

## **Citation for Distinguished Fellow Award 2017**

### **Professor Alison Booth**

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Professor Alison Booth is a distinguished Australian economist. According to the Research Papers in Economics (RePEc) rankings she is among the top ten Australian academic economists and the highest ranked labour economist working in Australia.

Professor Booth is currently a Professor of Economics and Public Policy Fellow at the Australian National University (ANU), Professor of Economics at the University of Essex, Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), the Institute of Labour Economics (IZA) and Centre for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis (CAMA). Booth is one of the Founding Fellows at the European Association of Labour Economists, and has been elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and the Royal Academy of the Arts.

In her career so far, Professor Booth has made a substantial contribution to our understanding of how labour markets work in practice. Through rigorous application of econometric techniques to economic theories, Booth has advanced our understanding compensation, training, workplace flexibility, collective bargaining, labour market structure, gender discrimination and inequality.

For this work, Professor Booth has consistently been considered a leader in her field. She was an elected member of the Council of the Royal Economic Society (1997-2002), and served on the Executive Committees of the European Association of Labour Economists (1996-2002) and the Royal Economic Society (1998-2002). Booth has also been an expert member of the Panel for UK Research Assessment Exercise from 1999-2001 and, since 2005, the Council of European Society of Population Economics. Her book, *The Economics of the Trade Union*, was one of Princeton University Economics Book of the Year in 1996.

Professor Booth's substantial contributions to Labour Economics and the economics profession in Australia more broadly have seen her appointed to a number of senior leadership positions. Booth served as Editor-in-Chief of *Labour Economics* from 1999-2004, was President of the European Association of Labour Economists from 2006-2008 and was the Head of ANU's Economics Program from 2008 – 2009. She is currently on the editorial boards of the *Economic Record*, the *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, and *Labour Economics*, and is an Associate Editor of the *Palgrave Dictionary*.

Professor Booth has published widely in academic journals including *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Economica*, *The Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*, *The Economic Journal*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *The British Journal of Industrial Relations*, *The Economic Journal*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *European Economic Review*, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *Labour Economics*, *Oxford Economic Papers* and *The Economic Record*. She has also received numerous research grants, including from the Australian Research Council, the Leverhulme Trust, the Nuffield Foundation, and the Economic and Social Research Council.

Professor Booth makes a significant contribution to the Australian economics profession. She has been a keynote speaker at the Australian Conference of Economists and has been an invited speaker at many Australian Universities. She was a mentor at the Economic Society inaugural Women in Economics Retreat and had provided input and support in the establishment of the Women in Economics Network.