

Chairs, Speakers and Panellists: Tuesday 19th November

Professor Andy Pike

Andy Pike is the Sir Henry Daysh Chair of Regional Development Studies in the Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies (CURDS), Newcastle University, UK. His research interests, publications and research projects are focused on the geographical political economy of local, regional and urban development and policy. With colleagues, he is author of the recent book *Financialising City Statecraft and Infrastructure* (Elgar, 2019). He has undertaken research projects for the OECD, UN-ILO, European Commission, UK Government and national, regional and local institutions. He is a Fellow of the Regional Studies Association and an Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences.

Professor Andy Westwood

Andy Westwood is Vice Dean for Social Responsibility in the Faculty of Humanities and Professor of Government Practice. He is a member of HEFCE's Strategic Advisory Board for Quality, Accountability and Regulation, and a Trustee of the National Union of Students. He is also a Visiting Professor of Further and Higher Education at the University of Wolverhampton, President of the OECD Forum on Social Innovation and an expert adviser to the IMF.

Previously Andy was a Professor of Politics at the University of Winchester and Chief Executive of GuildHE. He has also worked at a number of think tanks and in Whitehall for many years as a special adviser to ministers on education, skills and science policy at the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills, and as a senior adviser at HM Treasury and the Departments for Education and Communities and Local Government.

Torsten Bell

Torsten Bell is the Director of the Resolution Foundation, a think tank that combines analytical rigour with policy prescriptions to improve the living standards of those in Britain on low to middle incomes. With a background in economic policy, his focuses include inequality, the labour market, tax and benefits, housing and wealth. Prior to leading the Resolution Foundation, Torsten was Director of Policy for the Labour Party. He has also worked in HM Treasury, as a member of the Council of Economic Advisers during the financial crisis and as a civil servant.

Professor Chris Benner

Dr. Chris Benner is the Dorothy E. Everett Chair in Global Information and Social Entrepreneurship, and a Professor of Environmental Studies and Sociology at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He currently directs the Everett Program for Technology and Social Change and the Santa Cruz Institute for Social Transformation. His research examines the relationships between technological change, regional development, and the structure of economic opportunity, focusing on regional labor markets and the transformation of work and employment. He has authored or co-authored six books (most recently *Equity, Growth and Community*, 2015, UC Press) and more than 70 journal articles, chapters and research reports. He received his Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from the University of California, Berkeley.

Professor Ruth Lupton

Ruth Lupton is a Professor of Education at the University of Manchester and heads the University's Inclusive Growth Analysis Unit (IGAU). IGAU was established in 2016 with funding from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to support the development of inclusive growth policy in Greater Manchester

through research, analysis and convening stakeholders around key problems and solutions. Ruth is lead author of IGAU's most recent report Inclusive Growth in Greater Manchester 2020 and beyond (2019) as well as other reports and briefing papers on the topic (see www.manchester.ac.uk/inclusivegrowth). Prior to joining UoM in 2013, Ruth was Deputy Director and Principal Research Fellow at the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE) at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her research centres on poverty and inequality in the UK, with a particular focus on education and on low income neighbourhoods and spatial inequalities.

Andy Burnham

Andy Burnham was elected as Mayor of Greater Manchester in May 2017. Responsible for shaping the future of Greater Manchester, Andy's priorities include ending rough sleeping, transforming Greater Manchester into one of the greenest city regions in Europe, and making Greater Manchester a great place to live, get on, and grow old. Before being elected Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy was MP for Leigh from 2001. In government, Andy has held Ministerial positions at the Home Office, Department of Health and the Treasury. In 2008 he became Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, before returning to Health as Secretary of State in 2009. In opposition, Andy has served as Shadow Education Secretary, Shadow Health Secretary and Shadow Home Secretary. Andy lives in Leigh, Greater Manchester, with his wife and three children. He is a keen supporter of Everton FC.

Professor Miguel Martinez Lucio

Miguel Martínez Lucio is Professor in the HRM, IR and Employment Law Group at Manchester Business School, University of Manchester, UK. He has written a range of texts on the development of HRM, the impact on industrial relations and the politics surrounding new forms of workplace organization and representation. He has studied the changing nature of regulation in terms of employment and the manner in which this has developed in recent years at a national and transnational level. He is a founder member of the Centre for Fairness at Work (University of Manchester) and a visiting scholar at various institutions.

