

Introduction

The Productivity Hub is a partnership of agencies focused on better understanding New Zealand's productivity experience and the role of policy in improving productivity growth.

The Productivity Hub partners include: New Zealand Productivity Commission; The Treasury; Reserve Bank of New Zealand; Statistics New Zealand; Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Ministry for Primary Industries; Ministry of Transport; and Ministry of Health.

The Hub partners cordially invite the research community to a Symposium that will:

- ⊗ bring together evidence, analysis and interpretations of New Zealand's productivity paradox to generate robust insights;
- ⊗ advance collective understanding of New Zealand's productivity performance; and
- ⊗ gather ideas for research and policy work that will most effectively contribute to improving New Zealand's productivity performance.

On the day

Some information to help plan your day and travels. When you arrive, use Te Papa's main entrance and follow signs for 'Symposium: Productivity Paradox' – Oceania is located on level 3.

- ⊗ Registration is open from 8:15am, with tea and coffee available (we will have cloak room services);
- ⊗ Programme will run from 9:00am to 5:30pm; and
- ⊗ Drinks and nibbles are served from 5:30pm, we hope that you will stay and join us for a toast!

Te Papa has parking facilities that Symposium delegates may use at a reduced day-rate of \$9. Retrieve a ticket from a parking machine as you enter and Te Papa will validate it for you before you leave.

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The Hub is pleased to run this Symposium in conjunction with the 54th Annual Conference of the New Zealand Association of Economists.

Get in touch!

To register for the Symposium, please visit the NZAE's website where bookings can be made online: <http://nzaeconference.co.nz/> or contact Lea Boodée, Conference Administrator, on: lea@on-cue.co.nz.

For further information about the Hub or the Symposium, please contact Camilla Lundbak, Hub Secretariat, on: hubsecretariat@productivity.govt.nz.

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Draft programme

Keynote speakers

Edward Glaeser



Ed is Professor of Economics at Harvard University, Sir Douglas Myers Visiting Professor at University of Auckland, Director of the Taubman Center for State and Local Government, and Director of the Rappaport Institute of Greater Boston.

Ed will present work on how cities around the world thrive and wither.

Alain de Serres



Alain is Counsellor to the OECD's Chief Economist.

Using the OECD's growth framework, Alain will explore various determinants that may explain New Zealand's productivity performance and gauge the size of the productivity paradox.

Geoff Mason



Geoff is Senior Research Fellow at the UK National Institute of Economics and Social Research and Visiting Professor at the Institute of Education, University of London.

Geoff will compare New Zealand and Australia's productivity performance at the industry level.

Hon Bill English



Bill English is the Deputy Prime Minister, Deputy Leader of the National Party, Minister of Finance, and MP for Clutha / Southland.

Bill has held ministerial posts in education, health, revenue and finance and he was leader of the National Party from 2001 to 2003.

Agenda

Timing	Session	Speakers
9:00-9:15	Welcome	Gabriel Makhoul, Chief Executive and Secretary to the New Zealand Treasury
9:15-10:15	Narrative I: Performance	Chair: Peter Gardiner, Manager, Statistics New Zealand
	⊗ New Zealand Productivity Performance	Paul Conway, Director, New Zealand Productivity Commission
	⊗ New Zealand vs. Australia	Geoff Mason, Senior Research Fellow, UK National Institute of Economics and Social Research
10:15-10:35	Morning tea	

10:35-11:45	Narrative II: Reasons	Chair: Murray Sherwin, Chair, New Zealand Productivity Commission
	⊗ OECD vs. New Zealand	Alain de Serres, Counsellor to the Chief Economist, Economics Department, OECD
	⊗ Enhancing New Zealand Productivity	Roger Procter, Chief Economist, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
11:45-12:45	Theme I: Technology	Chair: Sally Davenport, Commissioner, New Zealand Productivity Commission
	⊗ ICT	Hayden Glass, Principal, Sapere Research Group
	⊗ Capital markets	Ben Gerritsen, Managing Director, Castalia Advisors
12:45-1:30	Lunch	
1:30-2:40	Theme II: Spatial	Chair: Michael Woods, Deputy Chairman at the Australian Productivity Commission and Adjunct Professor at the University of Canberra
	⊗ Lessons from Scotland	Ed Glaeser, Fred and Eleanor Glimp Professor of Economics, Harvard University, and Sir Douglas Myers Visiting Professor, University of Auckland
	⊗ Lessons for New Zealand	Dave Maré, Senior Fellow, Motu
2:40-3:40	Theme III: Industry level	Chair: Peter Conway, Secretary, New Zealand Council of Trade Unions
	⊗ Construction	Helen Anderson, Chair of the Productivity Partnership's Evidence Workstream
	⊗ Transport	Joanne Leung, Principal Economist, Ministry of Transport
3:40-4:00	Afternoon tea	
4:00-5:00	Panel and wrap-up	Chair: Arthur Grimes, Senior Fellow at Motu, Chair of the Board of the Reserve Bank, and Adjunct Professor of Economics at University of Auckland
		Graham Scott, Commissioner, New Zealand Productivity Commission
		David Gruen, Executive Director of Macroeconomic Group, Australian Treasury
		Adam Jaffe, Fred C. Hecht Professor in Economics at Brandeis University and Director at Motu
5:00-5:30	Closing address	Hon Bill English, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

**** Please stay and join us for drinks ****