

20TH ANNUAL

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK CONFERENCE

**Inclusive Labor Policies:
Adapting Regulations to the
Changing Nature of Work**



MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



SURC BALLROOM



ECONOMIC OUTLOOK CONFERENCE AGENDA

The conference will be divided into two parts, each focusing on crucial aspects of our labor market and macroeconomy.

PART I

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER(S)
9:00 A.M. - 9:20 A.M.	President's Message Dean's Message	A. James Wohlpart , President, CWU Faiza Khoja , Dean, College of Business, CWU
9:20 A.M. - 9:50 A.M.	The American Dream in Historical (and Comparative) Perspective	Santiago Pérez , Associate Professor, University of California, Davis
9:50 A.M. - 10:20 A.M.	Washington Economic Outlook Economic and Budget Forecast	Dave Reich , Executive Director and Chief Economist, the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council
10:20 A.M. - 10:50 A.M.	The Labor Market Climate in Washington State	Anneliese Vance-Sherman , Chief Labor Economist, Washington State Employment Security Department
10:50 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Break	
11:00 A.M. - 11:50 A.M.	Panel Discussion on immigration in the labor market with emphasis on immigrants in the PNW	Claudia Wright , Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, CWU Jon DeVaney , President, Washington State Tree Fruit Association Roslyn Moes , Advisor to International Students, CWU Amy McGuffin , CEO, Kittitas Chamber of Commerce Moderated by Tennecia Dacass , Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, CWU and Student Anmeet Pawar
11:50 P.M. - 12:20 P.M.	Economics Programs at CWU	Toni Sipic , Department Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Economics, CWU

PART II

11:50 A.M. - 12:50 P.M.	Lunch	
12:50 P.M. - 1:10 P.M.	Vibecession: The Discrepancy Between Data and Perception on Inflation	Yurim Lee , Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, CWU
1:10 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Student Price Index (SPI): Overview and Improvements of the Past Year	CWU Economics Association
1:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.	The role of immigration in the U.S. labor market tightness	Evgeniya Duzhak , Regional Policy Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
2:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.	Washington's immigrant population and their access to healthcare	Wei Yen , Senior Research Scientist, Office of Financial Management
2:30 P.M. - 3:10 P.M.	AI in the workplace	Laurel Orr , ML Architect, Numbers Station
3:10 P.M. - 3:40 P.M.	The role of AI in the travel market and advertising	Rachel Mahnke , Sr. Account Manager, Google
3:40 P.M. - 3:50 P.M.	Closing remarks	Toni Sipic , Department Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Economics, CWU



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