INNOVATION IS POLITICAL
We are at a decisive point in history. We face tough, complex, socio-economic and environmental challenges that cannot be understood or solved by applying the old rules of the game, or by any single sector or discipline.

Why is contemporary capitalism not working for everyone? What is the future of the welfare state? How can digital platforms be governed in democratic and inclusive ways? What new forms of investment, regulation and collaboration can best tackle the climate emergency?

In 2017 I set up IIPP, convinced that to answer these questions the world needs an institution that fundamentally changes the way we think about the state — its structure, its tools and its partnerships with other actors in the economy. This is not because the state is more important than other actors, but because it is a key direction-setter and partner. It is also the least theorised. MBA programmes help managers rethink companies — there is no equivalent ambition in the MPA world. IIPP provides that.

At IIPP we focus on the ‘direction’, not merely the rate, of growth. We offer a new approach to rethinking the purpose, governance and inter-relationships of organisations in both the private and public sectors, to drive growth that is more inclusive, innovation-driven and sustainable.

Fundamentally, this means putting public purpose at the centre of our political economy analysis and practice. The point is not state versus market, but an understanding that the market is an outcome of how we govern all institutions, including the public ones, in the economy. What is required is less market ‘fixing’ and more market ‘shaping’ towards objectives.

IIPP’s ambition is to convene a global movement for change, which puts public value generation at its core. Public value requires rethinking how value is created and distributed collectively for the common good. But theory alone is not enough; we must be sufficiently humble to work with those who can ‘implement’ our new thinking. We call this ‘practice-based theorising’, bringing the lessons from the ground to our new understanding of how the economy works, and how it can be shaped to deliver on goals. It’s messier than a paper or a book, but that learning by doing is essential if we are serious about changing theory and practice.

IIPP’s vision is as bold as Friedrich von Hayek’s when he set up the Mont Pelerin Society in 1947. The Mont Pelerin Society went on to build today’s predominant free-market ideology by convening members from across government, academia and businesses around the world. We are equally ambitious — but this time about building an economy guided by equity and sustainability.

Movements are not just the summary of projects; they require catalysts to create a new vocabulary, forms of collaboration and ways to understand wealth creation. Since our founding in 2017, we have already had a profound and global impact. We have worked with the United Nations to create an innovation roadmap for the Sustainable Development Goals; guided countries to develop their industrial strategies from a narrow focus on sectors to be holistic and challenge-oriented, crowding in all sectors to innovate towards societal goals; supported the Scottish Government in founding the Scottish National Investment Bank; helped Europe design and implement a missions tool for its innovation policy; pioneered new industrial innovation policy for a just transition in South Africa; and led work with the World Health Organisation on the new economic thinking required for the ‘health for all’ agenda. Our graduate and undergraduate students are now are working in organisations across the globe, putting ideas into practice.

This report showcases our impact over the last five years, our vision and methodology of linking theory and policy. It also sets out our radical agenda for the next five years.

New movements like ours need visionaries from academia, business, government and civil society. As we continue with our ambitious goal, we hope you will join us as we change how public value is imagined, practised and evaluated. It’s time to realise true societal change.

Professor Mariana Mazzucato
Founding Director IIPP
Launch of the Mission-Oriented Innovation Network (MOIN). Professor Mariana Mazzucato and Professor Rainer Kattel mark the inaugural gathering with the first MOIN members in 2018.
The Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (IIPP) is a department within University College London (UCL) — and part of The Bartlett, which consistently ranks in the top two faculties for architecture and the built environment in the world. As well as being ranked in the top eight universities in the world, since its founding in 1826, UCL has stood apart by placing solving grand challenges at its core.

IIPP carries on that tradition.

Our mission is to change how public value is imagined, practised and evaluated to tackle societal challenges—from reducing the digital divide and tackling climate change, to reimagining the welfare state so that global health systems are valued and resourced. To do so, we bring the concept of public purpose to the centre of political economy and work with policymakers. Our mantra is ‘practice-based theorising’, a process of action-learning through which we update our thinking on the big issues of our time.

In that spirit, five years since our founding in 2017, this report reflects our impact as a pioneering problem-oriented and outward-facing academic department. We also look forward to the next five years, growing the movement through developing our work in four co-dependent areas of research, policy, education and public engagement.

