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Bart van Ark lecture: Travelling through productivity land

Our Managing Director, Professor Bart van Ark, discusses what he has learned about the drivers and barriers to productivity, and what he thinks we still need to discover in an online lecture next week. The Original Thinking Lecture is hosted by Alliance Manchester Business School, where Bart is Professor of Productivity Studies, on 29 September 2021 from 4.30pm to 6pm. [Register on Eventbrite](#) to attend.



Productivity Commission officially launched

We were delighted to formally launch the Productivity Commission at a roundtable event on 16 September. Our 18 Commissioners will hold quarterly evidence sessions with experts in the field of productivity to understand the problem and propose solutions, followed by a report highlighting the key issues to policymakers with suggestions to help improve the UK's productivity. The first session is on 23 November on with a focus on sizing the productivity problem nationally, regionally and sectorally. The Commission is led by our partner [NIESR](#).

Productivity and the pandemic

One of our working papers has been published in the journal [International Economics and Economic Policy](#). The paper [Productivity and the Pandemic: Short-Term Disruptions and Long-Term Implications](#) by Bart van Ark,



Abdul Erumban and Klaas de Vries analyses quarterly estimates of productivity growth at industry level for three advanced economies - France, the United Kingdom, and the United States - for 2020.



Regional Economic Resilience and Inclusive Growth

TPI members Marianne Sensier and Elvira Uyarra have been published in the journal [Economic Resilience in Regions and Organisations](#). Their article discusses the Greater Manchester devolution and Preston municipal socialism styles of governance and compare their economic resilience and recovery from the 2008 global financial crisis. Read more productivity-related research [on our website](#).



Green recovery research shared with politicians

Professor Jonatan Pinkse recently spoke at the Liberal Democrats' Business Network about the [TPI paper](#) on green recovery packages of the UK, France and Germany he co-wrote with Frank Geels and Guillermo Ivan Pereira. He'll also speak on the topic at fringe events at the Labour Party Conference on 28 September and the Conservative Party Conference on 4 October. More details can be found on the [Policy@Manchester website](#).



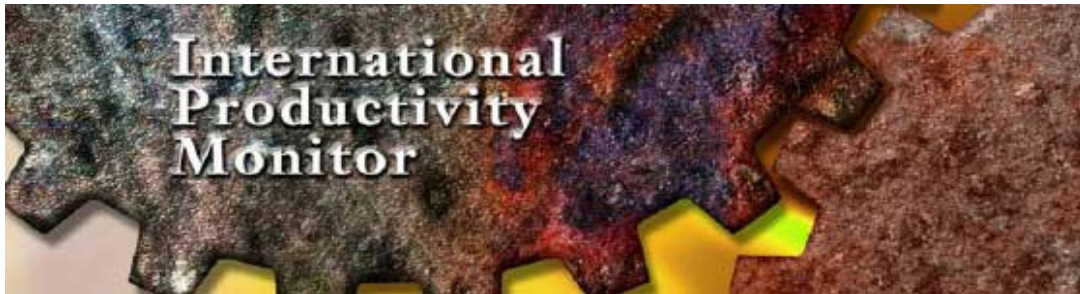
Levelling up: rebuilding innovation capacity

With 'levelling up' now included in the name of a government department, Professor Richard Jones, a co-investigator on our Knowledge Capital theme, says his 2019 paper on [A Resurgence of the Regions: rebuilding innovation capacity across the whole UK](#) remains as relevant as ever. He'll be discussing place-based partnerships and levelling up at a [fringe event](#) at the Conservative Party conference on 4 October.



Measuring productivity in the modern economy

Catch up on the [seventh episode of our podcast series](#) *Productivity Puzzles*, which answers one of our biggest questions: how do you measure productivity in the modern economy? Host Bart van Ark is joined by Professor Rebecca Riley, Professor Jonathan Haskell and Josh Martin, Head of Productivity for the Office of National Statistics, to answer explain how. All of the episodes are available [via your favourite platform](#) where you can also listen to insights about productivity issues in Northern Ireland the NHS, the Northern Powerhouse and more.



Productivity and Well-being: Measurement and Linkages workshop - 16-17 November 20

Bookings are open to attend the online workshop held by The Centre for the Study of Living Standards and The Productivity Institute on Productivity and Well-being. Ten papers will be presented at the workshop, with a selection of them published in a special issue of the International Productivity Monitor in Spring 2022. The preliminary program is available [on our website](#). The workshop will be held Tuesday, 16 and Wednesday, 17 November from 13.00-17.00 UK time (8.00-12.00 Eastern; 14.00-18.00 Central European).

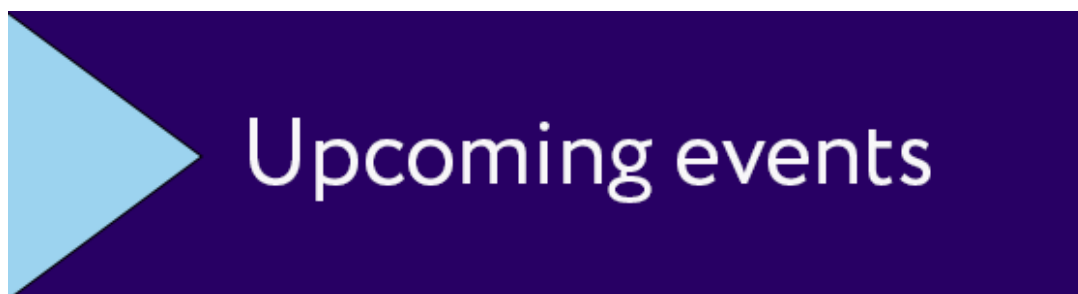
Registrations to attend [can be made on Eventbrite](#).



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](#). The deadline is 7 October. For more information [visit the ESRC website](#).



7 October - Professor Richard Jones will discuss the evidence and the uncertainties relating to the link between R&D and productivity at a sub-national level, and outline the institutional landscape that has led to the UK's current, highly unbalanced distribution of R&D in a Vital Topics event hosted by Alliance Manchester Business School. [Register on their website](#) to attend.

24 November - *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 - *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

Our Working Papers and Productivity Insight Papers can be [found on our website](#).

- [Climate change and fiscal responsibility](#)
- [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](#)
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