Paula Black

Dr Paula Black is Director of Nottingham Civic Exchange and leads the overall development of its work. She has a professional background as an academic and has taught Sociology at the Universities of Sussex, Manchester and Derby. She has also worked as a researcher, as a senior manager in Local Government and, prior to joining Nottingham Civic Exchange, she was Director of Research at the New Economics Foundation Think Tank.

Nottingham Civic Exchange was established in 2017 as a collaborative think tank – one that commits the expertise of Nottingham Trent University staff and students to the key social and economic questions of their place. Their goal is to bridge the gap between research and policy: to bring theory into applied practice through innovative projects that deliver impactful solutions.

Lynn Collins

Lynn is chair of Liverpool City-Region's Fairness and Social Justice Advisory Board. Lynn has headed up the Trades Union Congress in the North West since 2013, the first woman to hold that position, representing the region's 800,000 unionised workers in over 50 different trades unions. Prior to her appointment as TUC Regional Secretary Lynn worked as an IT specialist in Manufacturing Industry and as a senior trades union official, playing an active role promoting equality and tackling disadvantage and poverty. Lynn has served on the Women's National Commission, and Poverty Commissions in both

Greater Manchester and Liverpool City Region. She lives in Liverpool City centre with her two teenage children.

Professor Danny MacKinnon

Danny MacKinnon is the Director of CURDS (Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies) at Newcastle University. He is an economic and political geographer whose research is centrally concerned with the institutions and politics of local and regional development. Recent work has contributed to debates in Evolutionary Economic Geography and to questions of urban and regional adaptation and change in particular. His future research agenda involves linking urban and regional development to issues of social and spatial justice in an increasingly unequal world, particularly through work on inclusive growth. His current and developing research has three main strands: regional adaptation and evolution, in collaboration with colleagues in CURDS and elsewhere; long-standing interests in governance and politics of urban and regional development; developing progressive approaches to urban and regional development focussing on questions of inclusive growth.

Issy Taylor

Issy is the Head of Strategy & Business Development at One Manchester. With a long history of working across the public, social enterprise and charitable sectors, she is responsible for strategy, social investment, and inward investment. Issy has a passion for, and impressive track record in developing socially innovative projects that deliver social impact and system change including developing the GM Homes Partnership, an innovative approach to supporting entrenched rough sleepers across Greater Manchester.

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Professor Anne Green

After completing an undergraduate degree in geography, Anne has spent nearly all of her career conducting applied research of relevance to academia and policy in research centres/ institutes in the higher education sector. She started her career at the Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies (CURDS) in Newcastle. Apart from a short stint at the Department for City and Regional Planning in Cardiff she has spent most of her time at the Institute for Employment Research (IER), University of Warwick. She joined the University of Birmingham as Professor of Regional Economic Development in June 2017 in City-REDI (Regional Economic Development Institute). Her research interests span employment, non-employment, regional and local labour market issues, skills strategies, urban and rural development, migration and commuting, associated policy issues and evaluation.

Sir Bob Kerslake

The Right Honourable the Lord Kerslake is Chair of the UK 2070 Commission, an independent inquiry into city and regional inequalities in the UK. It has been set up to conduct a review of the policy and spatial issues related to the UK's long-term city and regional development. Lord Kerslake is Chair of the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS), Chair of London CIV, President of the Local Government Association and Chair of Peabody. A former Head of the Civil Service, Lord Kerslake previously led the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). Prior to this he was the first Chief Executive of the Homes and Communities Agency, where he was responsible for promoting new and affordable

housing supply; supporting the regeneration of cities, towns and neighbourhoods; improving existing housing stock, and advancing sustainability and good design. Before joining the Civil Service he was Chief Executive of Sheffield City Council.

Professor Teresa Córdova

Professor Córdova is an applied theorist and political economist whose focus is community development and Latino Studies. Her work is a scholarship of engagement in which research, pedagogy, and service are integrated. She studies impacts of globalization on Latino communities with particular interest in global/local dynamics. Throughout the span of her academic career, Professor Córdova has engaged with communities outside the university and is an expert in community/university partnerships.

