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TPI Research Conference: book now to attend

Register now to attend our in-person Research Conference at Alliance Manchester Business School on 22 June with the theme *Digital Transformation, technology diffusion and Net Zero transition: what does it mean for productivity?* It features keynotes from [Anna Valero](#) and [Dirk Pilat](#) and discussions on six papers and is followed by a lecture from TPI Research Director Tony Venables. Find out more and book on [Eventbrite](#), where online options are available.



Levelling Up productivity: blog

The Productivity Institute's Managing Director Bart van Ark investigates how long-termism and decentralisation of public policy could 'lift all boats' in [this article](#) for Capita. He touches on the potential productivity benefits of a considered long-term view, improved education and training and greater fiscal independence for local authorities. The blog is a precursor to Bart's upcoming report *Making public sector productivity practical*, for which you can pre-register on the [Capita website](#).



The Enterprise Research Centre: annual conference

Bart van Ark will be speaking at the ERC's 7th annual [State of Small Business Britain Conference](#) on 16 June. The topic of the conference will be *Supporting the Triple Transition* and Bart will contribute to the third session on *The Productivity Transition*. The talk will also feature



discussion from TPI members [Jun Du](#) and [Mark Hart](#) from Aston Business School, alongside [Kitty Ussher](#).

Productivity and the Platinum Jubilee

TPI co-investigator John Turner has written an article for Economics Observatory titled [Platinum Jubilee: how has the UK economy changed over the past 70 years?](#) He tracks the rise in productivity in the 1950-60s, followed by a dip in productivity growth between 1970-90s, and the significant slowdown since the global financial crisis. John leads our Northern Ireland Regional Productivity Forum, which is currently running a survey into [NI business management practices](#).

Crises and Productivity

[Jagjit Chadha](#) spoke to Bart van Ark for the final instalment of The Productivity Institute's blog series, *Crises and Productivity*. Jagjit discusses what can be done to decrease economic uncertainty and whether we should be worried about a recession. You can read the article on [our website](#). Find out more by listening to our Productivity Puzzles podcast episode on [Staying productive in uncertain times](#).

Tony Venables: Why some places are more prosperous

TPI Research Director [Tony Venables](#) will be hosting his inaugural lecture at the Alliance Manchester Business School on 22 June at 5pm. He will discuss why regional disparities are so persistent, why adjustment mechanisms fail, and the policy response. You can book your place, either in-person or online, on the [AMBS website](#).

Skills, regional disparities and productivity growth

TPI member [Ewart Keep](#) has written a paper for the Department for Education's Skills and Productivity Board. It provides an overview of what current research can tell us about the role of education and training interventions in contributing to the government's levelling up agenda and to reducing spatial disparities in productivity. Read the full paper on the [UK government website](#).



Award-winning research on environmental sustainability

TPI collaborator [Dimitri Zenghelis](#)' paper with Paul Ekins, *The costs and benefits of environmental sustainability*, has won the *Sustainability Science* journal's [Outstanding Article Award](#). Zenghelis, who works on our [Transitions](#) research theme, suggests in the paper that environmental action will not only be beneficial for human health and welfare, but also generate economic returns in terms of productivity. Read the open access article in the [Sustainability Transitions, Management, and Governance](#) collection.



Research opportunities

The Productivity Institute and its partners are offering the following research job and publication opportunities:

- **Call for special issue papers** from the British Journal of Management. This special issue on *Reimagining business and management as a force for good* encourages theoretical and empirical contributions on how business and management is taking on a broader social purpose in order to address grand societal challenges. Closes **15 October**. Submit an article on [Wiley Online Library](#).



Special Brown Bag seminar session with Thomas Philippon

New York University Professor Thomas Philippon will discuss his new Working Paper *Additive Growth* in a special 90-minute session of our Brown Bag seminar series on **6 July**. The paper discusses how the additive growth model, rather than the exponential model, provides more useful medium-forecasts of total factor productivity. To attend this seminar, which will have a discussant, please email tpi@manchester.ac.uk and we will send you an invite and a copy of the working paper.

IPM No. 41 available online

The latest issue of the the [International Productivity Monitor](#), in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Living Standards, is out now. If you do not yet have a free subscription to the IPM, please sign up [on our website](#).



Upcoming Events

- 9 June** Vital Topics talk with Andy Haldane on levelling up. [Book on the AMBS website.](#)
- 16 June** ERC State of Small Business Britain Conference. Registration has now closed.
- 17 June** ProPEL Hub event on good and bad workplace practices. Book on [Eventbrite.](#)
- 22 June** The Productivity Institute Research Conference. Book on [Eventbrite.](#)
- 22 June** Tony Venables' Original Thinking Lecture. [Book on the AMBS website.](#)
- 29 June** Kieron Flanagan's Original Thinking Lecture. [Book on the AMBS website.](#)
- 6 July** Brown Bag seminar Thomas Philippon. [Contact TPI to attend.](#)
- 13 July** Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Chris Warhurst.
- 12-13 October** World KLEMS Conference 2022, [hosted by TPI at AMBS.](#)

TPI Publications

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

- We See Data Everywhere Except in the Productivity Statistics [Read](#)
- Is the productivity slowdown UK-specific? [Read](#)
- Do climate policies explain the productivity puzzle? [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](#)
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- 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](#)
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