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Festival of Economics 2019

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Tuesday 19 November - Friday 22 November 2019, We The Curious



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In our eighth Festival of Economics, programmed by Diane Coyle (University of Cambridge), economists and experts from around the UK will be debating with each other – and their audiences – some of the key economic questions of our time. All events take place in We The Curious (unless stated). See website for details of all speakers.

We're supporting the Festival of Economics in our hometown of Bristol for the third year running. The festival facilitates a lively and important discussion about our economic future and some of the big trends, such as employee ownership or how we pay for social care. Our belief is that the financial system and our economies are inherently linked to the natural environment and the health of our society. It is therefore time we promoted more alternative thinking. We can no longer measure success purely in terms of growth when our resources are finite – and we must work harder to create a global economy that works better for all people and the planet.

Bevis Watts, CEO, Triodos Bank UK

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Tuesday 19 November 2019/

12:30-13:30

Keynote: Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England

£9 / £7

We are delighted that this year's festival begins with a keynote from the Governor of the Bank of England, Mark Carney. He was appointed in 2012 and will be serving until 31 January 2020.

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Wednesday 20 November 2019/

11:00-12:00

George Magnus: Is China in Jeopardy?

£8 / £6

George Magnus considers the threats to China's continued economic rise. What are the possible outcomes of conflicts over trade, China's evolving relationship with President Trump and the country's attempt to win influence and control in Eurasia?

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Can Employee-Owned Businesses Save Our Economy?

£8 / £6

The employee-owned business sector in the UK is growing. Discover more about this model with a panel of representatives from local companies who will discuss their experiences. Does it really deliver the promised increase in success, profitability and sustainability? Is there an effect on the communities in which these businesses operate? Is this a way of meeting management challenges?

15:30-16:30

Ask an Economist: Living Wage FREE but booking required

Jo Michell (Associate Professor in Economics at UWE Bristol) leads an informal session on the topic of the living wage and the potential impact on the UK economy. What are the economic arguments for and against the different models?

17:00-18:00

Genoeconomics: Can Genetics and Economics Learn From Each Other?

£5

What have we learnt about the relationship between social outcomes – such as education and income – and genetics? The last decade has seen an explosion in research using genetic information from large studies of volunteers. Our panel considers these studies to see how they are transforming our understanding of how our genomes affect outcomes across life.

18:30-19:30

Keynote: Danielle Walker Palmour Can We Build an Inclusive Economy?

£9 / £7

Commentators agree that the current economic system in the UK does not serve everyone well. In addition, the context of climate emergency, low institutional trust and divisive politics creates a feverish public discourse. Danielle Walker Palmour, Director of Friends Provident Foundation, talks about the economic thinking, approaches and tools that are needed for a better future.

20:00-21:30

Fact and Fiction in Economics: The Role of Media and Social Media

£9 / £7

Most people get their economics from the media, and increasingly from social media, where technical debates become highly polarised. How should economists try to communicate their ideas, and what should we expect from reporting of economics?

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8:00 for 8:30-9:45

**Bank of England Breakfast Briefing
The Foundation, Triodos Bank Bristol
FREE but booking required**

An opportunity to share your views on the local economy and how it relates to your business, with Bank of England agents Donna Kehoe and Malindi Myers. The event includes a current forecast for the UK economy, time for questions and networking. A light breakfast buffet is provided.

11:00-12:00

**Deborah Hargreaves: Pay Inequality
and the Future of Capitalism
£8 / £6**

Wages for the majority have been stagnant for decades, but a lucky few have enjoyed a pay bonanza. Deborah Hargreaves explains why pay for the top 0.1 percent has sky-rocketed in the past 20 years. She gives a devastating account of how it has created a vicious circle that destabilises our economy and undermines social cohesion.

12:30-13:30

**Big Digital
£8 / £6**

The Silicon Valley tech titans have gone from heroes to zeroes – although we can't put our iPhones down, we feel like we've been Zucked. What policies are needed to tame the powerful technology giants and ensure they do not abuse their economic power? Are governments doing enough to tame them?

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15:30-16:30

**Ask an Economist: The Environment
FREE but booking required**

What is the 'green economy', how did it come about and does it work? Should we have economic growth in a time of climate change? Explore these issues in this interactive workshop with Clare Birkett, Head of Adult Education at Economy.

17:00-18:00

***Talking Politics*: Podcast Recording
£5**

Corbyn! Trump! Brexit! Politics has never been more unpredictable or more interesting. *Talking Politics* is the podcast that tries to make sense of it all. David Runciman discusses pressing political questions with a panel of guests.

18:30-19:30

**Keynote: Carl Frey
The Technology Trap
£9 / £7**

How can the history of technological revolutions help us better understand economic and political polarisation in the age of automation? Just as the Industrial Revolution eventually brought about extraordinary benefits for society, artificial intelligence systems have the potential to do the same. Carl Frey argues that in the midst of another technological revolution, the lessons of the past can help us to more effectively face the present.

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20:00-21:30

100 Years After Keynes: the Future of Capitalism

£9 / £7

Keynes' economics laid the foundation for a version of capitalism combining the merits of both markets and government intervention. But his humane, mixed economy vision has been eroded by the political turn to 'free markets' and globalisation. What is the future of capitalism given the tensions today between global markets and rising nationalism, and the challenges posed by technological change?

Friday 22 November 2019/

9.30-15.00

Discover Economics

FREE but booking required

An opportunity to learn about economics and where an economics degree might take you with a programme of interactive sessions and guest speakers from the Bank of England, Competition and Markets Authority and Triodos Bank. *Suitable for Year 11/12 students not currently studying economics, as well as those that are.*

15:30-16:30

Ask an Economist: Economics – What Is It Good For?

FREE but booking required

Economists from the University of Bristol will discuss the use – and usefulness – of economics and how it can help to bring about social change. This session is a chance to learn more and ask questions in an informal setting.

17:00-18:00

Ask an Economist: Office for National Statistics

FREE but booking required

Find out more about collecting, analysing and disseminating statistics about the UK's economy, society and population.

18:30-19:30

The Economics of Social Care

£9 / £7

How to pay for social care in an ageing population is a fraught economic and political challenge. In a society where wealth and political power lie in the hands of the ageing baby boomers but the future depends on the work and taxes of younger generations, what is the answer to the conundrum?

20:00-21:30

Why Are So Many Places Becoming 'Left Behind'?

£9 / £7

Well-paid, skilled jobs are increasingly concentrated in big cities. What is driving this economic polarisation, is it unstoppable, and what are the implications for towns and rural or seaside places? If you were Minister for the Left Behind, what would your policies be?

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Booking and venue information/

Go to www.ideasfestival.co.uk/whats-on for individual events, to book online and for full terms and conditions. All online booking managed by Festival of Ideas.

To book in person (excluding free events):

We The Curious, Harbourside, Bristol, BS1 5DB

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Bristol Festival of Ideas aims to stimulate debate and discussion for all. Established in 2005, the year-round festival covers a wide range of topics and welcomes, among others, scientists, artists, journalists, historians, novelists and commentators on all subjects.

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