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## Productivity Puzzles podcast returns for Season 2

Where is productivity headed in the UK, Europe and around the world? Season 2 of *Productivity Puzzles* is released Thursday, 19 January featuring host Bart van Ark with guests Kitty Ussher, chief economist for the Institute of Directors; Klaas de Vries, a senior economist from The Conference Board; and Catherine Mann, an external member of the Monetary Policy Committee at the Bank of England. Catch up on Season 1 [through our website](#).



## Challenges facing monetary policy

Catherine Mann also spoke at a TPI event hosted by Alliance Manchester Business School on 12 January where she reviewed the comparative performance of the UK economy before and after the global financial crisis and pandemic. Re-watch her talk on the [AMBS LinkedIn page](#).



## Macroeconomic perspectives on productivity

Professor Jagjit Chadha and Dr Issam Samiri survey UK productivity performance over the long run across countries and focus on the sharp slowdown since the global financial crisis in a [new TPI working paper](#).



## The history and future of science and innovation policy

Professor Richard Jones reflects on changes in the UK's science and innovation system over the past decades. He discusses the wider challenges the UK government faces in the Research and Development landscape and what the future holds in his new [TPI insights paper](#). Richard also discussed these issues at an online Onward event attended by Science Minister George Freeman which [you can watch on YouTube](#).



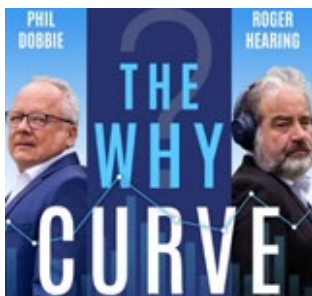
## The economic effects of the decline of coal

Fossil fuels have shaped the European economy since the industrial revolution. In a [new TPI working paper](#), Miriam Fritzsche and Nikolaus Wolf analyse the effect of coal and oil on long-run economic growth, exploiting variation at the level of European NUTS-2 and NUTS-3 regions over the last century.



## Welfare spending attracts foreign investment: analysis

Welfare spending serves to both attract and retain international investment, according to an analysis by Nigel Driffield, Holger Görg, Yama Temouri and Xiaocan Yuan. Read an overview of their research in a [new TPI executive summary](#).



## Fixing the productivity gap

Professor Philip McCann was a guest on [The Why? Curve podcast](#) discussing how to make the UK more productive. He spoke about the scope of the problem and possible solutions with hosts Phil Dobbie and Roger Hearing.



## TPI articles in NIER journal

The National Institute Economic Review, the quarterly journal from our partner NIESR, features two TPI papers in its latest edition *The Political Economy of Devolution and Secession in the UK*.

- [The productivity performance of different types of](#)

[UK regions and the challenges of levelling up](#) by Philip McCann and Pei-Yu Yuan.

- [The politics of levelling up: devolution, institutions and productivity in England](#) by Andy Westwood, Marianne Sensier and Nicola Pike.

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## TPI expertise

- The Enterprise Research Centre released *The State of Small Business Britain 2022: From crisis to crisis report* which can be read [on their website](#).
- Professors Dave Richards and Patrick Diamond look at Labour's proposed constitutional reforms and whether it could deliver on promises of political renewal in a [LSE blog](#).
- Capita's Mark Boorman discusses the drivers of public sector productivity [in a blog](#) based on TPI's *Making Public Sector Productivity Practical* report.



## TPI Opportunities

- King's College London is seeking Postdoctoral Research Associate to work full-time on a 24-month project entitled *Skill, digitalisation and productivity in UK frontier firms* focusing on original data collection and qualitative research in a sample of companies in leading R&D sectors. Closes 15 February. Apply [on KCL's jobs site](#).



## New issue of International Productivity Monitor

The International Productivity Monitor has released a new edition, which includes three articles in the second part of a Symposium on Productivity and Well-Being. It also has articles on productivity growth and spillovers across European and US industries and total factor productivity in manufacturing in 1990s India. Read all the articles [on the TPI website](#).

## Upcoming Events

**18 January** Brown Bag webinar (TPI academics only) Chris Warhurst & Derek Bosworth

**25 January** Brown Bag webinar (TPI academics only) Dirk Pilat  
**1 February** Brown Bag webinar (TPI academics only) Philip McCann and Michiel Daams  
**3, 10, 16, 24 February** Online masterclasses held by Innovation Caucus for social scientists on *How to Engage Policy Makers with your Research*. [Book on Eventbrite](#).  
**14-15 February** Office for National Statistics in-person event *Measuring non-market activity - challenges and opportunities* at BEIS. [Book on Eventbrite](#)  
**1 March** Brown Bag webinar (TPI academics only) Jun Du  
**17-19 May** ESCoE conference on Economic Measurement at King's College London.  
More information on [ESCoE's website](#).

## TPI Publications

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

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