Des McNulty

Desmond McNulty is Deputy Director of Policy Scotland and also Assistant Vice-Principal of Economic Development and Civic Engagement and the University of Glasgow. He is an academic and senior practitioner, experienced in public policy, having held senior positions in Universities, Government (local and national) and Parliament, and at board level in the Health Service and the Voluntary sector. Deputy Chair Glasgow City Region Commission on Economic Growth. Leading knowledge exchange practitioner with substantial international consultancy experience. ESRC Knowledge Leadership Fellow (Constitutional Change) 2015-16. Knowledge Exchange and Outreach Manager for the Urban Big Data centre at the University of Glasgow.

Linda Christie

Linda Christie is a Research Associate in Public Policy Research at the University of Glasgow. Linda is an experienced senior economist and economic development professional and Non-Executive Director of the Scottish Regeneration Forum (SURF). Having spent the first part of her early career in academia as a regional economist at University of Strathclyde's Fraser of Allander Institute, Linda followed on as an economist in the Scottish Government and latterly, as a senior manager in Glasgow City Council. She commenced her doctoral research between 2013 and 2017. She holds a PhD in Management from University of Glasgow and an MSc in Regional Economics and a BA Honours in Economics from the University of Strathclyde.

Ed Cox

Ed Cox is Director of Public Services and Communities where he is leading an ambitious programme of work on people, power, place and inclusive growth. Ed previously led IPPR North for 9 years where he was a champion for devolution and much of the thinking behind the 'Northern Powerhouse,' working closely with several combined authorities in the north of England. Before that, Ed was an adviser to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government where he played a key role in developing the Sub-National Review (2007) and the Empowerment White Paper (2008). Ed has a background in community engagement: he wrote Manchester's first community engagement strategy, he was a founder of the national Participatory Budgeting Unit and he is the founder and chair of the Levenshulme Inspire community hub in inner city Manchester.

Mike Hawking

Mike is Policy and Partnerships Manager (Work) at the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Mike leads JRF's work looking at how local economies and labour markets can lift more people out of poverty. His work looks at how people in poverty can benefit from, and contribute to, economic growth. This has a particular focus on the role of cities and city regions in creating jobs and improving their quality. It has included work on labour market interventions, education and skills policies, and neighbourhood connectivity. Prior to joining JRF, Mike was an advisor to the directly elected Mayor of Lewisham and has worked on housing and social security policy for charities and housing associations in London and Leeds. He has an MSc in Social Policy from the London School of Economics.

Ben Lucas

Ben is the Founding Director & Managing Director of Metro Dynamics. Ben leads major strategy projects for our clients across the UK. He is an expert on the political and economic drivers that are needed for growth and how to shape narratives that best reflect these. He advises places on governance, inclusive growth and how best to work with Westminster and Whitehall.

Before becoming a Founding Director of Metro Dynamics, Ben had a long career in public policy and communications, advising cities, businesses and charities on how best to achieve their public affairs objectives. He has worked with Ministers, Officials and Local Government Leaders on a range of public policy issues, has set up and run a public affairs consultancy and two highly influential Commissions, the 2020 Public Services Commission and the RSA City Growth Commission.

He is an adviser to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, a member of the Post Office Advisory Council and a Trustee of the Early Intervention Foundation. Ben is a graduate of Liverpool University, with a Joint Honours BA in History and Politics.

Liz Richardson

Liz Richardson is a Reader in Politics at the University of Manchester. She is a Trustee for the National Association for Neighbourhood Management, a national network of practitioners and others interested in strategic locality working. Liz's research interests include: participatory urban governance; local politics and local government; public services; and public policy. She has an interest in methodological innovation including participatory research approaches, and experimental methods. Liz is a Co-Investigator on an ESRC-funded project called Jam and Justice. Jam and Justice is doing action research on ways to make urban governance processes more inclusive and participatory, and/or co-productive. This is a joint project with the Universities of Sheffield and Birmingham, and GMCVO.