

# Talking Economics.

## Speaker biographies

Wednesday.

09.00-10.30 | A one-two punch: health and economics

**Chris Giles** is the economics editor for the *Financial Times*.

**Paula Lorgelly** is Professor of Health Economics in the department of Applied Health Research at University College London and national organiser of the UK Health Economists' Study Group. Paula has worked across the health and medical spectrum and much of her clinical research has focused on oncology, particularly genomics and precision medicine.

**Ben Moll** is Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics. He is a macroeconomist interested in understanding the large disparities in income and wealth, as well as macroeconomic policy. Ben's work approaches these questions with a mix of theory and empirics. He is currently studying the macroeconomic and distributional consequences of Covid-19.

**Flavio Toxvaerd** is an expert on the economics of infectious diseases. His focus is on behavioural responses to epidemics, to better understand how people behave when facing disease risks. He has also researched optimal management of diseases through different policies such as voluntary social distancing, lockdowns, vaccination, treatment and testing. He is an associate professor at the University Cambridge.

**Melanie Cockroft** is an Intensive Care Senior Clinical Fellow at the NHS. She is a specialist in anaesthetics and intensive care medicine.

11.00-12.30 | WFH or not working at all

**Philip Aldrick** is the economics editor and a columnist for *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*.

**Huw Dixon** is an expert on monetary policy and the measurement of the economy, including inflation and GDP. He has conducted research with the Bank of England, ECB, and the Bank of France, as well as working with the Office for National Statistics on developing house price indices and the use of big data. He is Professor of Economics at Cardiff Business School.

**Graeme Roy** is an expert in economic devolution, regional policy and the Scottish economy. This means he has done extensive research on economic policy in Scotland, having also worked as a government advisor for many years. Graeme is Dean of External Engagement in the College of Social Sciences at the University of Glasgow.

**Helen Simpson** is the Director of the Centre for Evidence-based Public Services, and a Research Affiliate of CEPR. She has given policy advice at HM Treasury, HMRC, BEIS, DfT, DIT, the European Commission and the OECD. She was previously Director of Productivity and Innovation Research at the IFS. Her research covers

urban economics and the effects of place-based policies, productivity, innovation and foreign direct investment.

**Kudisia Batool** is the TUC's Head of Equalities and Strategy. As Head of Equalities and Strategy, her responsibilities will include equalities policy, the TUC's Anti-Racism Task Force and TUC strategy. A former primary school Head Teacher and a national negotiating official at the NASUWT she introduced leadership training and development programmes for trade unionists, focussing particularly on women, black, young worker, LGBT+ and disabled members.

## 13.00-14.30 | Finance in flux

**Ed Conway** is the economics editor for Sky News.

**Dawn Holland** is a consultant on macroeconomic modelling and forecasting for the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) and the United Nations, and is a member of the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council. Her research interests include issues related to macroeconomic modelling and forecasting, production functions and fiscal multipliers.

**Michael McMahon** is an expert on monetary economics, fiscal policy, business cycles, and applied econometrics. This means that a large part of his work has been focused on the role and behaviour of central banks, government budgets, and the economic cycle. As well as serving on the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council, Michael is Professor of Economics at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of St Hugh's College.

**John Turner** is an expert on economic and financial history. This means he has focused much of his research on how economic policies, banks and businesses have all evolved over time. John is a Professor of Finance and Financial History at Queen's University Belfast and is director of the Queen's University Centre for Economic History.

**Alexandra Freath** is the Chief Corporate Affairs Officer for Starling Bank. She joined the bank after a 31-year career in journalism in which she spent 25 years at *The Times* where she served as a reporter, foreign correspondent and business columnist.

## Thursday.

### 09.00-10.30 | An unfair crisis

**Sarah O'Connor** is a columnist, reporter and associate editor at the *Financial Times*.

**Abi Adams-Prassl** is an economist at the University of Oxford, where she is the co-convenor of the Applied Microeconomics group. Her work on labour economics and econometrics has been published in the leading peer-reviewed outlets in Economics, Law, and Human-Computer Interaction.

**Richard Blundell** holds the David Ricardo Chair of Political Economy at University College London where he was appointed Professor of Economics in 1984. He is Director of the ESRC Centre for the Microeconomic Analysis of Public Policy at the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) where he was Research Director from 1986-2016.

**Jagjit Chadha** is an expert on financial markets and monetary policy, as well as economic and financial history. This means that much of his research has been focused on money, inflation, interest rates and the banking sector, and how each of these areas has developed over time. Jagjit is the Director of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR).

**Sarah Smith** is an expert on charitable giving and pro-social behaviour. She is also an expert on gender and has worked on the impact of Covid-19 on the allocation of childcare. Sarah is co-chair of a campaign to promote diversity among economics students and set up a Covid-economics blog targeted at 6th formers wanting a taste of economics. She is Professor of Economics at the University of Bristol.

**Jane Van Zyl** is CEO of Working Families, the UK's work-life balance charity. Jane has 12 years' experience working in the third sector and has held senior leadership positions at a number of UK charities. She believes in the value of fulfilling, balanced working life and its transformative power to impact the wider community.

## 11.00-12.30 | The ongoing toll

**Isabel Hardman** is an author and assistant editor at *The Spectator*.

**Stuart McIntyre** researches areas are in applied economics and econometrics, in particular as applied to regional and spatial economics, and policy evaluation. Recent projects include work to generate timelier and higher frequency estimates of regional economic growth in the UK and elsewhere. Stuart is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Strathclyde.

