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The Bennett Institute for Public Policy launched on 16 April 2018...

...with a conference entitled 'Remaking Public Policy in the 21st Century' at Churchill College, Cambridge. The Institute was founded through a major gift from Cambridge alumnus and philanthropist Peter Bennett to help research solutions to some of the greatest challenges facing society in the 21st century including new patterns of inequality and social unrest emerging around the globe.

The plenary lecture explored new technology and the future of public policy with Mustafa Suleyman of Deepmind, and Baroness Martha Lane Fox, founder of Doteveryone.

This was chaired by Professor Stephen J Toope, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge.



We need creative positive solutions to reduce inequality.”

Dr Ben Goldacre, doctor, academic, writer, and broadcaster



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Our vision

This has been an exciting and busy time at the Bennett Institute. We are delighted to share with you this report of our initial activities and research.



At our launch conference we declared our ambitious objective to contribute to the rethinking of public policy in an era of profound political turbulence, much of which has its roots in pervasive inequalities.

“With our research partners we want to address the causes and consequences of these inequities, understanding their manifestations across the world, and exploring imaginative solutions to them.”

Our companion aim is to build connections between some of the world-leading researchers in science and technology housed at the University of Cambridge with academic experts in the political and economic dimensions of policy, and with professionals from the public policy community.

We have begun to fulfil these goals through the creation of three ambitious

and exciting new research programmes. These explore respectively: the challenges associated with ensuring that public policy-makers are more attuned to the spatial inequalities that pervade the countries they govern; the increasingly imperative question of how we should think about and measure economic progress in the technology-driven economies that are growing up around us; and the different ways in which scientific discovery and evidence can enrich the public policy enterprise.

Creative thinking is needed to address all of these challenges and other emerging ones. As such, we have continued to develop our portfolio of world-class education and training opportunities, exploring new ways of ensuring that these can help prepare the policy-makers of tomorrow.

Michael Kenny,
Director, Bennett Institute

Policy for the future



We intend the Institute to become a world-leading centre for policy-relevant interdisciplinary research, engagement and teaching. We will be building on our three initial programmes – Place and Public Policy, Prosperity and Productivity, and Science and Policy – by expanding the work already under way and by adding some new programmes.

In our Place and Public Policy programme, our next project will examine in depth the fortunes of smaller towns and poorer regions across Europe as policy-makers consider the needs of forgotten-about places. In our Prosperity and Productivity programme we launched the Wealth Economy project exploring an approach to economic measurement geared towards sustainability. And in our Science and Policy work we began a pilot scheme to build up the pipeline of scientific policy advice from researchers at the University

of Cambridge. In the autumn of 2019 we will be launching an important new programme on the Future of Democracy, investigating the woes of democratic governments globally, led by Professor David Runciman.

Underlying all these strands of work are two broad themes. One concerns the need to develop a better understanding of the interaction between individual decision-making and behaviour, policy choices and economic outcomes, particularly in the context of growing economic and cultural insecurity. The other is the broad impact of new technologies on the economy, society and hence policy and regulation, and their influence on the kinds of society that are emerging in the mid-21st century.

Diane Coyle,
Inaugural Bennett Professor
of Public Policy

Introducing the research programmes

Research at the Bennett Institute for Public Policy is interdisciplinary - connecting political thinking, economics, humanities, health, technology, engineering and science.

Place and Public Policy

This programme is headed by Professor Michael Kenny.

A focus upon place has become integral to public policy. Are cities the only sites of economic growth for the foreseeable future? Are profound spatial inequalities unavoidable given the agglomeration effects associated with technological innovation? Is devolution the answer to some of our most pressing challenges? And what kind of policy agenda is now required to deal with forgotten-about places?

It includes a major research project, *Between Two Unions*, examining the implications of Brexit for the territorial governance of the UK and the *Digital State* project led by Dr Tanya Filer.

Prosperity and Productivity

This programme is headed by Professor Diane Coyle.

Public policy is intended to lead to better outcomes, but what does 'better' mean? One important dimension is economic growth and productivity, but prosperity is a broader concept. How can policies deliver these other dimensions of progress and well-being, from public health to fair access to goods and services? What measures are needed to reflect today's economy and society, from tracking the digital economy and impact of other new technologies, to tackling the unequal distribution of opportunities?

The programme includes the *Wealth Economy* project led by Dimitri Zenghelis and Matthew Agarwala, and *Practical Wisdom in a Complex World* led by Dr Penny Mealy.

