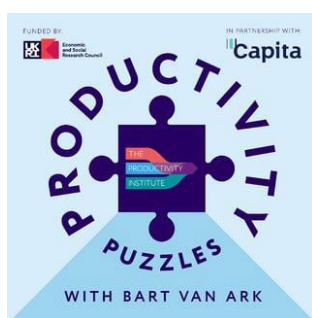




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How a focus on productivity can transform performance

How can companies transform their business through becoming more productive? What are the things stopping us doing this? What simple practical techniques are there to restore and increase productivity? In short, what is practical productivity? Find out in our latest [Productivity Puzzles podcast episode](#) out today, featuring Professor Mark Logan, formerly of Skyscanner, Professor Mark Hart, an expert in entrepreneurship, enterprise and small business and Paul Abraham, the Managing Director and Client Partner for the Local Public Service business for Capita. Search *Productivity Puzzles* where ever you get your podcasts, and please rate, review and subscribe.



Our Annual Review for 2020-21

On September 1st 2020, The Productivity Institute opened its virtual doors, getting a five-year initiative underway to advance the understanding of UK productivity performance, including the causes of the productivity slowdown over the past 15 years and the potential effects of policy and business interventions to restore productivity growth. Re-visit our first year as an Institute in our 18-page annual review, which is published [on our website](#).

Bart van Ark profiled in FT's Economists Exchange series

Our Managing Director, Bart van Ark was profiled by Financial Times journalist Chris Giles in a wide-ranging



Q&A covering his decades of productivity research, the UK's long standing productivity puzzle and how to revive economic performance post-pandemic. Read the article on the [FT website](#) (subscription may be required).



Productivity Commission: livestream our first session

Our first evidence session for the Productivity Commission can be watched on a livestream hosted by [NIESR](#) on 23 November from 9am-11.30am. Written submissions on the topic of *Sizing the productivity problem: international, national, regional and sectoral aspects* are due by 5pm [this Friday](#) (15 October). The accompanying oral session will be streamed on 23 November. Commission chair Professor Jagjit Chadha writes why the UK needs the Commission in this article for [Prospect](#).



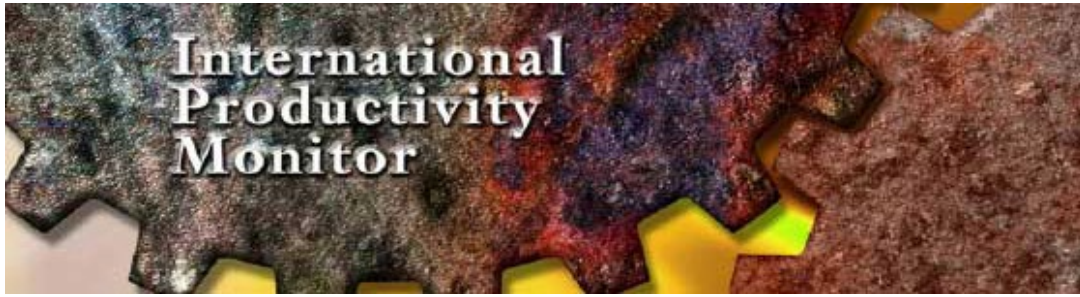
Levelling Up and productivity

TPI Research Director Tony Venables' blog on regional disparities has been published in an "Levelling Up" anthology by the [Bennett Institute for Public Policy](#). Read his blog about how UK regional disparities originate, why they are persistent, and why policy been largely ineffective in dealing with them [on our website](#).



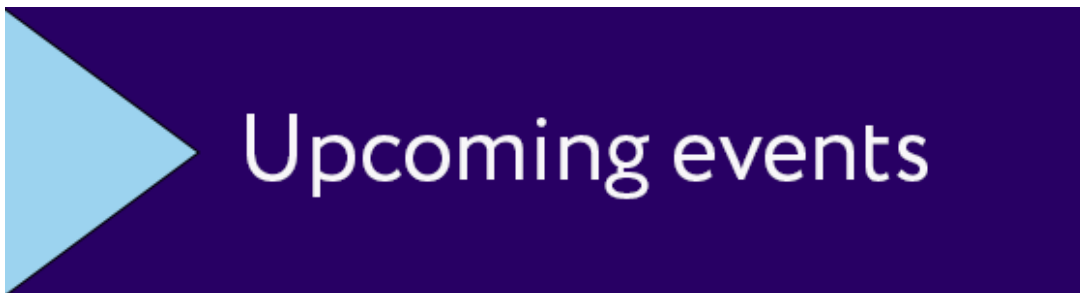
In case you missed it: Bart van Ark lecture

Bart van Ark discussed what he has learnt about the drivers and barriers to productivity and what he thinks we still need to discover in his inaugural lecture for The University of Manchester. Re-watch this fascinating Original Thinking Lecture hosted by Alliance Manchester Business School on our [YouTube channel](#).



Ten proposed papers on the links between productivity and well-being at IPM workshop

Ten proposed papers on how well-being affects productivity will be discussed at our two-day workshop co-hosted with The Centre for the Study of Living Standards. The authors come from around the world, including New Zealand, Europe and the United States. A selection of these will be published in a special issue of the International Productivity Monitor in Spring 2022. Proposal papers and an updated programme 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](#).



25 October Office for National Statistics economic forum, including the environmentally-adjusted productivity estimates for the UK. Book [through Eventbrite](#).

16-17 November IPM Workshop on Productivity and Well-being. [Book through Eventbrite](#).

23 November Productivity Commission first oral evidence submission livestream. More information 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. Book to attend the online event 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](#).

***NEW* 3 November** Professor Anthony Rafferty discusses *Skill-underutilisation and discrimination in the labour market: Why it matters and what can be done about it?* in an Original Thinking webinar. Book online or in person through the [AMBS website](#).

TPI Publications

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

- Climate change and fiscal responsibility [Read](#)
- UK's Industrial Policy: Learning from the past? [Read](#).
- The idea of productivity [Read](#)
- Covid-19 business support and SME productivity in the UK [Read](#)
- Uber And Beyond: Policy Implications for the UK [Read](#)
- Public Investments in COVID-19 green packages [Read](#)
- Productivity in UK healthcare during and after the Covid-19 pandemic [Read](#)
- A concerted effort to tackle the productivity puzzle during the post-COVID era [Read](#)
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