

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*International Conference on Productivity Measurement, Drivers and Trends
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Preliminary Programme (as of July 4, 2013)*

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, MORNING

Opening remarks: Barbara Fraumeni (IARIW Chairperson)

Invited Opening Address: Philip Lowe (Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia), “The Australian Economy and Productivity Growth”

Session 1: *Perspectives on International Productivity Performance*

1. Bart van Ark (The Conference Board), Vivian Chen (The Conference Board), Bert Colijn (The Conference Board), Kirsten Jaeger (The Conference Board), Wim Overmeer (The Conference Board), and Marcel Timmer (University of Groningen), “Recent Changes in Europe’s Competitive Landscape and Medium-Term Perspectives: How the Sources of Demand and Supply Are Shaping Up”
2. Erwin Diewert (University of British Columbia and UNSW), “US TFP Growth and the Contribution of Changes in Export and Import Prices to Real Income Growth”

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, LATE MORNING

Parallel Session 2A: *Country Productivity Studies: China*

1. Linlin Sun (Beihang University), Xiaoqin Li (The Conference Board), Maoqin Fan (Central University of Finance and Economics), Ruoan Ren (Beihang University), “Productivity growth in China from 1981 to 2011: Industrial and aggregate measures, drivers and international comparisons in Asia”

2. Carlo Milana (University of London) and Harry X. Wu (Hitotsubashi University), “Government-Engineered Growth and Productivity Performance in China”

Parallel Session 2B: *R&D and Innovation*

1. Alfons Palangkaraya (University of Melbourne) and Beth Webster (University of Melbourne), “Effects of Innovation on Firm Performance”
2. Ådne Cappelen (Statistics Norway), Arvid Raknerud (Statistics Norway) and Marina Rybalka (Statistics Norway), “Returns to public R&D grants and subsidies”

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, AFTERNOON

Featured Speaker: Jonathon Haskel (Imperial College Business School), “Spillovers from R&D and Other Intangible Investment: Evidence from UK Industries”

Session 3: *The Measurement of R&D and Intangibles*

1. Thomas Niebel (Centre for European Economic Research), Mary O’Mahony (Birmingham Business School) and Marianne Saam (Centre for European Economic Research), “Intangible Investment at the Industry Level: Growth Accounting”
2. Gaétan de Rassenfosse (University of Melbourne), “Survey-data Estimates of the R&D Depreciation Rate”

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, LATE AFTERNOON

Parallel Session 4A: *EUKLEMS and World KLEMS Studies*

1. Antonio Peyrache (University of Queensland) and Alicia N. Rambaldi (University of Queensland), “Sectoral Productivity Growth and Structural Change: An Application to EU-KLEMS”
2. Deb Kusum Das (University of Delhi), Abdul Azeez Erumban (University of Groningen) and Suresh Aggarwal (University of Delhi), “Revisiting the Service-led Growth in India – Trends and Determinants of India’s Service sector productivity”
3. Ilya Voskoboynikov (University of Groningen), “Sources of productivity growth in new EU Member States and Russia”

Parallel Session 4B: *ICT Productivity and Capital Services*

1. David M. Byrne (Federal Reserve Board), Stephen D. Oliner (American Enterprise Institute and UCLA) and Daniel E. Sichel (Wellesley College) “Hedonic Indexes for Semiconductor Prices”
2. Hui Wei (Australian Bureau of Statistics) and Pengfei Zhao (Australian Bureau of Statistics), “Setting Rental Prices Right for Computers”
3. Michael B. Cunningham (Economic Insights) and Denis Lawrence (Economic Insights), “Capital Services, Embodied Technical Change & Obsolescence in Australia”

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, EVENING

Cocktail reception

Conference dinner

Guest Speaker: Fred Hilmer (President and Vice Chancellor, UNSW), “What Drives the Cost of Regulation?”

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, MORNING

Featured Speaker: Nicholas Oulton (London School of Economics), “Effects of Financial Crises on Labour Productivity, Capital and Employment”

Session 5: *Difficult-to-Measure Sectors*

1. Ana Aizcorbe (Bureau of Economic Analysis), “Measuring Productivity for the US Health Sector”
2. Yu Sheng (ABARES), Clara Cuevas (ABARES) and Shiji Zhao (Productivity Commission), “Measuring Output, Input and Total Factor Productivity in Australian Agriculture”

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, LATE MORNING

Parallel Session 6A: *Country Productivity Studies: Canada*

1. Shutao Cao (Bank of Canada) and Sharon Kozicki (Bank of Canada), “Real Income Growth, Productivity, and the Terms of Trade in Canada”
2. John Baldwin (Statistics Canada), Wulong Gu (Statistics Canada) and Beiling Yan (Statistics Canada), “The Industry and Country Origins of Aggregate Productivity Growth in Canada’s Production of Final Goods and Services”

Parallel Session 6B: *Productivity Aggregation*

1. Bert M. Balk (Erasmus University), “The Dynamics of Productivity Change: A Review of the Bottom-Up Approach”
2. Finn R. Førsund (University of Oslo), “Industry Productivity Measures Based on the Vintage Model”

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, AFTERNOON

Parallel Session 7A: *Country Productivity Studies*

1. Paul Conway (New Zealand Productivity Commission) and Lisa Meehan (New Zealand Productivity Commission), “An assessment of New Zealand’s productivity performance”
2. Chris O’Donnell (University of Queensland), “An Economic Approach to Identifying the Drivers of Productivity Change in the Market Sectors of the Australian Economy”
3. El-hadj M. Bah (University of Auckland), “Sectoral Productivity in Developing Countries”

Parallel Session 7B: *ICT and Productivity*

1. Gilbert Cette (Banque de France), Jimmy Lopez (Banque de France) and Jacques Mairesse (École Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Économique), "Upstream Product Market Regulations, ICT, R&D and Productivity"
2. Eva Hagsten (Statistics Sweden) and Anna Sabadash (JRC-IPTS), "The Role Played by ICT Human Capital in Firm Productivity"
3. Michael Polder (Statistics Netherlands), Erik Veldhuizen (Statistics Netherlands) and George van Leeuwen en Hugo de Bondt (Statistics Netherlands), "Drivers of productivity: conceptual framework and results for the Netherlands"

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, LATE AFTERNOON

Featured Speaker: Erwin Diewert (UBC and UNSW), "Decompositions of Productivity Growth into Sectoral Effects"

Panel Discussion: *Priorities and Directions for Future Productivity Research*

Chair: Andrew Sharpe (IARIW)

Panelists: Barbara Fraumeni (IARIW Chairperson and University of Southern Maine), Paul Schreyer (OECD), Bart van Ark (The Conference Board), Dan Sichel (Wellesley College), and Dennis Fixler (Bureau of Economic Analysis)