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Keynote lectures

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Event Programme	
8:30	Welcome & coffee
8:55	Keynote lecture: John Van Reenen (LSE & MIT) - Management and the Wealth of Nations
Session 1: Technology	
9:45	Lukas Rosenberger (Northwestern) - Why Britain? The Right Place (in the Technology Space) at the Right Time - with Carl Hallman and Walker Hanlon
10:05	David Le Bris (Toulouse) - The Farmer, the Blue-collar, and the Monk: Understanding economic development through saturations of demands and non-homothetic productivity gains - with Elie Gray and André Grimaud
10:25	Eric Strobl (Bern) - The Creative-Destructive Force of Hurricanes: Evidence from Technological Adoption in Colonial Jamaican Sugar Estates - with Joel Huesler
10:45	Fabio Lavista (Pisa) - Structural change and productivity revolutions. Some hints from the Italian case, 1976-2016 - with Carlo Brambilla
11:05	Break
Session 2: Institutions	
11:15	John Joseph Wallis (Maryland) - Rules, Organizations, and Productivity Revolutions: A different way of thinking about Coase
11:35	Josh Martin (Bank of England) - Productivity of tax collection in the UK, 1850 to 2019 - with Beth Lawrence
11:55	Nuno Palma (Manchester) - Justices of the Peace: Legal Foundations of the Industrial Revolution - with Tim Besley, Dan Bogart, and Jonathan Chapman
12:15	Guillaume Blanc (Manchester) - The Cultural Origins of the Demographic Transition in France
12:35	Lunch and coffee
Session 3: Long-Run	
13:40	Catherine Casson (AMBS) - Productivity in Medieval England
14:00	Stephen Broadberry (Oxford) - British Productivity Performance, 1086-2018
14:20	Hanhui Guan (Peking) - Regional Variation of GDP per head within China, 1080-1850: implications for the great divergence debate - with Steve Broadberry
14:40	Elise Brezis (BIU) - Will Robotics lead to changes in leadership and inequality?
15:00	Break
Session 4: Slowdown	
15:15	Martin Rotemberg (NYU) - Technological Stickiness: Switching Costs and Firm Entry in the Long Transition from Water to Steam Power - with Richard Hornbeck, Shanon Hsuan-Ming Hsu, and Anders Humlum
15:35	Xuxin Mao (NIESR) - A sub-sectoral analysis of productivity across countries - with Ana Rincon-Aznar and Hailey Low
15:55	Dirk Pilat (Productivity Institute) - The Global Productivity Stagnation: What Pro-Productivity Policies Can Help to Restore Growth? - with Bart van Ark and Klaas de Vries
16:15	Oindrila De (IEG Delhi) - Innovation Efforts, Market Power and Productivity: Evidence from Manufacturing Firms in India
16:35	Florian Trouvain (Michigan) - Technology Adoption, Innovation, and Inequality in a Global World
16:55	Keynote lecture: Michela Giorcelli (UCLA) - Management Interventions and Firm Performance. Lesson from WWII and the War Aftermath
17:45	Drinks reception