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Bart van Ark lecture: Travelling through productivity land

On Wednesday, 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. This Original Thinking Lecture is hosted by Alliance Manchester Business School, where Bart is Professor of Productivity Studies, on 29 September from 4.30pm to 6pm. [Register on Eventbrite](#) to attend in person or watch online.



Productivity Commission - first call for evidence

The Productivity Commission has issued its first call for evidence. The session - *Sizing the productivity problem: international, national, regional and sectoral aspects* - will be held on 23 November. The evidence submission deadline is 5pm on Friday, 15 October. More information and instructions can be found on the [NIESR website](#). The session will be followed by a report highlighting the key issues to policymakers with suggestions to help improve the UK's productivity. If you missed the launch of the Productivity Commission, you can [re-watch the event recording](#).

Why are there regional disparities?

Our Research Director Tony Venables examines how UK regional disparities originate, why they are persistent, and



why policy been largely ineffective in dealing with them in a special TPI blog which you can read [on our website](#).



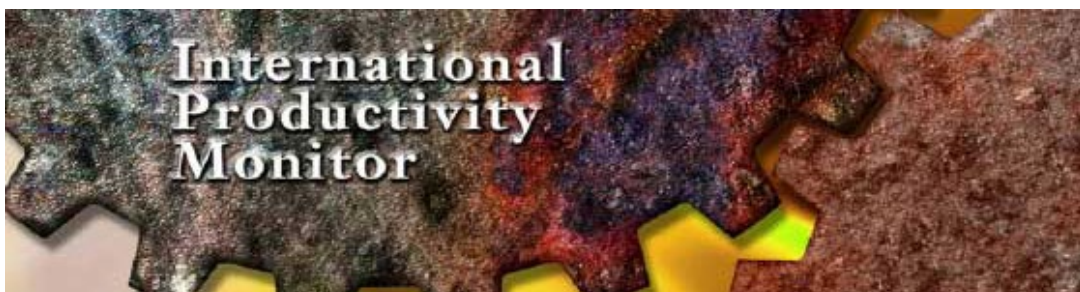
TPI at Manchester Festival of Climate Action

Professors Bart van Ark and Elvira Uyerra discuss *Can greening the economy drive productivity?* alongside two industry experts on October 13. They'll discuss actions business leaders need to take, how they can find the investment, how to reconcile the cost on their bottom line and much more. This is followed by a talk by Professor Jonatan Pinkse on what an effective green economy should look like. Find out more and book on the [Manchester Festival of Climate Action website](#).



Hear Andy Haldane's views on productivity

Andy Haldane, recently appointed head of the government's Levelling Up taskforce, was one of our first podcast guests. He, Dame Kate Barker and Professor Nick Crafts [explain what productivity actually is and why it matters to everyone](#) with host Bart van Ark. Catch up on all the episodes [via your favourite platform](#) where you can also listen to insights about productivity issues in Northern Ireland, the NHS, the Northern Powerhouse and more.



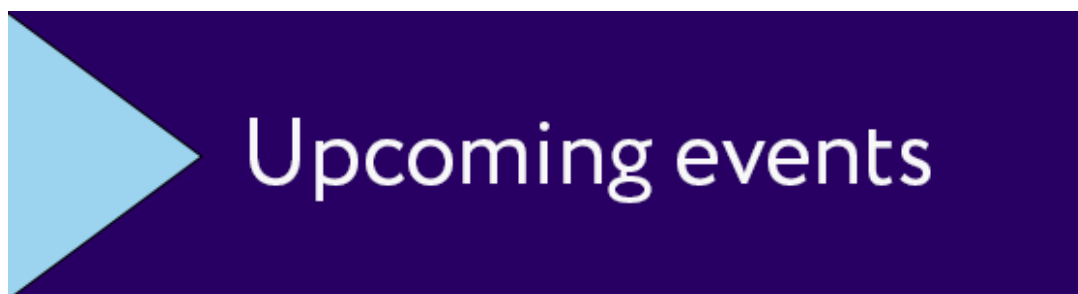
Proposal papers available for Productivity and Well-being workshop

Proposal papers are now available for 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 two-day workshop, with a selection published in a special issue of the International Productivity Monitor in Spring 2022. The preliminary programme and proposal papers are available [on our website](#). The workshop will be held Tuesday, 16 and Wednesday, 17 November from 13.00-17.00 UK time each day (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](#).



4 October Professor Jonatan Pinkse is speaking on a panel event at the Conservative Party conference fringe on *How can we accelerate the UK's green recovery?* He'll be discussing the recent TPI paper he co-wrote – [Public investments in COVID-19 green recovery packages](#). More details can be found on the [Policy@Manchester website](#).

4 October Professor Richard Jones is speaking at a panel event at the Conservative Party Conference fringe on *Can place-based partnerships drive innovation and growth across a city region and provide the key to levelling up?* More details can be found on the [Policy@Manchester 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.

13 October Manchester Festival of Climate Action. More information on [event website](#).

23 November Productivity Commission first evidence submission. More information on

how to get involved on the [NIESR website](#).

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.

25 November Prais Lecture. Professor Sheilagh Ogilvie, Chichele Professor of Economic History, at University of Oxford is this year's speaker at the event which examines issues relating to productivity, economic growth and human wellbeing. More information on the [NIESR website](#).

25-26 November *Workshop on productivity and structural change* - Join us, the Bank of England, The MMF Society and our partners NIESR at a two-day blended workshop. The theme is productivity and structural change. Find out more on [the event 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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