Science and Policy

This programme is organised in partnership with the Centre for Science and Policy and Churchill College.

Which are the coming challenges that natural and social scientists should address together? And, has the public really had enough of experts, or does it want them to approach and present their knowledge and understanding on different terms?

This programme explores innovative ways of enhancing science policy advice and the role of expertise in policy making.



The world faces a new age of anxiety, marked by the widespread distrust in business-as-usual politics. Cambridge must take a lead in bringing its unique breadth and depth of expertise to respond to social, political, and economic conditions.”

Professor Stephen J Toope,
Vice-Chancellor, University of Cambridge

Research case studies >>>



Matthew Agarwala is an environmental economist interested in measuring and delivering sustainability. His work crosses sectors and

disciplines: co-authors include ecologists, anthropologists, members of UK Parliament, and Nobel Laureates in peace, medicine, physics, and chemistry. Matthew enjoys simultaneous affiliations at the LSE and UEA, and maintains active collaborations in Canada, Hong Kong, Germany, USA, and Japan.



Dimitri Zenghelis is a Senior Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics. He headed the Stern Review Team at the Office of Climate

Change and was a lead author on the Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change. Previously he was Head of Economic Forecasting at HM Treasury.



The Wealth Economy: Natural and Social Capital

In January 2019 we launched a major project to develop an alternative framework for economic measurement, aiming to embed sustainability and fairness in the statistics that guide economic policy, moving beyond the well-known shortcomings of GDP.

Supported by LetterOne, the research aims to develop metrics that reflect people's access to natural and social capital, can be collected regularly by official statisticians, and can be readily understood by politicians and voters.

We seek to: produce a usable definition of social capital for official economic statistics; explore systems monitoring natural assets and how these could be turned into useful metrics; and explore the ethics of natural capital accounting. The project considers

the role of market and policy expectations in creating wealth, noting that prevailing narratives can be self-fulfilling.

We are working with official statistical agencies to ensure the research has real world impact.

In its first months, the project secured additional funding from the UK Office for National Statistics, co-authored the report on valuing air filtration services in the 2020 revision of the UN System of Environmental Economic Accounting, and presented research at the UK's largest environmental economics conference. In the longer run, the Bennett Institute will examine other critical assets for economic well-being: physical, financial, intangible, and human capital.

The Digital State

The Digital State project explores the opportunities and challenges that digital and emerging technologies pose for policymaking and governance. The project initially addresses: the emergence and governance of the Govtech industry; and the public sector technological skills gap.

Dr Tanya Filer, Digital State Leader, recently published *Thinking about GovTech: A brief guide for policymakers*. The first global GovTech guide, it is already informing policy in several national contexts. The guide offers numerous international examples and includes research from Dr Filer's British Council Research Fellowship.

Tech States, the project interview series, features experts including Shai-Lee Spigelman, CEO, Digital Israel, and Tom Loosemore, co-founder, UK Government Digital Service. The Institute blog features almost 20 Digital State posts (in-house or from key external contributors, including 2017/18 Institute affiliate Russell Davies), with several republished by major policy outlets. Our recent panel discussion, 'Digital Government: The New Global Alliance?', featured leading experts from government, academia and industry, attracting a diverse and engaged audience. In 2018, Dr Filer spoke at numerous international conferences, including at Global Cambridge Seattle with Vice Chancellor Stephen J Toope.



Dr Tanya Filer leads The Digital State project at the Bennett Institute, her current research and teaching focuses on GovTech and digital

government. In 2018, she spoke at numerous conferences across Europe and the US.

Dr Filer features in GovInsider's 'Women in GovTech 2018' for her work on the Digital State.

Practical Wisdom in a Complex World

Launching with an introductory workshop at the Bennett Institute in July 2018, we considered how to improve our understanding of complex socio-economic systems and direct them towards desirable outcomes. Given the interdisciplinary nature of this research project, we have also engaged with a range of academics across various fields, and have given presentations and workshops at places such as the Santa Fe Institute and the Institute for New Economic Thinking at Oxford University.

A key focus for this year has been studying alternative representation systems that support more effective and efficient thinking about, and communication of, public policy. Despite being fundamental for economic prosperity, knowledge is an entity that is difficult to represent and is not

well accounted for in standard production functions. To address this, we have been progressing work on alternative methods for representing and analysing the complex tapestry of productive knowledge that underpins prosperity across countries and regions. An important highlight was the publication of work on “Interpreting Economic Complexity”, which provides new clarity on the mathematical underpinnings of an analytical framework that has been widely used by scholars and development agencies to inform policy on economic growth and structural change. We have also applied these novel methodologies to provide insights into the UK’s industrial strategy, and shared these ideas with officials in the UK government.