New Research for a New Movement

Our interdisciplinary research on new notions of value and public purpose tackles the complex relationships between economic, technological and social changes. We focus on new measures that allow us to capture and steer the direction, inclusivity and sustainability of growth, going beyond static metrics on the rate of growth. A key concern is understanding the role of the state as a co-creator of value, and the role of policy as co-creating and co-shaping markets, rather than merely ‘fixing’ them when they ‘fail’.

To these ends, we have convened academic debates, published leading-edge research and built on our community and global network to produce theoretical and empirical contributions around four cross-cutting themes: **rethinking value, shaping innovation, directing finance and transforming institutions**.

Global Policy Impact

Our research is focused on real word applications, from the establishment of a new public bank in Scotland to a new tax structure for the Basque Country. In a virtuous feedback loop, we work alongside policymakers from the start and bring the learning back to the theory. This practice-based theorising approach supports global policymakers to surface and build better analyses and solutions to complex problems and apply them to industrial strategy, innovation policy, economic development and institutional design.

We know that shifting dominant paradigms is hard, and policymakers are often restrained from experimentation. So, in partnership with Laudes Foundation, we have created the IIPP Policy Studio, where we ‘sandbox’ new approaches to policy design. We work with governments and institutions from across the world to co-design new frameworks and on-the-ground solutions, from public procurement to public banks, industrial strategies and financial tools.

This feeds into our Mission-Oriented Innovation Network (MOIN), a powerful global community of purpose-oriented organisations. We create the space and structure to unpack and act on the challenges and opportunities.

We work with these ambitious partners to step outside the siloed market-fixing box and into the world of market-shaping, from South Africa’s just green transition, a new wealth fund for Camden or the EU’s Horizon programme.
Entrepreneurial societies need Training the Next Generation of Leaders
It is impossible to have better policies without providing the leaders of today and tomorrow with new way of thinking and working. For this reason, we have reimagined training. At the graduate, doctoral, and executive education levels, we are immersing students in a rigorous curriculum fit for the challenges they seek to solve. The flagship Masters of Public Administration brings together the disciplines of design, politics, and public administration, and is anchored in an economics curriculum that is heterodox, critical and diverse. Our programmes celebrate the entrepreneurial state and support those who bring it to life.

Engaging the Public
For missions to genuinely succeed in tackling grand challenges, they must also be bottom-up and participatory. We understand the need to change the narrative and vocabulary through which society debates and contests value creation. Through civic engagement, in the media and working closely with the worlds of economics, the arts, architecture and design, we bring our debates to the public square.

Thousands have attended our public events, diving deep into rethinking capitalism, public value, ownership and the Sustainable Development Goals along with world-leading thinkers, policymakers, urban designers and artists.

Our Future Strategy
In less than five years, our inspirational language of market-shaping has been adopted by political leaders around the world. While progress has been made, the urgent challenges facing the world make IPP more relevant than ever. Building on our achievements and learnings, the next phase of our movement will deepen and scale our theory-building for new economic thinking and test policy in practice. To scale our policy impact, within five years we will grow our global network of change-makers through reaching key target groups of high-level policymakers, civil servants, and other actors central to developing new public-value-related solutions.

We will support this through cultivating dynamic leadership, providing new, evidence-based intellectual frameworks, and building ‘coalitions of the willing’ to blaze the trail.

As a fast-growing organisation, we will also pay attention to our scaling processes and organisational culture. In the next five years, we will walk the talk as we focus on these objectives:

• Theoretical Frontiers: Continue to break down walls with our new economic thinking in four main domains: rethinking value, shaping innovation, transforming institutions, and redirecting finance.

• Training Future Leaders: We will continue to train the up-and-coming leaders of public sector organisations and their allies, creating a strong and influential network of practitioners dedicated to rethinking the state and public value. We will continue to expand our reach and impact through further executive education work, influencing public sector training, and activating of our talented alumni.

• Policy Impact: We will scale our policy impact through our new Policy Studio — with accelerated learning processes among public organisations globally.

