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Public Policy and Growth, co-hosted with



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Abstract

Achieving productivity growth and closing the productivity gap with the major world economies has been a recent policy objective of many governments. This talk will document New Zealand's economic performance compared to major world economies and discuss what the evidence suggests about why some countries have lagged behind while others have not. Public policy influences the economic environment in which individuals and firms invest and innovate, and in which knowledge is diffused. We will consider what is the role for public policy intervention and what sorts of policies are likely to be most effective for the future.

Biography

Rachel is Professor of Economics, University of Manchester UK and Deputy Research Director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), London UK. Her research considers the links between government policy and private sector performance. Her work has been published widely in academic journals and policy-oriented formats. She regularly engages with policy makers in the UK and EU. She is a Fellow of the British Academy, has served as a Director of the Review of Economic Studies, as a member of the Executive Committee of the European Economic Association and as a member of the Council of the Royal Economic Society. She has also worked for the UK Competition Commission and in the private sector.



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