

ESRC Regional Partners event – Plenary and breakout sessions

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Alumni Professor Neave O’Cleary, Professor of Cities and Networks at the University of College London (UCL), and Professor Flavio Toxvaerd, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of Cambridge, talked about their secondments to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and Competition Markets Authority (CMA) respectively.

Centre for Economic Performance (CEP)

The CEP is hosted at LSE and was renewed by the ESRC in 2025. It is one of only two institutes the council funds. Professor Steve Machin, CEP Director and Professor Anna Valero, CEP Programme Director, Growth provided an overview of the centre, its programmes, with a spotlight on the Programme on Innovation and Diffusion (POID) and Productive and Inclusive Net Zero Research Project (PRINZ), and CEP members’ external affiliations, such as to HM Treasury, Department for Business and Trade, and FCDO.

The Centre for the Analysis of Taxation (CenTax)

CenTax is a joint research centre between LSE and the University of Warwick, funded by the ESRC. Professor Arun Advani, CenTax Co-Director and Professor of Economics at the University of Warwick, presented the centre’s Business-to-Worker register: new data for understanding UK growth.

Social Sciences and Frontier Technologies

Professor Cosmina Dorobantu, Professor in Practice at LSE Data Science Institute (DSI) led a panel on AI adoption and impacts on the labour market and skills. She was in conversation with Professor Prithwiraj Choudhury, Professor of Organisational Behaviour, LSE Department of Management, Dr Jon Cardoso-Silva, Associate Professor (Education), LSE DSI, Dr Maria del Rio-Chanona, Lecturer in Financial Computing, UCL and Dr David Bowkett, Head of Growth and Productivity, ESRC.

Social Sciences and Financial and Professional Services

Diversity and Productivity: from Education to Work, an ESRC-funded project led by Dr Grace Lordan, Associated Professor in LSE’s Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science, was presented as part of a larger body of work by The Inclusion Initiative, showing how habits at work impact productivity in the financial services sector.

Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)

The IFS hosts the second ESRC-funded centre, the Centre for the Microeconomic Analysis of Public Policy (CPP). Jonathan Cribb, IFS Deputy Director shared how CPP research and analysis is submitted to parliamentary select committees, mentioned in debates and cited in UK government policy documents.