

London- Paris Public Economics conference
“Taxes, welfare and social insurance in the 21st Century”

Panel Discussion: What should policy do about low earnings?
Thursday 20 September | 15:00 - 17:30

Venue: One Great George Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3AA

This event will bring together an international field of experts and senior policy-makers to discuss the big challenges with respect to in-work poverty, and what we know – and need to know – about policy effectiveness. We will begin with refreshments and registration at 15:00 followed by short presentations at 15:30 setting out some of the key data, evidence and policy questions, before moving to Q&A.

Panellists

- Richard Blundell, IFS and UCL
- Tito Boeri, Bocconi and FRDB
- Ben Chu, Economics Editor, The Independent (Chair)
- Hilary Hoynes, UC Berkeley, NBER and IFS
- Philippe Martin, Sciences Po, Chair, Council of Economic Advisors to the French Prime Minister
- Lindsey Whyte, Director, Personal Tax, Welfare and Pensions, HM treasury

Please note this panel session requires a separate sign up to attend. <https://www.ifs.org.uk/events/1608>

Main conference

Venue: The Institute for Fiscal Studies, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE

Friday 21 September

09.00 - 9.30

Coffee and registration

09.30- 11.00

Morning Session chaired by Richard Blundell (IFS and UCL)

Tax Evasion

Gabriel Zucman (Berkeley University), “The Missing Profits of Nations” Joint with *Thomas Tørsløv* and *Ludvig Wier*

Stefanie Stantcheva (Harvard University), “Taxation and Innovation in the 20th Century” joint with *Ufuk Akcigit*, *John R. Grigsby* and *Tom Nicholas*

11.00- 11.30

Break

11.30- 13.00

Child Policies

Henrik Kleven (Princeton University), “Child Penalties and Public Policies” Joint with *Camille Landais*, *Johanna Posch*, *Andreas Steinhauer* and *Josef Zweimuller*

Andrea Weber (Central European University), “Paid Parental Leave and Paternity Acknowledgement” Joint with *Anna Raute*

13.00- 14.00

Lunch

14.00- 15.30

Afternoon session chaired by Robert Joyce (IFS)

Social Insurance and the Labour Market

Josef Zweimuller (University of Zurich) “Marginal Jobs and Job Surplus: Evidence from Separations and Unemployment Insurance” *joint with **Simon Jäger** and **Benjamin Schoefer***

Tito Boeri (Bocconi University) “Closing the Retirement Door and the Lump of Labor” *joint with **Pietro Garibaldi** and **Espen Moen***

15.30- 16.00

Break

16.00- 17.30

Value of Insurance

Johannes Spinnewijn (London School of Economics, CEPR and IFS), “The Value of Unemployment Insurance” *joint with **Camille Landais***

Nathan Hendren (Harvard University), “Measuring ex ante welfare in insurance markets”

18.00- close

Dinner (Speakers and organisers)

Saturday 22 September

09.00- 09.30

Coffee and registration

09.30- 11.00

Morning session chaired by Camille Landais (LSE, CEPR and IFS)

Innovation and Rent Sharing

Ufuk Akcigit (University of Chicago), “Connecting to Power: Political Connections, Innovation and Firm Dynamics” *joint with **Salome Baslandze** and **Francesca Lotti***

Thibaut Lamadon (University of Chicago and IFS)
“Imperfect Competition and Rent Sharing in the U.S. Labor Market” *joint with **Magne Mogstad** and **Bradley Setzler***

11.00- 11.30

Break

11.30- 13.00

Health

Liran Einav (Stanford University), “Risk Adjustment vs. Subsidies in the Design of Health Insurance Exchanges” *joint with **Amy Finkelstein** and **Pietro Tebaldi***

Amanda Kowalski (University of Michigan), “Biology Meets Behaviour: Applying MTE Methods to a Clinical Trial.”

13.00- 14.00

Lunch

14.00- 15.30

Afternoon session chaired by Antoine Bozio (IPPR and IFS)

Social Safety Net

Hilary Hoynes (UC Berkeley, NBER and IFS) “Is the Social Safety Net a Long-Term Investment? Large-Scale Evidence from the Food Stamps Program” *Joint with **Martha Bailey**, **Maya Rossin-Slater**, and **Reed Walker***

Luigi Pistaferri (Stanford University), “Marriage, Labour Supply and the Dynamics of the Social Safety Net” Joint with Hamish Low, Costas Meghir, and Alessandra Voena

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