

2020 AARES Distinguished Fellow

Professor John Gibson



Professor Gibson is a Professor of Economics at University of Waikato, New Zealand. John Gibson completed B.Ag Sci and M.Ag Sci at Lincoln University, A.M. and Ph.D. at Food Research Institute, Stanford University. Since completing his PhD he has worked in the following countries: Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Russia, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Vietnam.

John Gibson is an outstanding economist who has made significant contributions to knowledge in food, agricultural, and resource economics frequently using primary data obtained in a developing country context. He has made significant advances in methods to improve survey-based measurement of living standards and other variables of interest. He specializes in methods that plausibly identify causal effects. His micro-econometric analyses of agricultural, food and development and resource issues have had a geographic focus on Asia and the Pacific. In addition to his applied research that uses econometric methods to answer policy-related questions, he conducts survey experiments to guide the development of methodology. Research completed by Professor Gibson in China and other Asian and Pacific economies has contributed significantly to knowledge in those and many other countries.

Professor Gibson continues to make valuable contributions to international research and has published more than 180 refereed journal articles, 30 books/book chapters, and 22 conference proceeding papers. His publications appear in leading journals (The Economic Journal, World Development (multiple articles), Economic Development and Cultural Change (multiple articles), Journal of Development Economics (multiple articles), The Review of Economics and Statistics, World Bank Economic Review, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Health Economics).

John has provided keynote or invited addresses at 25 conferences in Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands, Europe and North America.

His work has been cited over 9,000 times and he has an H index of 51 (Google Scholar). Over the last 10 years, John Gibson ranks in the top 0.25% of economists worldwide, in the RePEc (Research Papers in Economics) rankings.

He has been lead investigator and recipient of over 50 major research grants with total value exceeding NZ \$7 million. Sources include Marsden Fund (five awards), World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and United Nations.

John was co-editor of Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics 2017-2019, is a co-editor of Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies 2013-2020, has served on the editorial boards of Agenda: A Journal of Policy and Reform 2011-2014, Korean Economic Review 2008-2010, and Pacific Economic Bulletin 2008-2010. He has provided referee services for over 100 different journals.