

DEE 2019 Feedback Report



2011-2019 Overview

At all DEE conferences (2011-2019), 100% of respondents have said that they would recommend the event to their colleagues





2019 Feedback

| | Very poor | Poor | Neutral | Good | Excellent |
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| Overall standard of the keynote | 0% | 0% | 11% | 39% | 50% |
| Overall standard of the paper sessions | 0% | 0% | 0% | 64% | 32% |
| Overall standard of the workshops | 0% | 0% | 10% | 48% | 43% |
| Conference website | 0% | 0% | 17% | 45% | 31% |
| Conference handbook | 0% | 0% | 0% | 59% | 41% |
| Exhibitor stands | 0% | 0% | 28% | 56% | 16% |
| Venue | 0% | 0% | 3% | 17% | 79% |
| Catering | 0% | 0% | 4% | 18% | 75% |
| Social events | 0% | 0% | 4% | 38% | 58% |
| Administrative arrangements | 0% | 0% | 4% | 18% | 79% |



Comments:

Do you have any specific comments about the keynote session?

- The interactivity was a good warm up!
- I enjoyed it very much!
- Very engaging and, even though I did not always agree, it was a very useful and interesting session!
- I found it a bit rambling.
- Interesting, but I yet knew the attitude of the speaker and his contrast with Mankiw.
- It was very interesting and provoked a lot of thought.
- David Colander was great.
- I particularly enjoyed Colander's keynote on nuance.
- Great speaker and timing.
- Good.
- Both keynotes were thought provoking, both were very much in line with topics discussed during the conference.
- Thought provoking, topical, relevant; bit of a rant, definitely appreciated it though.
- Good length, topic gave a welcome perspective and challenged both a key element of the conference - CORE - and some of my own feelings on reform to economics education.
- Interesting and thought provoking, nice to hear different perspectives from abroad.
- The keynote's topic must be carefully chosen to attract most of the conference's attendees

Do you have any specific comments about any of the workshops and paper sessions?

- No, in general the quality was high, with just a couple of exceptions.
- I enjoyed especially the "Active Learning" session (Friday 13 Sept).
- I have to praise the flow of the presentations. Overall, presenters were kept their time, which enabled me to switch sessions.
- Good selection of different topics.
- It was great to have international speakers presenting for example on employability in Romania.

- Interesting, overall the most active-learning oriented.
- In general, the paper sessions were quite weak; many of the papers were just assertion, and would have sat better in a workshop, rather than a paper session.
- Overall, it was very good. Chairs kept people to time and allowed plenty of questions and discussion. The balance between empirical results/research and innovative ideas was very good.
- Too good.
- Generally good but some of limited usefulness.
- There were many interesting talks that I missed as they were in parallel sessions, if video recording was possible it might be good to consider.
- Not really all to a high standard and very engaging.
- Impressed how open presenters were about the actions and their results.
- Length of sessions was about right, enough time to present and discuss, did not go too overtime or drag on. Session on employability (Thursday morning) was particularly useful.
- Overall the sessions were interesting and diverse.

What did you find most useful about the conference?

- The diversity and relevance of the parallel sessions. Able to gather a lot of relevant ideas in the one day - that's rare with conferences which often have only one or two nuggets from a large time commitment.
- Networking.
- That there was enough time for the presentations, which allowed us to explain our papers clearly and there was enough time for debate and discussion.
- The opportunity to exchange experience and to see what is new and important in Economics Education nowadays.
- Listening to other colleagues and compare their best practices.
- Meeting people and sharing ideas.
- The conference and several papers have given me many hints to improve my teaching activity.
- The sessions on how to implement new techniques, such as the flipped learning session run by Ralf and the different types of assessment sessions. These gave useful small tips and really help if you are wanting to get started with an approach you have not tried before.
- Quality of the papers was high.
- Meeting with other academics interested in economics education. The opportunity to present our work to an interested audience. I like the fact that session presentations are short.
- Networking and informal discussions to exchange ideas.
- Meeting people.
- Networking/feedback.
- The diversity of topics and practicality.
- Diversity of ideas and interests.
- Both talks and networking, I gained lots of new ideas and the contacts to pursue them further.
- A range of takeaways, easy to plug into immediate teaching, ability to network, compare, develop best practice, international perspectives.
- Meeting colleagues, networking, sharing experiences.

- Opportunities to network.
- Hearing about good practice.
- Exchanging ideas and networking with other instructors.
- Paper sessions and discussions/networking.

What did you find least useful about the conference?

- The ethics session. It was an important topic but would have benefited from a little more rigour. That said, the two papers were certainly thought provoking.
- The pub quiz should be a bit shorter... but remains a highlight.
- There were some presentations that could have been put together but were running in different sessions. Only once, the presenters were swapped, which was unexpected.
- Some of the breaks felt quite long and some of the sessions rushed (three papers in 90 minutes but speakers thought they had 30 mins each so no time for discussion).
- The use of advanced ICT, which hardly can be adopted in my country.
- I think the trivia contest at dinner could be substantially shorter--maybe just 10 questions. It took away from the awards and make it a long evening.
- Only 2.5 days.
- PBL talk.
- Nothing.
- Nothing.
- No criticisms.
- Nothing I can think of

How could we have improved the event for you?