Dr Penny Mealy is a Research Associate at the Bennett Institute for Public Policy and is also a research fellow at the Institute of New

Economic Thinking at the Oxford Martin School. Her research aims to improve our understanding of how we might live well in a complex world.



Jack Sheldon is a Research Assistant at the Institute, a role he combines with being a PhD candidate within the Department of Politics and International

Studies. He works on the Between Two Unions project and is currently researching intergovernmental and interparliamentary relations, and understandings of the Union within political parties. From 2015-17 he worked at the Constitution Unit, University College London, where he was co-author of a report on *Options for an English Parliament* and editor of the Constitution Unit blog.

Between Two Unions

Funded by the ESRC, Between Two Unions is a collaboration involving academics from six universities examining in real time the implications of Brexit for the constitutional future of the UK and Ireland. Within the Bennett Institute the research is led by Professor Michael Kenny, with Jack Sheldon as Research Assistant.

Our work on this project has had two strands so far.

The first has focused on arrangements for intergovernmental relations between the UK's four governments, and the increasingly imperative need to make these more robust and systematic. We have produced a report that draws on comparable overseas cases to make detailed recommendations. During the

course of this work we have engaged closely with civil servants and provided evidence to parliamentary committees. Professor Kenny presented our key findings at a private seminar to Chloe Smith MP, Minister for the Constitution.

The second strand has examined the position of Unionism in the thinking of the Conservative Party. The work has involved interviews and analysis of speeches and other documents. It has been extremely timely, given that concerns about the implications for the Union of the Irish border 'backstop' proved to be a major factor in contributing to the record-breaking parliamentary defeat of the EU Withdrawal Agreement in January 2019.

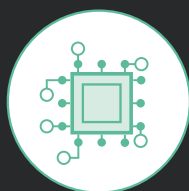
The Blog

The blog explores quality debate and evidence based opinion on major global challenges today. We feature articles from our research team and guest contributors.



ECONOMICS | WELLBEING

- Social Capital – the wealth all around us | **Dimitri Zenghelis**
- Measurements for a better future | **Prof. Diane Coyle**
- Courageous policy making in challenging times | **Prof. Diane Coyle**
- Seeking Clarity in a Complex World | **Dr Penny Mealy**
- Towards Practical Wisdom in a Complex World | **Dr Penny Mealy**
- Not the new oil: the real value of data | **Prof. Diane Coyle**



GOVTECH | TECHNOLOGY

- It's not just Silicon Valley that needs translators - governments need them also | **Dr Tanya Filer**
- Predicting venue closure with data | **Krittika D'Silva**
- Can we make the countryside smarter? | **Anoush Darabi**
- In Govtech Investment, Patience is a Virtue | **Dr Tanya Filer**
- Disrupting Government: Reassessing Social Value for the Internet Age | **Mark Thompson**
- Developing AI for Government: What role and limits for the private sector? | **Dr Tanya Filer**



SUSTAINABILITY | ENERGY

- Mind over matter – how expectations generate wealth | **Dimitri Zenghelis**
- Natural capital – The \$100 trillion missing from the economy | **Matthew Agarwala**
- China's ongoing power system reform and its challenges | **Dr Yan Zhang**
- EU energy label: a bumpy way towards good policy | **Dr Michaela Valentová**
- Energy regulation and government interference | **Martin Stanley**



PROGRESS

- Wellbeing and the future of work | **Dr Pepita Barlow**
- Learning from policy success and failure | **Dr Oliver Daddow**
- Towards Behaviourally Informed Policy | **Prof. Eldar Shafir**
- The Meeting of the Ways - on interdisciplinary research | **Prof. Dame Athene Donald**
- Why remaking public policy in the 21st century should be less technical and more human | **Elena Bagnera**
- The road past Amazon HQ2 | **Jacob Miller**



MPHIL IN PUBLIC POLICY

- Interpreting the data | **Muhammad Farouq Osman**
- Why are the UK's public libraries declining? | **Joan O'Bryan**
- A view from the British Civil Service | **Kate Owen**



