

RPI Annual Competition and Regulation Conference 2025

15th - 16th September 2025

Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford

Day 1 – Monday, 15th September

1:00pm – 2:00pm - Registration and Coffee

2:00pm – 3:45pm – The Critical Role of Infrastructure in Driving Productivity Growth

Chair: **Ben Gough** (*Infrastructure & Regulatory Economics Lead, PwC*)

Speakers: **Iain McGuffog** (*Director of Regulatory Finance, South-West Water*)

Chris Bennett (*Director of UK Regulation, National Grid*)

Katherine Beard (*Director of Future Road Investment Strategy,
National Highways*)

James Earl (*CEO, Future Energy Networks*)

3:45pm – 4:00pm - Tea and Coffee Break

4:00pm – 5:00pm – The Causes of Productivity Growth - Some RPI Insights

Speakers: *The RPI Insights Team, led by* **George Yarrow**

5:00pm – 5:15pm – Short Break

5:15pm – 6:15pm – Zeeman Lecture: The Dismal State of UK Economic Policy

in the 2020s – *Given by* **Andrew Sentance** (*Former Member, Bank of England Monetary Policy Council (MPC), Chief Economist, British Airways, and Director of Economic Affairs, CBI.*)

College Bar Open

7:30pm – Distinguished Fellows Dinner

Day 2 – Tuesday, 16th September

Breakfast

9:00am – 10:50am – The Future of Energy

Chair: **Gerard Fox** (*Regulatory Policy Institute*)

Speakers: **Charles Hendry** (*Former Minister of Energy, and Honorary Professor, University of Edinburgh Business School*)

Kathryn Porter (*Energy Consultant, Watt-Logic*)

Steve Smith (*Chief Strategy and Regulation Officer, National Grid*)

10:50am – 11:10am – Tea and Coffee Break

11:10am – 1.00pm – Economic Regulation and Economic Growth

Chair: **Stephen Gibson** (*Chair, The Regulatory Policy Committee*)

Speakers: **John Ivory** (*Director of Economics, Ofcom*)

Gavin Knott (*Chief Economics Adviser, Ofgem*)

David Stallibrass (*Deputy Chief Economist, FCA*)

1:00pm – 2:00pm – Lunch

2:00pm – 3:30pm – Regulatory Lessons for the Future

Panel: **Sarah Chambers** (*Former Chief Executive, Postcomm*)

Tony Ballance (*Chief Strategy & Regulation Officer, Cadent Gas*)

Stephen Gilbert (*Member, HoL Industry and Regulators Committee*)

Conference End
