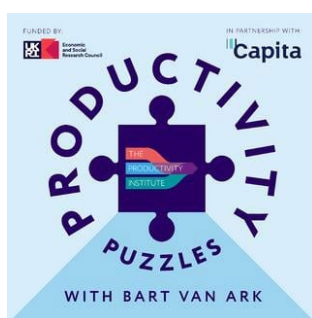


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New podcast: Can productivity rescue the global economic recovery?

Are economies making the most of their human and material resources? Through most of modern history, we've assumed that progress in technology and efficiency will make every person employed and our work more productive over time. Is this a hopeful trend? Is it still holding true? Will it hold true throughout the 21st Century? This special episode of [Productivity Puzzles](#) has been produced in conjunction with The Conference Board. It features a discussion between The Conference Board CEO Steve Odland and TPI's Bart van Ark about globalisation, the role of governments in facilitating productive companies, the diffusion of technology, labour shortages and whether productivity growth is linear.



TPI Research Conference: registration is live

We're pleased to welcome you to our in-person 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?* This conference is of interest to researchers, policy makers and thought leaders in the fields of productivity, economic policy, innovation and management. The conference, which will also be available to watch as a webinar, will feature 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](#). We look forward to seeing you there.

Tony Venables' Original Thinking Lecture: Why some places are more prosperous

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



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Bennett Institute for Public Policy: Annual Conference re-watch

You can now re-watch last month's full annual conference from the Bennett Institute for Public Policy. At the event, Bart van Ark joined [Diane Coyle](#), Julia King, Baroness Brown of Cambridge, and Professor Meredith Crowley from the University of Cambridge for a session about why productivity matters. You can watch and listen to the session again on the Bennett Institute's [YouTube channel](#) or [their website](#).



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David Jordan on Northern Ireland's economic disparity

TPI's Dr David Jordan talked to Jude Webber from the Financial Times in a short film about the economic and productivity issues that still exist from The Troubles. You can watch the full video about the physical and social barriers that still shape society, business and the economy of Northern Ireland on the [FT website](#) or on [YouTube](#). David co-wrote the [TPI paper](#) Northern Ireland's Productivity Challenge: Exploring the Issues.

New publication: ESCoE

TPI collaborator [Josh Martin](#) from the Bank of England has written a piece for our partner organisation, the Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence, about capital utilisation adjustment in productivity statistics. Read *An Occupation and Asset Driven Approach to Capital Utilisation Adjustment in Productivity Statistics* on the [ESCoE website](#).





AMBS partnership to support SMEs' post-pandemic recovery

The Alliance Manchester Business School, where the Productivity Institute is headquartered, has entered a programme called [Open SME](#) to help at least 400 SMEs across Greater Manchester to increase productivity, profitability, resilience, and sustainability. Please note, the scheme is only available to business owners and managers in the Greater Manchester area.



TPI expertise

- [Stephen Millard](#) and [Issam Samiri](#) discuss the impacts that regional variations in skills, income and wealth can have on overall productivity in a [blog](#) for NIESR.
- Professor [John Turner](#) discusses Northern Ireland's lagging productivity on the [Pivotal Policy Podcast](#). If you would like a quick break, it's only 15 minutes.
- The Royal Society's report on [Regional absorptive capacity](#) features input from [Andy Westwood](#), while the TPI's [Richard Jones](#) was a member of the steering committee. The report discusses regional inequality, skills and absorptive capacity, which are all key factors in productivity.



Early Career Research Fellowships at The Productivity Institute

Our Early Career Fellowship programme aims to attract talent from across the UK and from overseas to build a new generation of scholars in research related to productivity. Early Career Fellows will undertake innovative research, help grow the research capacity of the Institute, drive collaborative projects that deliver impact, and contribute to the Institute's network of partners, including regional productivity forums, industry and policy makers. To find out more and apply, visit the [University of Manchester jobs site](#). Applications close 7 June.

Research opportunities

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



- **Postdoctoral Research Associate** from the Economics Group at King's Business School. Professor Rebecca Riley is looking for two Research Associates to explore UK firm dynamics, productivity and linked firm data. Successful applicants will work alongside the TPI, the Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence and the Office for National Statistics. Apply [here](#) before the closure date on **12 May**.
- **PhD scholarship** into all aspects of the productivity performance of firms, sectors, regions and countries at The University of Manchester. Closes **30 May**. More information and how to apply on the [Alliance Manchester Business School website](#).



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

- 18 May** Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Oleksii Romanko - rescheduled.
- 25-27 May** ESCoE Conference on Economic Measurement. Registration is now closed.
- 9 June** Vital Topics talk with [Andy Haldane](#) on levelling up. [Book on the AMBS website](#)
- 22 June** The Productivity Institute Research Conference. Book on [Eventbrite](#).
- 22 June** Tony Venables' Original Thinking Lecture. [Book on the AMBS website](#).
- 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](#).

- Is the productivity slowdown UK-specific? [Read](#)
- Do climate policies explain the productivity puzzle? [Read](#)
- Inward investment and UK productivity [Read](#)
- Leveraging the benefits of location decision into performance [Read](#)
- Incentive regulation, productivity growth and environmental effects: the case of electricity networks in Great Britain [Read](#)

Understanding productivity:
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- 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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- A concerted effort to tackle the productivity puzzle during the post-COVID era [Read](#)
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