**Fabien Postel-Vinay** is Professor of Economics at University College London and a Research Director at the Institute for Fiscal Studies. His research fields are applied and theoretical labour economics, labour market policy and economic dynamics.

**Carol Propper** has focused her research on increasing understanding of the factors that affect the production of public services, with a particular emphasis on healthcare. This means that much of her work has been centred around how governments design public services, and how they can be improved. Carol is Professor of Economics at Imperial College Business School, London.

**Dominique Thompson** is an award-winning GP, young people's mental health expert, and author, with over 20 years clinical experience caring for students. She is a regular media commentator on young people's mental health, from the BBC's Today programme, to Sky TV, *The Guardian* and the *Financial Times*.

## 13.00-14.30 | Global virus, global impact

**Lizzy Burden** is a UK economy reporter at Bloomberg News

**Lotanna Emediegwu** is a doctoral researcher affiliated with the Environmental and Resource Economics (ERE) Research Group at the University of Manchester. His research interests are environmental economics, agricultural economics and climate econometrics.

**Zsoka Koczan** is a Senior Economist at the EBRD Office of the Chief Economist. Zsoka has worked as an economist at the International Monetary Fund in the European Department and in the Research Department (on the World Economic Outlook). Her current research focuses on within-country income disparities, migration and inequality.

## Friday.

### 09.00-10.00 | The next crisis

**Eshe Nelson** is a business and economics reporter at *The New York Times*.

**Diane Coyle** is an expert on digital markets, productivity and competition. She has extensively researched the role of new technologies in the economy, as well as wider approaches to measuring economic wellbeing. Diane is the inaugural Bennett Professor of Public Policy at the University of Cambridge, and a Director of the Productivity Institute and Fellow of the Office for National Statistics.

**Anna Valero** is an ESRC Innovation Fellow at the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics and an associate of the Grantham Research Institute. Her research focuses on the drivers of productivity and innovation in firms and regions, and in particular the role of skills and universities in explaining differences in economic performance.

**Dimitri Zenghelis** is Senior Adviser for the Wealth Economy Project on social and natural capital centred at the Bennett Institute (University of Cambridge) and a Senior Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics. Previously, he headed the Stern Review Team at the Office of Climate Change and was a lead author on the Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change, commissioned by the Chancellor Gordon Brown.

**Karis McIntyre** is a 16-year-old student activist and volunteer coordinator at Students Organising for Sustainability. Karis is also involved with Teach the Future and YouthStrike4Climate. She also co-authored the 'English Climate Emergency Education Act' a bill which aims to get climate education weaved in across the school curriculum.

### 10.30-11.30 | The Covid-19 generation

**Duncan Weldon** is an economics journalist, having worked for *The Economist* and Newsnight

**Andrea Arlidge** is the CEO of Wellsway Multi Academy Trust. Alongside her role as CEO, Andrea is Chair of the Trust Board of the County Sports Partnership for the West of England and a governor at City of Bristol College. She also sits on the Ofsted South West region Headteachers' Reference Group and is a member of Ofsted's South West region Scrutiny Committee.

**Simon Burgess** is a Professor of Economics at the University of Bristol. Simon is a labour economist. His current research interests are in the economics of education, including teacher effectiveness, pupil effort, school admissions, and market-based education reforms (such as school performance tables, school

accountability, choice and competition). He also works on ethnic segregation in schools, and the educational performance of minority students.

**Gill Wyness** is an applied economist specialising in quantitative methods. Her main research area is the economics of higher education. She is particularly interested in inequalities in university participation and attainment. She is a senior lecturer at University College London.

**Alice Towle** is a youth politician and activist, currently Youth Mayor of Bristol and the founder of the International Youth Mayors Association.

## 12.00-13.00 | Doing central bank economics

**Soumaya Keynes** is trade and globalisation editor at *The Economist*

**Jagjit Chadha** is an expert on financial markets and monetary policy, as well as economic and financial history. This means that much of his research has been focused on money, inflation, interest rates and the banking sector, and how each of these areas has developed over time. Jagjit is the Director of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR).

**Huw Pill** is the Chief Economist and Executive Director for Monetary Analysis and Research for the Bank of England. Previously, Huw was Chief Economist at Goldman Sachs (2011-2018) and before that he worked at the European Central Bank in Frankfurt.

## 13.30-14.30 | A new world?

**Phillip Inman** is economics editor of *The Observer* and an economics writer for *The Guardian*.

**Meredith Crowley** is a Reader in International Economics and Fellow of St. John's College at the University of Cambridge. She is a Senior Fellow of UK in a Changing Europe, and a Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research. She is also a member of two advisory panels at the UK Department for International Trade. Her research focuses on international trade, multinational trade agreements, and trade policy.

**Henry Overman** is Professor of Economic Geography at the London School of Economics. He is also the Research Director of the Centre for Economic Performance and the director of the What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth. His research interests include the causes and consequences of spatial disparities and the impact of urban and regional policy.

**Helen Tanner** is CEO of Data Cubed, an independent Bristol-based data consultancy that helps businesses analyse various types of information. Data Cubed provides marketing analysis, data visualisation and reporting services, as well as analytics dashboards to help companies improve their performance.

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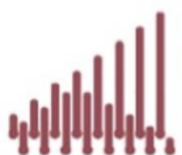
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