

Productivity Insights Network

Special Sessions

Wed 17th July: 9.30 to 17:00

Howard Theatre, Downing College, Cambridge

[RSAI-BIS conference attendees welcome & registered external attendees]

9.30-11.00 Productivity, inclusive growth, and wellbeing

Chair: *Vania Sena (University of Essex)*

Philip McCann (University of Sheffield)

Introduction and overview

Joanna Yarker (Kingston Business School and Affinity Health at Work)

Returning to work and thriving at work

Anne Green (University of Birmingham)

The UK Futures Programme: a longer-term evaluation

Leaza McSorley (University of Sunderland)

Wellbeing and (inclusive) productivity growth?

Q&A

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00 Regional productivity policy

Chair: *Gary Dymski (University of Leeds)*

Ben Gardiner (Cambridge Econometrics)

Powering Up the Core Cities: The Nature of the Problem and Scale of the Policy Challenges

Nicola Headlam (Head of Northern Powerhouse at Cities and Local Growth Unit)

Strategic strategy for unstrategic times. Refreshing the Northern Powerhouse or rebooting subnational economic development?

Paul Swinney (Director of Policy and Research, Centre for Cities)

What do cities need to do today to boost tomorrow's productivity?

Q&A (30 min)

Wednesday 17 July 2019, afternoon

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00 Tom Forth (ODI Leeds): How big data, open algorithms, and new institutions are improving the UK's productivity policy

Chair: *Andrew Henley (Cardiff University)*

Panel: *Tom Forth (ODI Leeds), Emma Fletcher (SmithsonHill), Iain Docherty (University of Stirling)*

15.15-15.30 Coffee Break

15.30-17.00 Data, measurement, and new approaches

Chair: *Richard Lewney (Cambridge Econometrics)*

Stef Garasto (Nesta)
Skills mismatch and job accessibility

Elena Magrini (Centre for Cities)
Regional variations in skills and training

Dimitri Zenghelis (LSE)
The Wealth Economy – counting assets that count

Q&A

17.00-17.10 Concluding remarks
