

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 – 4:45pm – The Causes of Productivity Growth - Some RPI Insights

Speakers: *The RPI Insights Team*

4:45pm – 5:00pm – Short Break

5:00pm – 6:00pm – 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*)

Others to be announced

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*)

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

Conference End
