients. What international ramifications is this likely to incur?
Catherine de Fontenay	Tel: 9349-8231 Email: C.Fontenay@mbs.edu (Catherine does not have a mobile number)	The secrecy provision has in the past resulted in a number of third world despots hiding their gains from corruption in Switzerland. If these provisions are lifted, will this reduce the amount of corruption in

developing countries, as planned?
Probably not, says Catherine.

Banking system

Paul Kerin	Tel: (03) 9349 8135 Mob: 0417 240 860, Email: P.kerrin@mbs.edu.au	The International Monetary Fund blames inadequate regulation rather than global imbalances for the issues in the banking system. Do we need to revisit Basel 2 and what other things should be considered in terms of regulatory structures?
Jim Frederickson	Tel: (03) 9349 8364 AH: (03) 9813 4396 Email: j.frederickson@mbs.edu (Jim does not have a mobile number)	Is the US invitation to scrutinize market rules sensible? Are there risks in the EU moving in this direction under US pressure?

Funding for universities moving to a more market-based approach.

Catherine de Fontenay	Tel: 9349-8231 Email: C.Fontenay@mbs.edu (Catherine does not have a mobile number)	It is immoral and irresponsible of universities to cut their funding so drastically during a recession... particularly universities with large endowments and long-standing reputations?
Sam Wylie	Tel: (03) 9349 8185 Mob: 0428 103 859 Email: s.wylie@mbs.edu	Last Wednesday the federal government offered state governments the opportunity to use a federal government guarantee on new and existing debt. Why is it needed? What are the ramifications and pitfalls associated with accepting this?

Insight into the Geitner Plan

Sam Wylie	Tel: (03) 9349 8185 Mob: 0428 103 859 Email: s.wylie@mbs.edu	Last week, the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Tim Geitner announced an economic rescue package designed to deal with the "toxic assets" at the core of the world's economic woes and lead the way out of the recession. Call Sam for more insight into the Geitner Plan. Will it work and why hasn't it generated more support?
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Mark-to-marketing accounting rules

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Just two weeks ago the Financial Accounting Standards Board, which sets U.S. accounting rules, provided guidance on how to apply mark-to-market accounting rules. Mark-to-market, or fair value accounting, is aimed at giving investors an accurate view of financial companies' books, but some banks and investors have blamed the rules for accelerating the financial crisis. Jim can provide an insider's view on how these rules are likely to affect the international community and whether these rules need amending so that banks will be able to account for their hard-to-value assets more favorably amid the distressed markets.

BREAKING NEWS

Mindful leadership

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A major challenge most leaders face is how to prevent being taken over by the demands of their work and driven by the wrong priorities, especially now. New research from MBS on mindful leadership explores practices which reduce our self-centered reactivity, enhance our capacity to connect with those around us and act appropriately and skillfully as leaders.

At MBS Amanda conducts research and teaches in areas of leadership, ethics and change, gender and diversity.

This research is being offered as an exclusive hot issue. (In other words Amanda will only speak to you, and no other journalists, about this particular hot issue.) If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please let Amanda know during your interview.

Good luck. If you have any trouble getting through to anyone please feel free to call me anytime, day or evening on my mobile.

Kind regards

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