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Mary O'Mahony to become Institute Research Director

[Professor Mary O'Mahony](#) is The Productivity Institute's new Research Director following the decision of [Professor Tony Venables](#) to step back to focus on his research. Mary takes over as of February 2023. She is a Co-Investigator in the Institute's Measurement and Methods theme and is based at King's College London. Tony will remain part of the Institute's management team. The Institute thanks Tony for his work setting up the Institute and steering its research through its first two years and welcomes Mary to the role.



Productivity Puzzles: episode two teaser

The second episode of season two of TPI's podcast will be released later this week, featuring [Diane Coyle](#) and [Richard Jones](#) talking about the new Department for Science, Innovation and Technology. If you can't wait, you can read Richard's [recent TPI paper](#) on science and innovation. Or read [a summary](#) of Diane's [paper](#) about the sectors that matter for productivity, which looks at innovative sectors that are contributing to the slowdown.

Richard Jones on science and technology strategy

Watch TPI co-investigator Richard Jones [giving evidence](#) to the House of Lords Science and Technology



Committee, where he talks about his recent TPI paper. Richard stressed the importance of embedding science across government and scaling research and development policies to assist productivity and Levelling Up ambitions.



The French Correction?

[Rebecca Riley](#) examines why the French are more productive than UK counterparts on [an episode of BBC Radio 4's the Bottom Line](#) with Evan Davies. The French work fewer hours, take longer holidays and retire earlier than UK employees. What we can learn from our neighbours?



Global and European Productivity Outlook: a blog

Productivity growth has been weak in the past decade, and the last few years have been challenging. But where is productivity heading? [This blog](#) is based on the [first episode](#) of Productivity Puzzles season two and provides highlights of the discussion.



Productivity in interwar Northern Ireland

[David Jordan's working paper](#) on industrial policy and productivity between 1921-1945 in Northern Ireland is now available on our website. It uses new comparisons of regional and sectoral industrial productivity, and new archival evidence for Stormont's interwar industrial policy.



Frank Geels selected in highly cited researchers list

TPI's [Frank Geels](#) appears in the [Clarivate Highly Cited Researchers list](#) in the Social Sciences category for the fourth year running. You can read Frank's [TPI working paper](#) on the risks and opportunities associated with the low-carbon and digital transitions on our website.

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TPI expertise

- [Jagjit Chadha](#) discusses the UK's underperforming economy and what should come next for monetary and fiscal policy to right the ship in [a piece](#) for the Times (paywall).
- Read Diane Coyle's [commentary for Project Syndicate](#) on the emergence of powerful new tools like ChatGPT and the need for regulatory intervention.
- Read TPI collaborator Jonathan Haskel's [interview for the Overshoot](#), where he discusses productivity, the economy and his [TPI paper](#) with Peter Goodridge.
- [Issam Samiri](#) from NIESR and TPI is quoted about productivity growth in a [Telegraph article](#) (paywall) about the UK's housing market issues.



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 features research on [measuring productivity when well-being is the objective](#), which reflects on the productivity-well-being linkages that were discussed in the Symposium on Productivity and Well-Being. Read all the articles from the IPM [on the TPI website](#).

Upcoming Events

16, 24 February Online masterclasses held by Innovation Caucus for social scientists on *How to Engage Policy Makers with your Research*. [Book on Eventbrite](#).

1 March Brown Bag webinar (TPI academics only) Jun Du

21 March Bart van Ark and David Jordan speaking at ESRI event on productivity in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Book on [ESRI's website](#).

14 April The Bennett Institute's Annual Conference. [Book your place.](#)

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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