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## Greening Productivity: new podcast episode

Can we make the economy greener and still be productive? Or even better, can productivity help us to make the economy greener? Anna Valero, Jonatan Pinkse and Antoine Dechezleprêtre join Bart van Ark to discussing greening productivity on the [latest episode of Productivity Puzzles](#). This episode reached number five on the Italian podcast charts for government!



## Can productivity unlock the UK economic revival?

The Productivity Institute will be hosting a session at the [Trade Unlocked](#) national conference in Birmingham on 20 June, 1pm-2pm. Panellists Nigel Driffield, Halima Jibril, Donna Edwards and Tera Allas will talk with Bart van Ark about which businesses are most productive, how regions can maximise diffusion of innovation, and what firms can do to improve their absorptive capacity. Register for the conference on the [Trade Unlocked website](#) and use the code **TU23REGISTERFREE** to attend for free.



## Funding for Levelling Up report

The Productivity Institute submitted written evidence to the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee's report into [Funding for Levelling Up](#). Read the submission by Patrick Diamond, Jack Newman, Dave Richards, Anna Sanders and Andy Westwood on the [committee's website](#).



## What can the UK learn from 'turnaround cities'?

This question is examined in a TPI blog by Philip McCann, which explores the Resolution Foundation's report, [Lessons from successful 'turnaround' cities for the UK](#). The paper, which Philip co-authored the paper along with the Institute's Kate Penney and others, examines how eight post-industrial cities have transformed their economies over the space of the past 20-30 years.



## UK Regional Productivity Disparities

Philip McCann will discuss the causes, capital markets and consequences of UK regional productivity disparities in his Original Thinking lecture at Alliance Manchester Business School (AMBS) on 7 June between 5:30pm-6:30pm. Book your place for the hybrid event on the [AMBS website](#).



## What went wrong with 21st century economic policy?

Jagjit Chadha recently delivered the 2023 Ronald Tress Memorial Lecture at Birkbeck University. The talk drew out the main factors in the UK's decline in income per head compared to the US and suggests some ways that we may be able to recover lost ground. You can re-watch the lecture on the [National Institute for Economic and Social Research website](#).



## How data driven research can drive innovation

How much can data-driven academic research help develop smart technology in the future? Re-watch Raquel Ortega-Argiles, who heads The Productivity Lab, deliver a lecture covering smart specialisation, industrial policy, and Levelling Up on [AMBS's LinkedIn page](#).

## Productivity in Practice Fellowship

We are seeking to appoint 2 Fellows (0.6 FTE – full-time) for 3-6 months under our Productivity in Practice

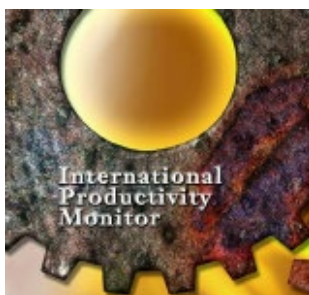


Fellowship Programme. The roles will work on developing firm level productivity research by working with [Be The Business](#) – an organisation focused on helping UK SME businesses with their productivity. Apply for the positions on [The University of Manchester jobs site](#). **Closes 12 June.**



## TPI expertise

- The Enterprise Research Centre's [survey of Midlands-based firms](#) finds workplace presenteeism is exceeding pre-pandemic levels, as more businesses say their performance is being affected by mental health issues.
- Adrian Pabst is quoted in [the National News' article](#) about London's economy pulling ahead of other regions. He says that the UK "needs a clear vision with a real economic industrial strategy that really covers the whole economy, and not just one sector in one part of the country."
- Andy Westwood is quoted in [an article](#) from the Manchester Mill, which looks at the [Oldham Economic Review](#), on which he is a main author. "You need places to feel like they're going in the right direction", says Andy.



## 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

- 5-10 June** Adam Smith Tercentenary week at the University of Glasgow. [Register online](#).
- 7 June** Original Thinking Lecture with Philip McCann. Register on the [AMBS website](#).
- 7 June** Finance and Growth Workshop. Book your place on the [NIESR website](#).
- 16 June** Productivity Revolutions: Past & Future Conference. Book on [Eventbrite](#). **Closes 2 June**

**20 June** Trade Unlocked 2023 - register on the [Trade Unlocked website](#) using **TU23REGISTERFREE**.

## TPI Publications

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

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