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WORK EXPERIENCE

Director, Covec

2002–2006 & June 2008–Present

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Visiting Fellow, Centre for Air Transport Research, University of Otago

October 2009–Present

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Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Auckland

2002–2006 & June 2008–2009

Visiting Researcher, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo

December 2006–May 2008

I visited Japan on an 18-month postdoctoral fellowship, doing research on the economics of intellectual property funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics (May 2005), The University of Auckland. Thesis Title: “Three Essays in Network Economics: Interconnection, Two-Sided Networks, and Reputation Systems”.

Advisors: Julian Wright and John Small.

MCom in Economics with first class honours (May 2000), The University of Auckland.

Dissertation advisor: Peter C. B. Phillips.

BCom in Economics (May 1998), The University of Auckland.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Industrial organisation
- Competition policy
- Regulatory economics
- Communications and network economics and policy
- Aviation economics
- Innovation and intellectual property economics
- Data and statistical analysis, data presentation, and forecasting
- Numerical modelling and computer programming

PUBLISHED RESEARCH PAPERS

1. Becken, S. & A. Schiff (2010). Distance models for New Zealand international tourists and the role of transport prices. *Journal of Travel Research*, forthcoming.
2. Aoki, R. & A. Schiff (2010). Intellectual property clearinghouses: The effects of reduced transaction costs in licensing. *Information Economics and Policy*, forthcoming.
3. Aoki, R. & A. Schiff (2010). Clearinghouses, patent pools and incentives to innovate. In Aoki, R. (ed.) *Topics in Economics of Intellectual Property and Innovation*, Maruzen: Tokyo.
4. Kennes, J. & A. Schiff (2008). Quality information in search markets, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, 26: 1191-1202
5. Schiff, A. (2008). The 'waterbed' effect and price regulation, *Review of Network Economics*, 7: 392-414.
6. Aoki, R. & A. Schiff (2008). Promoting access to intellectual property: Patent pools, copyright collectives and clearinghouses, *R&D Management*, 38: 189-204.
7. Kennes, J. & A. Schiff (2007). Simple reputation systems, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, 109: 71-91.
8. Schiff, A. (2003). Open and closed systems of two-sided networks, *Information Economics and Policy*, 15: 425-442.
9. Schiff, A. (2002). Two-way interconnection with partial consumer participation, *Networks and Spatial Economics*, 2: 295-315.
10. Schiff, A. (2002). The economics of open source software: A survey of the early literature, *Review of Network Economics*, 1: 66-74.
11. Schiff, A. & P. C. B. Phillips (2000). Forecasting New Zealand's real GDP, *New Zealand Economic Papers*, 34 (2): 159-182.

UNPUBLISHED RESEARCH PAPERS

1. The effects of patent pools on investment in innovation (with Reiko Aoki).
2. Collective rights organisations and upstream R&D investment (with Reiko Aoki).
3. Differentiated standards and patent pools (with Reiko Aoki).
4. Demand elasticity estimates for New Zealand tourism (with Susanne Becken).
5. Basic pricing principles in two-sided markets: Some simple models.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

1. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Postdoctoral Fellowship, 12/2006-5/2008.
2. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research, 2007.
3. University of Auckland new staff research grant, 2006.
4. Econometric Society Australasian Meetings postgraduate travel award, 2003.
5. University of Auckland graduate research fund grant, 2003.
6. Vodafone Doctoral Scholarship in Network Economics, 2000-2002.
7. University of Auckland Graduate Scholarship, 1999.
8. Senior Scholarship in Economics, 1998, University of Auckland.
9. Flying Officer Alfred P. Fogerty Scholarship in Economics, 1997.