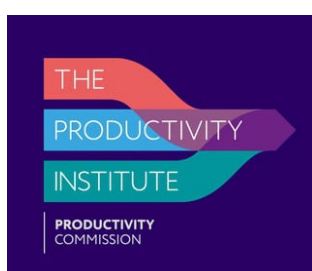# eBulletin

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Productivity Commission – call for written evidence

The Productivity Commission is keen to hear from individuals and organisations on topics relating to business investment, public investment and foreign direct investment and their connection to productivity at all levels. The deadline for the call for written evidence is **Monday, 24 April**. Please send submissions to productivity@niesr.ac.uk. Further details and terms of reference can be found on NIESR's website.

Long-term perspectives: Diane Coyle at the Treasury

Diane Coyle has written a blog reflecting on her appearance before the House of Commons Treasury Committee. It highlights some priority areas on which the UK government should focus: long-term perspectives; large-scale investments; and coordination and consistency in policy.

Productivity Lab at the Royal Economic Society Conference

The Institute's Productivity Lab organised a session on productivity data at the 2023 Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society. The session focused on access and usage of increasingly available productivity data at micro, regional, national and international level. The slides from the day are available to view on our website.

UKRI Policy Fellowships

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) is offering 49 UKRI Policy Fellowships to co-design research to inform policy on priority areas. The opportunities will be based with a host in one of 27 different UK government departments, devolved governments and What Works Centres. All fellowship opportunities are 18 months in duration and open to applications from researchers based at an organisation eligible for UKRI funding. **Closes 20 April**.

ESCoE Conference on Economic Measurement 2023

Registration is now open for the Conference on Economic Measurement 2023, hosted by our partner organisation the Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence (ESCoE). The event will be held 17-19 May at King's College London and registration **closes 1 May**.

Stian Westlake's Vital Topics lecture

Stian Westlake, CEO of the Royal Statistical Society and incoming Executive Chair of the ESRC, gave a Vital Topics lecture yesterday on science, innovation, intangibles and regional inequality in the UK. The lecture is available to view on Alliance Manchester Business School's LinkedIn.
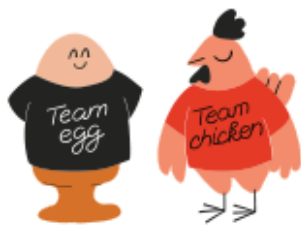
Matthew Agarwala talks green energy on Channel 4 News

TPI and the Bennett Institute's Matthew Agarwala featured on Channel 4 News discussing the UK government's revamped Net-Zero energy plan and the missed opportunities and productivity boost that would be associated with further green energy investment. Read Matthew's research on energy productivity and climate change on our website.

Of chickens and eggs: Exporting, innovation novelty and productivity

Why are exporting firms more productive? Do more

productive firms just export more or does exporting lead to higher productivity? Read the TPI working paper ['Of chickens and eggs'](#) by [Halima Jibril](#) and [Stephen Roper](#) to find out more information. An [executive summary](#) is also available.

Productivity revolutions: past and future - call for papers

The Productivity Institute, Arthur Lewis Lab for Comparative Development and The Manchester School are co-hosting a conference on **Friday, 16 June** at Alliance Manchester Business School. The conference will focus on long-term productivity change and its implications for growth and development in the past, present, or future. For more information visit the [conference website](#).

The Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations in 2023

Our partner, the University of Glasgow, is hosting an academic workshop on **8 June** to celebrate the [Adam Smith Tercentenary](#). TPI academics wishing to apply and participate should email alex.trew@glasgow.ac.uk including a brief statement on the intended contribution on either the Nature or the Causes of the Wealth of Nations in 2023, along with a CV. The application deadline is **Friday 21 April**.

TPI expertise

- TPI collaborators Graham Brownlow, [David Jordan](#) and [John Turner](#) have written [an article](#) for Economics Observatory discussing how peace in Northern Ireland has brought some economic improvements, including lower unemployment, higher wages for low earners and the arrival of new industries.
- Read [Diane Coyle's piece](#) about AI tools like ChatGPT, which examines the ways in which they

could bring about the productivity growth needed to boost incomes and living standards, but could also displace millions of workers.

International Productivity Monitor

The latest International Productivity Monitor edition features the second part of the Symposium on Well-being and Productivity. Read all the articles from the IPM on the TPI website.

Upcoming Events

17-19 May ESCoE conference on Economic Measurement at King's College London. More information on ESCoE's website.

18 May Productivity Commission evidence session. Watch online. Written evidence deadline 24 April.

5-10 June Adam Smith Tercentenary week at the University of Glasgow. Register online.

16 June Productivity Revolutions: Past & Future Conference - University of Manchester.

TPI Publications

Working Papers and Productivity Insight Papers can be found on our website.