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Launch of the Productivity Commission

Find out more about the Productivity Commission at our launch on Thursday, 16 September, hosted by our partner NIESR. Structured as a roundtable, this event will provide more information about the aims and objectives of the Productivity Commission, and include talks from Professor Jagjit S. Chadha, the Chair of the Commission, as well as Professor Bart van Ark, Managing Director of The Productivity Institute, and members Cecilia Wong and Gillian Bristow. [Register on Eventbrite](#) to attend.



Hybrid really needs a strategy

Professor Bart van Ark is quoted on the challenges of hybrid office working in The Telegraph's article: *Hybrid working experiment puts productivity at risk*. He explains the three stages of pandemic work life that most companies have experienced and whether the hybrid model could maximise their productivity. Read the full article [on the Telegraph website](#). A subscription may be needed.



Making R&D work for the whole UK

A new analysis from Professor Richard Jones looks at how far behind the UK is on R&D spending in comparison to other countries and what the government must do to reach its £22 billion target which could mean a return to economic growth, after a decade of productivity growth stagnation. Read the article, *On the £22 billion target for*

UK government R&D, [on Richard's personal blog](#).



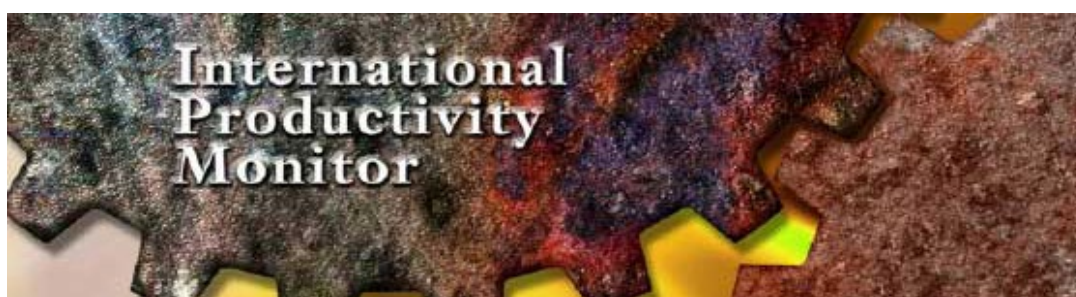
Uber and Beyond

Catch up on our Productivity Insight Paper [Uber And Beyond: Policy Implications for the UK](#), reveals the implications of the recent Supreme Court judgements, like Uber's current employment model, could have on productivity and the broader gig economy. Discover more productivity-related [research on our website](#).



Measuring productivity in the modern economy

Out tomorrow, the seventh episode of our podcast series *Productivity Puzzles: Measuring productivity in the modern economy* answers one of our biggest questions: how do you measure productivity? Can we capture everything needed to produce the products and services of today? Professor Bart van Ark is joined by Rebecca Riley, Professor in Practice Economics at King's Business School and our Measurement theme lead, Jonathan Haskell, external member of the Monetary Policy Committee at the Bank of England and Professor of Economics at Imperial College Business School and Josh Martin, Head of Productivity for the Office of National Statistics to answer these fascinating questions. You can listen to a sneak peak [on YouTube](#) and all of the episodes are available [via your favourite platform](#).



IPM spotlight on productivity perspectives

The Productivity Institute has joined the Centre for the Study of Living Standards (CSLS) in Canada in publishing the International Productivity Monitor (IPM) beginning with the release of its [40th issue](#). Sign up to receive updates by ticking the "Publication information and updates from the International Productivity Monitor" box on our [mailing list signup form](#). The latest issue includes the article:

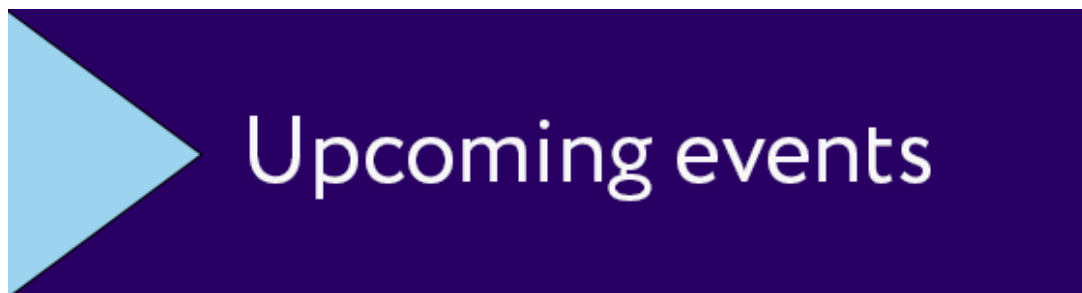
[Putting Together the Pieces of the Productivity Puzzle](#)

- Bart van Ark reviews two books looking at how much the pandemic has changed productivity performance in the medium-term. The two volumes - *Productivity Perspectives* and its follow up *Productivity and the Pandemic: Challenges and Insights from COVID-19* – include a broad range of perspectives on the productivity puzzle brought together by the Productivity Insights Network (PIN) between 2018 and 2020.



ESRC funding call for productivity research

The Economic and Social Research Council is looking to fund between four and six projects that add to their ongoing productivity research, which includes [The Productivity Institute](#) and [LSE's programme on innovation and diffusion](#). Projects should be multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary or both and the ESRC particularly welcomes bids in the areas of diversity, financial markets and net zero and the green economy. The deadline is 7 October. For more information [visit the ESRC website](#).



13 September 2021 - *Vital Topics - Choices that will define a decade* - Tony Danker, Director General of the CBI will set out why the choices we make now will define the decade to come, in this latest Vital Topics event from Alliance Manchester Business School. [Book your place here](#) to attend.

15 September 2021 - *Reimagine Management and Productivity in a Post-pandemic World* - Join Professor Rebecca Riley (lead in Measurement & Methods) and other economic experts at this virtual ProPEL Hub event, hosted by the University of Nottingham to gain different management practices for productivity, business performance and industrial policy. [Register here](#) to attend.

29 September 2021 - *Original Thinking Lecture – Traveling through Productivity Land* - Professor Bart van Ark will be hosting an episode of the University of Manchester's Original Thinking Lecture series where he will discuss what he has learned about the drivers of and barriers to productivity, and what he thinks we still need to discover. [Register here](#) to attend.

***NEW EVENT* 24 November 2021** - *Launch of new wealth economy foundation* - The Bennett Institute at the University of Cambridge is launching a new wealth economy workshop focusing on economic prosperity and how to build back better, post-pandemic,

with sustainability and social wellbeing at the heart of the calculations. [Book your place](#) on their website.

26 November 2021 *Workshop on productivity and structural change* - Join us, the [Bank of England](#). The [MMF Society](#) and our partners [NIESR](#) at a one-day workshop at the Bank of England Moorgate site. The theme is productivity and structural change, All events are also [listed on our website](#).

TPI Publications

Some Working Papers and Productivity Insight Papers have already been published and can be found on our website.

- [The idea of productivity](#)
- [Covid-19 business support and SME productivity in the UK](#)
- [Uber And Beyond: Policy Implications for the UK](#)
- [Public Investments in COVID-19 green packages](#)
- [Productivity in UK healthcare during and after the Covid-19 pandemic](#)
- [A concerted effort to tackle the productivity puzzle during the post-COVID era](#)
- [Human Capital and productivity](#)
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