

## Worldwide Research Rankings

A recent study by Tom Coupé of the Université Libre de Bruxelles has ranked the Economics Department at Essex 7<sup>th</sup> in the UK. The research is contained in a paper entitled “Revealed Performances: Worldwide Rankings of Economists and Economics Departments,” (<http://student.ulb.ac.be/~tcoupe/ranking.html>) and provides one of the most comprehensive ranking exercises that appears to have been undertaken in the field of economics. The research was funded in part by the European Economic Association and covers publications in all economics journals during the period 1994 to 1998. As far as Essex is concerned:

- **Essex is ranked 7th in the UK and 70th in the World.** Bearing in mind that the full sample includes some 4000 institutions, this puts Essex in the top 2% in the world. Table 1 contains the 21 UK departments that are ranked in the top 200 in the world.
- **Essex is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UK** in terms of the number of individuals in the top 1000 in the world. Nine economists from Essex appear in the top 1000 in the world, second only to the LSE with thirteen. Table 2 contains the UK and world ranks of the individuals concerned, while Table 3 provides a comparison across UK departments.

**Table 1. UK Rankings of Institutions**

<b>UK Rank</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>World Rank</b>	<b>Mean Rank</b>	<b>Min. Rank</b>	<b>Max. Rank</b>
1	LSE	16	17.55	6	24
2	Oxford	19	24.82	9	36
3	Cambridge	33	35.82	11	58
4	UCL	38	40.45	25	54
5	Warwick	53	55.18	32	92
6	York	61	69.82	44	99
7	Essex	70	79.82	48	120
8	LBS	71	81.55	64	102
9	Southampton	82	98.36	61	149
10	Nottingham	90	105.09	48	196
11	Birkbeck	110	121.73	92	164
12	Manchester	115	125.82	49	218
13	Birmingham	132	145.27	104	201
14	Bristol	133	145.64	84	177
15	Newcastle	137	152.18	79	253
16	UEA	147	163.45	112	229
17	Exeter	152	167.91	126	218
18	City	186	200.73	162	332
19	Liverpool	189	203.36	153	263
20	Sussex	193	207.36	44	447
21	Lancaster	197	210.82	106	336

Note: the full sample includes some 4000 institutions in the world. This Table contains only those UK departments ranked in the top 200 in the world. The UK and World ranks are based on the average (mean) rank of eleven different measures of performance. The mean rank, max rank and min rank are based on these eleven measures.

**Table 2. Essex Individual Rankings**

<b>UK Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>World Rank</b>
24	A. Muthoo	333
26	M. Coles	373
28	S. Jenkins (ISER)	391
33	M. Chambers	430
42	K. Burdett	552
48	V. Bhaskar	641
56	M. Keen	706
61	S. Lahiri	763
65	T. Hatton	821

Note: the full sample includes some 55,000 individuals in the world who published in economics journals during 1994 to 1998. A total of 89 people with UK affiliations appear in the top 1000 in the world. V. Bhaskar is included in the Essex group although he was affiliated to St Andrews at the time.

**Table 3. Number of Individuals in Top 1000 in World, by Department**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Number</b>
LSE	13
Essex	9
Oxford, Cambridge	7
UCL, York	6
Birkbeck	5
Warwick, Nottingham	4
Southampton, Bristol	2

Note: see footnote to Table 2.