GOVERNANCE | UNITED KINGDOM

- Beyond the backstop: understanding Unionist sentiment in the Brexit debate | **Jack Sheldon**
- Understanding English identity and institutions in a changing United Kingdom | **Prof. Michael Kenny et al.**
- UK Public Spending: the Long View | **Prof. Colin Talbot, Dr Carole Talbot**
- Intergovernmental relations and the English question: options for reform | **Jack Sheldon**
- A Brexit 'people's vote'? Lessons from the 1970s | **Jack Sheldon**
- Referendums are a risky business | **Dr Lindsay AQUI**
- Towns, cities and the tilting of Britain's political axis | **Prof. Will Jennings**
- The imperfect regulatory state | **Martin Stanley**



Inequality divides countries, peoples and continents, impoverishes people, and imperils our future; how could public policy institutes possibly ignore it? They may even be able to tease out some answers.”

Lord Chris Smith, Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge

Visiting Fellows & Affiliated Researchers

We welcome experts from a wide variety of fields to share their knowledge with us and work with the Institute.

Dr Steve Wooding | Affiliated Researcher 19/20

Stephan Shakespeare | Affiliated Researcher 19/20

Dr Joel Rogers de Waal | Affiliated Researcher 19/20

Dr Ying Jin | Visiting Fellow 18/19

Professor Colin Talbot | Affiliated Researcher 18/19

Dr Carole Talbot | Affiliated Researcher 18/19

Dr Flavio Toxvaerd | Visiting Fellow 18/19

Dr Steve Unger | Affiliated Researcher 18/19

Dr Michaela Valentová | Affiliated Researcher 18/19

Dr Yan Zhang | Visiting Fellow 18/19

Dr Oliver Daddow | Affiliated Researcher 18/19

Dr Adam Coutts | Affiliated Researcher 17/19

Russell Davies | Affiliated Researcher 17/18



Inequalities of health, wealth and power are dividing populations within and between countries. Institutes of public policy are uniquely placed to understand why public policy is not effectively addressing these inequalities as a starting point for public policy that does address this major threat to social justice and democracy.”

Professor Dame Theresa Marteau, Director of the Behaviour and Health Research Unit, University of Cambridge



Dr Yan Zhang is a British Academy Research Fellow at the Centre of Development Studies (POLIS), University of Cambridge, where she

leads a research project on the political economy of China's transformative governance. Her research is policy-centred and empirical in focus, and explores policies in the areas of water, renewable energy, innovation and cities.

Dr Yan Zhang – Visiting Fellow

After 2000, the speed of urbanisation in China escalated dramatically. The urban population has reached 813.5 million by the end of 2017, accounting for about 58.5% of the total Chinese population. China anticipates the development of a polycentric network of cities which are more inclusive, sustainable and efficient in the long run.

My project focuses on one key aspect of China's urban development – innovation. Chinese cities are keen to adopt an innovation-oriented approach to urban development, providing 'hardware' and 'software' to nurture growth. However, is

the innovation approach the right one for all cities and city-clusters? My project assesses six sub-clusters within the Yangtze River Economic Belt, examining their innovation capability and potential for sustainable urban development (economy, environment and society). In particular, Yunnan and Shanghai are selected as contrasting case studies to highlight the great challenge of innovation-oriented urbanisation strategy. This research aims to forge new knowledge to understand the complexity of Chinese urbanisation, and to examine the evidence employed by Chinese policy-makers and city managers.

Dr Flavio Toxvaerd – Visiting Fellow

During my fellowship, I am working on two projects. In the first project, I undertake a rigorous analysis of the effects and management of so-called herd immunity. My work revisits received wisdom from public health research, using tools from economics and game theory to better understand how and whether herd immunity should be used in formulating public policy to combat outbreaks of infectious diseases.

In the second project, I consider the ways in which the presence of multi-product retailers such as supermarkets influences competition, economic outcomes and competition policy. In particular, I study the different ways in which such retailers compete, combining decisions on pricing,

product quality and product range. In addition, I consider welfare issues springing from such competition and the extent to which competition policy has a role to play in regulating such industries.

In connection with my work on competition policy, I am hosting a one-day Symposium on Competition Policy in May 2019. This Symposium will bring together policy makers and academics to exchange ideas on current challenges for competition policy.



Dr Flavio Toxvaerd is a University Lecturer at the Faculty of Economics and a fellow of Clare College. He holds degrees from the University of Copenhagen,

the London School of Economics and the London Business School. His main research interests include microeconomic theory, industrial organisation, competition policy and economic epidemiology.



