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Productivity Commission: watch live this Thursday

The Productivity Commission's second oral evidence session on international best practice is livestreamed tomorrow, Thursday, 17 February from 2pm-4.30pm. Register on the [NIESR website](#) to hear from panellists Beata Javorcik (Chief Economist, EBRD), Chad Syverson (University of Chicago Booth School of Business), Chiara Criscuolo (OECD) and John Fernald (INSEAD Business School).



Levelling Up podcasts

TPI experts have contributed to two BBC Radio 4 segments with insights about the Levelling Up agenda, which are now available as podcasts.

- Jagjit Chadha, our Macroeconomics trends and policy research lead, was a guest on *The Briefing Room* with David Aaronovitch [Listen to 'Will the levelling up plans work?' on BBC Sounds](#).
- Philip McCann, our Geography and place research lead, explains how the Georgians' move towards centralisation sowed the seeds for today's regional inequalities in *Start the Week*. [Listen to 'The Georgians' on BBC Sounds](#).
- Our podcast series *Productivity Puzzles* delves into Levelling Up in [Episode 11](#) on Industrial Policy, Institutions and Fiscal Mechanisms and [Episode 4](#) on the Northern Powerhouse.

More Levelling Up insights



Our experts have shared their insights on the government's Levelling Up white paper over the past fortnight. The [White Paper](#) itself has four references to the work of TPI's Research Director [Tony Venables](#) – his insights into regional disparities can be found [on this TPI blog](#), which also references the cited research.

- A summary of all reaction from our experts on the White Paper and the issues around the causes and of productivity variation across the UK, are available [on our website](#).



Jobs, growth and productivity after coronavirus

Jagjit Chadha, Director of our partner NIESR, gave evidence at the Treasury Select Committee inquiry into Jobs, growth and productivity after coronavirus on 7 February.

- Watch the session on [Parliament TV](#)
- Read the transcript and watch the evidence session involving [TPI's Managing Director Bart van Ark](#) in 2021
- Find out more about [the inquiry](#)



Regional productivity insight series

Six of our eight Regional Productivity Forums have published their working papers on productivity challenges in their English region or devolved nation. Catch up with all the reports and accompanying executive summaries published so far [on our website](#). Reports on London and the South and Yorkshire, Humberside and the North East will be released in the coming months.



World KLEMS conference

The seventh conference of World KLEMS will be held on 12-13 October 2022 at the University of Manchester, hosted by The Productivity Institute. The conference, currently an in-person event, will host about 100 participants, four plenary sessions and 12-18 parallel sessions, an opening keynote and a dinner speech, accommodating between 60 and 80 papers. The deadline

for paper proposals is 10 March 2022. Find out more on [the KLEMS website](#).



IPM No. 41: Productivity patterns in US manufacturing

The latest issue of the the [International Productivity Monitor](#), in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Living Standards, is now out and includes the article:

[Chaos Before Order: Productivity Patterns in U.S. Manufacturing](#) by Cindy Cunningham, Sabrina Wulff Pabillonis, Jay Stewart, Lucia Foster, Cheryl Grim, John Haltiwanger and Zoltan Wolf.

- This paper builds on prior research that explores the hypothesis that periods of innovation are initially associated with a surge in business start-ups, followed by increased experimentation that leads to rising dispersion potentially with declining aggregate productivity growth, and then a shakeout process that results in higher productivity growth and declining productivity dispersion.

If you do not yet have a complimentary subscription to the IPM, please sign up [on our website](#).

Upcoming Events

17 February Productivity Commission second evidence session focusing on international best practice. More details on the [NIESR website](#).

24 February Productivity Club Conference (Scotland). Register on [SCDI website](#)

24 February Building a Suite of Subnational Socioeconomic Indicators for the UK ESCoE Economic Measurement webinar. [Book on ESCoE website](#).

2 March Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Jagjit Chadha.

9 March Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). John Ponquiz.

16 March Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Issam Samiri.

16 March NERI webinar on Northern Ireland productivity. Register on [NERI website](#).

23 March Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Richard Jones & Eoin O'Sullivan.

30 March Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Manuel Tong & Diane Coyle.

6 April Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Kim Myungun.

13 April Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Oleksii Romanko.

TPI Publications

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

- Do climate policies explain the productivity puzzle? [Read](#)
- Leveraging the benefits of location decision into performance [Read](#)

- Inward investment and UK productivity [Read](#)
- Understanding productivity: Organisational Capital perspectives [Read](#)
- 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](#)
- Incentive regulation, productivity growth and environmental effects: the case of electricity networks in Great Britain [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](#)
- Human Capital & productivity [Read](#)
- Productivity & the Pandemic [Read](#)
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