

Productive and Inclusive Net Zero (PRINZ) workshop

This workshop will convene researchers and policy stakeholders to explore findings from the ESRC-funded PRINZ programme and related research. Participants will discuss policy implications, share insights, and shape the direction of ongoing collaborative work.

We hope you will be able to join us at the LSE, and provide your perspectives in the discussion, which will be held under Chatham House Rules.

13 Feb 2026, London School of Economics, Sir Arthur Lewis building, 32 Lincoln's Inn Fields. SAL 1.04.

Registration and coffee from 09:15

09:45 – 10:00 Welcome and introduction

Anna Valero, LSE

Ralf Martin, Imperial Business School and International Finance Corporation / World Bank

10:00 – 10:30 Keynote presentation and context setting

The growth story of the 21st century: the economics and opportunity of climate action

Nicholas Stern, LSE

10:30 – 11:45 Informing UK industrial strategy

Chair: Henry Overman, LSE

Informing industrial strategy for clean technologies in the UK: the green industrial policy matrix and beyond

Anna Valero, LSE

Firm and sector level decision-making on productivity and net zero

Alice Owen, University of Leeds

Place-based industrial strategy: opportunities and limitations

Bart van Ark, University of Manchester

Recent lessons from US industrial policy

Nathan Lane, LSE

Roundtable discussion

11:45 – 12:00 Coffee

12:00 – 13:15 International evidence on net zero, productivity and competitiveness

Chair: Swati Dhingra, LSE

Green innovation: an opportunity for developing countries?

Ralf Martin, Imperial Business School and International Finance Corporation / World Bank

The economic benefits of renewable energy

Sam Fankhauser, Oxford Smith School, University of Oxford

Ray of hope? Chinese innovation, green industrial policy and the rise of solar energy

John Van Reenen, LSE

Resource creation and structural change: net zero; productivity and competitiveness

Dimitri Zenghelis, Bennett School of Public Policy, University of Cambridge and the Grantham Research Institute, LSE

Roundtable discussion

13:15 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:15 Net zero and the labour market

Chair: Sandra McNally, University of Surrey and CEP, LSE

What online vacancy data tells us about low carbon work, skills and place

Aurélien Saussay, LSE

Apprenticeships and low-carbon skills in England

Guglielmo Ventura, University of Barcelona and CEP, LSE

Beyond efficiency: labour market resilience in an age of AI and net zero

Maria del Rio-Chanona, University College London

Challenges and opportunities for the UK's clean energy jobs plan

Hugo Jones, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Roundtable discussion

15:15 – 15:20 Concluding remarks and close