Dr Ying Jin is the current Director of the Martin Centre for Architectural and Urban Studies and a Fellow and Director of Studies in Architecture

at Robinson College.

Dr Ying Jin – Visiting Fellow

I specialise in the use of advanced data analytics and computer simulation modelling for urban planning. As a Bennett Institute Visiting Fellow I have been exploring the public policy dimensions of this research, specifically how it can be used to design long-term urban infrastructure investment and land use development options, and how to inform policy debates at the city-region scale.

Predictions about cities can be powerful tools enabling them to reshape their futures. I look forward to disseminating the analytical theories, methods and tools we have successfully applied in recent policy studies to policy leaders who can effect change.

Publications

The Bennett Institute produces reports, working papers and policy briefs to communicate our research and recommendations to policy professionals and researchers.



Policy Guide | Tanya Filer

Thinking about GovTech: A brief guide for policymakers

Governments around the world recognise an urgent need to move away from expensive, bloated IT contracts, and to serve citizens with greater efficiency and accountability.

Thinking about GovTech is the first global GovTech guide written for policymakers. It offers examples of emerging international policy and programme design and urges stakeholders to think carefully about local context and the capacity for implementation.



Policy Report | Nicola McEwen, Michael Kenny, Jack Sheldon, Coree Brown Swan

Reforming Intergovernmental Relations in the United Kingdom

Experts from the Universities of Edinburgh and Cambridge have called for far-reaching reforms to the UK's system of intergovernmental relations (IGR). This report provides the framework for a new system of intergovernmental machinery built around the principles of respect, transparency and accountability.

The authors argue that Brexit has exposed the weaknesses in the UK's system of IGR, and made the case for reform imperative.



Policy Brief | Penny Mealy, Diane Coyle, Jacob Miller

Local Industrial Strategies: building on strengths, addressing weaknesses

Looking at examples provided from the Greater Manchester Prosperity Review this report offers policy makers:

- New ways for visualising differences in places' productive capabilities and their opportunities for economic development.
- An exploration of supply chains and what Manchester businesses value, and what has helped them grow in today's market.
- A set of policy implications for regional growth.

Recent publications:

Working Paper | Matthew Agarwala, Giles Atkinson, Pablo Muñoz | Globalization, Carbon Accounting, and Sustainability Measurement

Report | **Lindsay AQUI** | Contingency Planning - The 1975 and 2016 Referendums

Policy Brief | **Oliver Daddow** | Policy Success and Failure

Policy Brief | **Martin Stanley** | Getting Regulation right

Working Paper | **Diane Coyle** | Practical competition policy tools for digital platforms

Working Paper | **Diane Coyle** | The Imperial Treasury: appraisal methodology and regional economic performance in the UK

Conference Report | Remaking Public Policy in the 21st Century

Lecture | **Diane Coyle** | Cogs and Monsters

Read all our publications online at bennettinstitute.cam.ac.uk/publications



Inequalities of outcome and opportunity are among the most pressing economic and social issues of our age. These issues straddle regions, generations and disciplines. Public policy institutions, like the Bennett Institute, have a crucial role to play in bringing cross-disciplinary thinking to bear in solving these issues.”

Andy Haldane,
Chief Economist, Bank of England

Teaching

One of our core aims is to create powerful new networks of policy-makers, influencers and researchers, and to develop a new generation of reflexive and critical policy leaders.

Working with our colleagues at the Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) at the University of Cambridge, we support training to help future policy-makers have access to a broad range of tools to create innovative policy solutions.

The MPhil in Public Policy

Housed in POLIS, the Cambridge MPP is an interdisciplinary graduate degree intended for individuals who are developing, or hope to develop, careers as leaders in policy formulation and implementation, within local or national government, in the not-for-profit sector, with an NGO, or within the private sector.

The Bennett Institute offers the MPP cohort opportunities to participate in its work, for instance by contributing to our events and writing for our Blog.

Postgraduate Certificate in Public Policy

This course is run by the Institute for Continuing Education and POLIS. This is a part-time one year course for early career policy-makers, to help advance their skills in policy-making.





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Inequalities are everywhere, and often hidden – how about access to nature and beauty, for example? Public policy institutes can help us reach into these corners, share lessons and find solutions.”

Dame Fiona Reynolds, Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge



Events

The Bennett Institute has two strands of events: public events to raise awareness of major policy issues and to provide access to leading speakers, and specialist workshops and conferences to explore policy solutions with researchers and policy professionals.