- Lower registration fee.
- Providing a certificate of attendance and including presented papers in conference proceedings.
- Keep it as it is!
- Finish at lunchtime on Friday.
- I cannot think of any improvements.
- Group photo.
- Nearer to an airport but that is a minor issue.
- Nothing really pretty much perfect.
- Would be nice to offer/cover accommodation for speakers (if possible), might be good to invite ex-students who work in private sector to share their experience on skills required in workplace, since most academics are out of touch with the private sector.
- The catering could have been better, the breakfast offered was quite limited especially for the price charged per night (£120).

What impact will the conference have on your teaching?

- Mostly it's reinforced and lent confidence to what we are doing in current creation of an applied economics module.
- It will impact my research more than my teaching.
- It is always useful and enriching to discover how other teachers and researchers are improving their teaching, and it is extremely useful to receive feedback from our peers from other countries.

- I will try to use more apps such as "menti".
- It provided reassurance of my teaching practices. I had the opportunity to borrow some from presenters.
- Will trial methods that Ralf Becker uses for his teaching.
- I have taken away ideas on how to improve my research on education pedagogy.
- It depends on my will to really improve my teaching and/or my laziness. However, the principle "we must be concentrated on learners, not on the teacher" is so simple as relevant!
- Lots to think about and consider as ever refreshing to discuss these with colleagues. Already
 have delivered an induction session which I have adapted following the conference which
 focusses on "the independent learner".
- I am planning to implement some of the ideas shared at the conference. It has also made me reflect on the student perspective a little more when it comes assessment.
- Yet to see.
- As usual I go back with ideas about what to do in my teaching.
- I will endeavour to implement new modes of teaching.
- Designing my 2020 sustainability course like Tim Burnett; weaving all others in too.
- Will surely reflect on some practice.
- More attention to the issue of epistemology, I hope to include more games in my courses, still thinking about CORE; some new tools for research which is my next aim.
- Significant improvement and lots to pass on within the school.
- I intend to try new approaches to teaching based on feedback and discussions at the conference.
- N/A I don't teach.
- I have a number of new ideas that I will apply directly, and I know more about where to advise colleagues to look for support.
- Picked up a few specific ideas to implement in own teaching (e.g. viva style tutorials).
- Rethinking engagement and assessment methods.

Do you have any other comments?

- First time I've been to an Economics Network event. I was impressed and delighted by the camaraderie of delegates and the ease with which we could strike up conversations and exchange of knowledge and experience. So different from many conferences where often there is a lot more clique-iness and posturing. Well done for fostering such a genuinely collegiate and sharing atmosphere.
- I was positively impressed by the event.
- Excellent organisation!
- A colleague, who had never been before, told me it was the best conference they had ever been to.
- In your survey, allow for "not applicable "(NA). I did not attend any workshops so I did not rate it but having a button to click would make it explicit.
- Thank you.
- Great conference, thank you.
- Sponsor an Australian each year.
- Please invite Kent university as they introduced the apprenticeship degree in professional economists.
- Thanks for a stimulating and friendly conference looking forward to 2021.

- Having DEE every year would be great although I understand the additional effort this would require.
- Thank you for organising the conference, there was a good coverage of a range of topics in economics education.

Feedback from emails:

- I really enjoyed participating in the conference last week and gained a lot from it. Thank you
 for organising such a wonderful event.
- The conference was great, by far the pedagogical research content (rather than just practice) is getting stronger and stronger, which is fantastic to see.
- Erkal has told us how good the conference was last week.
- First of all, many thanks for organising the Conference this year which I enjoyed very much and for inviting me to present my paper. I had some positive exchanges and feedbacks on the need for introducing a more philosophical approach in economics curricula, and this, coincidentally, was also in line with Colander's presentation, which was extremely interesting.
- Thank you again for the excellent organisation of the conference.
- It was great to see you at the DEE Conference it was a very successful event!
- Thanks so much for the opportunity to present at the conference. Feedback for the project was really positive and I also felt that I learnt a lot from the conference and found it really interesting.
- Another really useful conference lots to take away, so many thanks for all your hard work in
 organising it.
- Thanks for your hard work. I think it was a super conference.
- I really enjoyed the conference.
- First off, thanks for the conference last week. It was good to be able to bring along some colleagues and they found it useful, plus they were impressed by the facilities, food and friendliness of the conference.
- I want to congratulate you and the rest of the organizing team for the DEE Conference. It was a very interesting event!
- Thank you for the perfect organisation of the Conference.
- The conference was truly (no jokes) life changing for me just to remove yourself from two continents away and see and hear how things are done differently, while the heart is the same - this cannot be measured!
- Thanks again for a great conference.
- I enjoyed the conference and all the arrangements.
- My colleague and I enjoyed very much the DEE conference and the opportunity we had to present our research work.
- We would especially want to thank you for the support your gave us in order to successfully participate in this conference.
- Finally, once again our appreciation for great conference you, together with Economic Network team have organized.
- Many thanks for your email. I have found you to be one of the best organizers that I have ever worked with on an invited talk; your efforts are very much appreciated.
- Separately, congratulations for your work on an excellent conference.

Word cloud from comments on keynote and main sessions:



Word could from comments on what was most useful about the conference and the impact it will have on teaching:



Word cloud from other comments/email feedback:



Twitter impact (#DEE2019):

- 398 tweets
- 641,892 timeline deliveries









