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Launch of the Productivity Lab

We have launched the [Productivity Lab](#) as our empirical engine, bringing together a diversity of data sources on productivity and facilitating researcher and other user access to that data. Read [Raquel Ortega-Argilés' blog](#) about the lab to find out more.



Productivity Commission: focus on business investment

The Productivity Commission's first evidence session of 2023 looked at the 'Underperformance of Business Investment', hosted by TPI and NIESR. Those giving evidence included: [Andy King](#), Member of the Budget Responsibility Committee at OBR; [Frances Haque](#), Chief Economist at Santander UK; [John Llewellyn](#), former Head of International Forecasting and Policy Analysis at OECD; and [Martin Sartorius](#), Principal Economist at the Confederation of British Industry. You can re-watch the session on [NIESR's YouTube page](#).



UK productivity slowdown - which sectors matter? A blog

What are the main sectors contributing to the UK's productivity slowdown? Find out in [a summary](#) of a TPI working paper written by [Diane Coyle](#) and [Jen-Chung Mei](#). The full paper, [Diagnosing the UK Productivity Slowdown: Which Sectors Matter and Why?](#), is available on our website.



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Jagjit Chadha on the UK economy

[Watch](#) Jagjit Chadha discuss the state of the UK economy, crises and low worker productivity growth on Sky News. Jagjit is the lead on TPI's [Macroeconomic trends and policy](#) research theme. Read a [blog piece](#) where Jagjit discusses these issues with Bart van Ark.

The return of industrial strategy

[Professor Andy Westwood](#) reflects on the significant level of place-based industrial policy investment in the US, and its relevance to the UK and Europe, in [an article](#) for the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities.

Productivity in interwar Northern Ireland

A new Queen's University Belfast [working paper](#) from [David Jordan](#) examines Stormont's industrial policy between 1921-1945 and asks whether regional institutions can explain Northern Ireland's long-run productivity gap.

Back to the future

TPI co-investigator [Adrian Pabst's article for the Critic](#) takes a look at Chancellor Jeremy Hunt's focus on technology, the similarity to New Labour's approach, and how it could impact productivity growth.

Productivity Puzzles: climate measures are a "twofer"

Efforts to fight climate change could also [boost productivity and the economy](#) (paywall), according to Catherine Mann, External member of the Monetary Policy Committee at the Bank of England, on the [first episode](#) of Productivity Puzzles' second season. If you prefer reading to listening, you can now [download the episode transcript](#).

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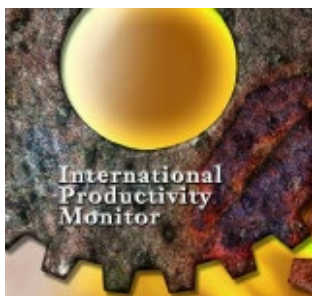
TPI expertise

- [Josh Martin's TPI paper](#) with Jon Franklin was referenced in [Pro Bono Economics' report](#) on bringing charities into the UK's productivity drive.
- [Sir Cary Cooper](#) is quoted extensively in a [Sky News article](#) about burnout and well-being. Cary discussed similar topics on the [Productivity Puzzles podcast](#).
- Read TPI's Managing Director Bart van Ark [analysing the difference in productivity statistics between the UK and France](#).
- [Jack Newman](#) has co-authored a [paper](#) on place-based approaches to regional policy levers and the UK's productivity challenge.



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](#).



International Productivity Monitor

The latest International Productivity Monitor edition includes an article on [productivity gains from worker well-being in Europe](#), which uses a dataset combining information on working conditions and on the structure and performance of industries in manufacturing, construction and services, covering the business economies of 30 European countries. Read all the articles from the IPM [on the TPI website](#).

Upcoming Events

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](#).

6 February Richard Jones speaking at Institute for Government hybrid event on the Levelling Up White Paper, a year on. [Register](#).

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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