

**Dr Andres Katz – Alphametrik, New Zealand**

**Semester 1 2022**



Dr Andres Katz is hosted by David Evison in the School of Forestry Faculty of Engineering in semester 1 2022. Dr Katz's area of expertise is forest economics and forest products marketing.

**Where have you come from and what do you teach?**

I am an independent consultant based in Auckland working mainly with the forest industry in the area of economics and sectoral modelling for forecasting and policy analysis.

**What interested you in the Erskine Programme/Why did you want to come to UC?**

The Erskine programme has given me the opportunity to re-connect with staff and students at the School of Forestry and give back to students some of what I enjoyed during my undergraduate studies at UC. With the surge in Omicron cases just beginning I was apprehensive at first of conducting lectures in class, but found the University managed the risks well and the students have been most considerate.

**What have you been doing at UC?**

I am hosted by David Evison, Associate Professor of Forest Economics at the School of Forestry. During my stay as Visiting Erskine Fellow I will be teaching FORE 151 Commercial Aspects of Forestry, and FORE 426 Forest Products Marketing and International Trade. This fits well with my area of research which is on quantitative analysis and modelling of forest product markets and trade.

**What have you most enjoyed about your time here at UC/Christchurch?**

I have been enjoying the wonderful outdoor environment Canterbury offers, from jogging in Hagley Park to walks on Banks Peninsula and hiking in the Canterbury mountains.