Public lecture: Andy Haldane | Chief Economist, Bank of England

Andy presented to 240 members of the public including students from sixth form upwards, on whether it is possible to experiment on the macro-economy.

Specialist workshop: The Wealth Economy - Social Capital

Dimitri Zenghelis and Matthew Agarwala invited 40 specialists to Clare College, Cambridge to discuss how we can start measuring social capital for a more sustainable future.



Public events

Seminars
<p>24/10/17 Explaining climate policy outcomes in the United States and China Professor Kelly Sims Gallagher, Director of the Center for International Environment & Resource Policy, Fletcher School, Tufts University</p>
<p>23/11/17 Can the Digital Revolution Transform our Productivity? Gilles Babinet, Tech entrepreneur and former President of the French Digital National Council</p>
<p>20/02/18 Towns, Cities and the Tilting of Britain's Political Axis Will Jennings Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, University of Southampton</p>
<p>11/06/18 Public innovation: Can innovation methods help solve social challenges? Halima Khan, Executive Director of the Health Lab at NESTA</p>
<p>31/10/18 Radical Markets: Uprooting Capitalism and Democracy for a Just Society Glen Weyl and Diane Coyle in Conversation</p>
<p>23/10/2018 Improving our diets: More freedom or more control? In collaboration with the Centre for Diet and Activity</p>

Lectures
<p>24/11/17 Women in Politics Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand and former Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (In partnership with the Intellectual Forum)</p>
<p>04/12/17 Choices in public policy: evidence, fairness and the art of the possible Paul Johnson, Chief Executive of the Institute for Fiscal Studies (Annual MPP lecture in partnership with POLIS)</p>
<p>16/04/18 New technology and the future of public policy Mustafa Suleyman, Deepmind & Martha Lane Fox, Doteveryone</p>
<p>20/11/18 Cogs and Monsters: economists, experts and measuring progress Professor Diane Coyle (In partnership with POLIS)</p>
<p>03/12/18 Andy Haldane, Chief Economist, Bank of England Annual MPP lecture in partnership with POLIS</p>
<p>28/01/19 The Ethical Paradoxes of Politics Jonathan Powell (In partnership with IPR Bath)</p>
<p>28/03/19 How should the UK govern itself in the time of Brexit? Professor Michael Kenny (In partnership with POLIS)</p>

Events for specialists, academics and policy professionals

Conferences
<p>16/04/18 Remaking Public Policy in the 21st century Inaugural conference of the Bennett Institute for Public Policy</p>
<p>14/11/18 Policy Success and Failure: Embedding Effective Learning in Government Convened by Dr Oliver Daddow</p>
<p>28/01/2019 Centenary Conference: Max Weber's Politics as a Vocation Convened by Professor David Runciman</p>

Workshops
<p>23/05/18 Roundtable discussion on Fintech in emerging markets and financial inclusion With Mr Mario Marcel, Governor of the Bank of Chile</p>
<p>08/03/18 Digital Governance workshop Hosted by Dr Tanya Filer and Russell Davies</p>
<p>30/04/18 Place and Public Policy Forum Hosted by Professor Michael Kenny</p>
<p>16-18/09/18 Cabinet Government for the Twenty First Century Convened by Dr Dennis Grube (In partnership with Griffith University)</p>
<p>11/02/19 Digital Government: The New Global Alliance? Panel discussion hosted by Dr Tanya Filer</p>
<p>25/02/19 The Wealth Economy: Social and Natural Capital Workshop hosted by Dimitri Zenghelis and Matthew Agarwala</p>

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“Almost everyone agrees that inequality is a problem - but what is the best way to address it? How do we ensure that we fix the underlying problems, rather than just the most obvious concerns? These questions are crucial.”

Dr Julian Huppert,
Director of the Intellectual Forum, Jesus College, Cambridge

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Our intuitions and guiding assumptions are all a bit off when it comes to understanding policy relevant behaviors. This has deep implications for our well being, for inequality, for safety, for the future. Public policy institutes that explore these issues with openness, wisdom, and courage are essential if we hope sometime soon to do better.”

Professor Eldar Shafir,
Director, Behavioral Policy Center, Princeton University

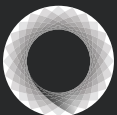


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Inequality is so embedded in our culture that it is often hard to see it because of its familiarity. Having experts study it, provide evidence about the problems and speak up about the impact is crucial if we are to make progress.”

**Professor Dame Athene Donald,
Master, Churchill College, Cambridge**



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