

October 2019 Newsletter



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CCU's Politics and Economics Lecture Series to present talk on resource misallocation in the energy sector

Coastal Carolina University will host Jody W. Lipford, professor of economics at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C., for a speaking event on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 5 p.m. in the Johnson Auditorium. The talk, titled "The Political Economy of Resource Misallocation in the Energy Sector: A Case Study of South Carolina's V.C. Summer Nuclear Project", is a part of the university's Politics and Economics Lecture Series. The event is sponsored by the Department of Politics, the Department of Economics, and the Charles Koch Foundation. Attendance is free and open to the public.

"As part of our new research initiative combining faculty and students in and beyond the classroom, we are examining how private enterprise and public sector policy changes affect incentives and behavior," said Robert Salvino, professor of economics at CCU.

This case study provides insight into the scale of resource misallocation that can occur when government influences private sector decisions and may be of interest to policymakers, business leaders, investors, consumers, and the general public.

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New Faculty Member

Sourav Batabyal, Ph.D. has joined the Department of Finance and Economics as an assistant professor of economics.

He earned his Ph.D. and M.A. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and an M.S. in Econometrics and Quantitative Economics from the University of Calcutta.

In addition to economics courses, Batabyal will teach courses in the Commercial and Investment Real Estate minor, including this fall semester's Urban and Real Estate Economics course.

Curated Content



FIABCI: Bringing Justice to the Housing Crisis

The world has an urban housing crisis. More and more people are moving to the cities, while, in many developed economies, household sizes are shrinking. What are the answers?

House prices in countries around the world have been galloping ahead of wage growth. In a report released by PwC this summer, for example, private rents in four regions of the UK are now considered unaffordable for workers on or below the median wage. These are London, the South East, the South West and the East.

[Read full article.](#)

Glaeser on Cities

Edward Glaeser of Harvard University and author of *The Triumph of Cities* talks with EconTalk host Russ Roberts about American cities. The conversation begins with a discussion of the history of Detroit over the last century and its current plight. What might be done to improve Detroit's situation? Why are other cities experiencing similar challenges to those facing Detroit? Why are some cities thriving and growing? What policies might help ailing cities and what policies have helped those cities that succeed? The conversation concludes with a discussion of why cities have such potential for growth.

[Listen to the podcast.](#)

U.S., Japan Reach Trade Deal on Farm Goods, Digital Trade

President Trump and Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe signed a trade-enhancement agreement that will lower agricultural tariffs in Japan, industrial tariffs in the U.S. and set new rules for digital trade between the world's first- and third-largest economies. The limited accord, reached on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday, is potentially the first step in a broader trade agreement between the two countries.

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Sponsor CCU's 2019 Real Estate Awards



The **Real Estate Awards** will be held at **Coastal Carolina University** on **Monday, Dec. 2**, beginning at 5 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Properties have been nominated in six categories: **Residential, Office Medical and Industrial, Government, Public and Nonprofit, Resort, Tourism and Retail Development, Restaurants, and the S.C. Real Estate Award.**

Over eight sponsorship opportunities are available.

More information regarding a new addition to the event will be communicated soon!

[To view information on nominees and sponsorships, click here.](#)



Students

The CCU Real Estate Club will hold an interest meeting on

**Thursday,
Oct. 17 at
5:30 p.m. in
Wall 205.**

Attend the meeting to join the club and learn about upcoming events and opportunities.

For more information, email the club's president, Alexis Sweet, at answeet1@coastal.edu.

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Join the the CCU Real Estate Club on [Coastal Connectons](#) today! Dues are \$25 a year.

Research

This month, the Grant Center's faculty research group added the Wall College of Business' newest faculty member to the weekly discussion. Dr. Sourav Batabyal is an urban economist with a Chicago-school approach, otherwise known as a neoclassical pricing approach. Currently, the group is extending research on competition using the Million Song Database. Additionally, Dr. Batabyal is working on a proposal to analyze the impact of natural disasters on mortgage delinquency.

Finally, two members of the research group, Andy Weinbach and Rob Salvino, launched a new class on pricing theory and applications at Coastal Carolina University. Students in the course are researching pricing problems in various markets and, on Oct. 3, they will learn about the ill fate of nuclear subsidies right here in South Carolina from guest lecturer Dr. Jody Lipford of Presbyterian College.

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