• Organisational Design: Implementing our ambitious agenda requires a new kind of academic department organised not in silos of academics and support functions, but rather around core offers (for example training, or policy impact).
entrepreneurial states

Visiting Professor of Practice Rowan Conway discusses ideas and examples of innovation with public sector organisations at the MOIN Gathering 2019.
IIPP’s interdisciplinary research tackles the complex relationships between economic, technological and social changes. A distinctive feature of our research is that we believe and engage in practice-based theorising: new theory needs to be tested in practice, and experimented with, so the lessons can feed back into the theory itself.

We build on our academic research community and global network to produce theoretical and empirical contributions around four cross-cutting themes:

- **Rethinking Value:** Our work rethinks value to highlight the collective way it is co-created. We have built new approaches to the concept of public value, collective intelligence and common goods.

- **Shaping Innovation:** Innovation has not only a rate but a direction: that direction must be actively co-shaped. Our work has contributed to the market-shaping view of innovation (versus the theory of market-fixing) and introduced a new lens on public purpose, guided by ‘missions’.

- **Directing Finance:** Finance is not neutral: the form it takes affects the real economy. Our work considers the quality of finance and how to direct it to capital development and challenge-oriented innovation. We explore the financialisation of modern companies and how to build a stakeholder form of capitalism to replace this.

- **Transforming Institutions:** Institutions and norms are embedded in the ways that markets function. We develop new theories to understand how diverse, open and purpose-oriented institutions can adapt to complexity and uncertainty to create dynamic collaborations across the economy.

We use these pillars to tackle challenges within different areas, including health systems, global warming, data and AI, the future of mobility and financial regulation.

Capitalism can be shaped to serve people and planet, but this requires a reset: a reset in practice and the underlying theory that has guided it so far. Far from being deterministic, markets and the economy are outcomes of how we govern business (from shareholder value to stakeholder value), how we govern the state (from market-fixing to market-shaping), and the relationships between the two. IIPP seeks to change our current socio-economic system with new thinking and research on the role of the state and business in the economy, so that the ecosystems that follow are symbiotic and not parasitic, and progress us towards inclusive and sustainable growth.

Our faculty publish books that have been milestones in illustrating these viewpoints and changing the global academic debate.

Our work in shaping innovation and transforming institutions is woven within and fully addressed in the policy impact section of this report, where we look at our work with governments and policymakers in creating new frameworks and on-the-ground solutions.
Books published by our faculty
Rethinking Value

At IIPP we think deeply about value. Distinct from the mainstream, we understand that value is created collectively, not only by business, with market failures then fixed by the state or philanthropy. In this context we interrogate the concept of ‘public value’ by evaluating the public sector’s ‘purpose’ in the economy.

By bringing the debate back to value we are able to distinguish something classical economists thought long and hard about: the difference between profits and rents, value creation and value extraction. Economic rents can be broadly defined as income derived from ownership or control over a limited asset or resource without any additional expenditure or effort by the resource holder. Today, there is an increasing consensus that capitalist systems are suffering from excessive rent extraction, whether in pharmaceuticals or digital algorithms. How do we reduce this and steer the economy to deliver on goals that advance the public interest?

Professor Mariana Mazzucato’s The Value of Everything (2018) sets out a general case for distinguishing between value and economic rent, both in our accounting systems and in how we steer the economy towards value creation. Associate Professor Dr Josh Ryan-Collins’ book, Why Can’t You Afford a Home? (2018), made the case that the housing crisis facing advanced countries has been primarily driven by speculative acquisition of property in order to extract land rents.

IIPP is also using the lens of economic rent to examine the business models of Big Tech’s digital platforms. This work, in partnership with the Omidyar Network and the Rockefeller Foundation, has argued that a new financial disclosure regime is required to enable regulators to better understand the business models used by Big Tech, and how they create and extract value.
The 21st century is increasingly defined by the need to respond to major issues facing society, the environment around us and the possibility of a prosperous equal economy. Sometimes referred to as ‘grand challenges’, these include climate change, ageing societies, preventative healthcare and generating sustainable growth for the benefit of all. To make these challenges achievable, they have to be broken down into pragmatic steps. We term these ‘missions’ — concrete targets within a challenge that act as frames and stimuli for innovation.

Our work aims to introduce a mission-oriented approach and new capabilities to public agencies to drive innovation efforts towards solving societal challenges. Using missions to drive national industrial strategy or innovation policy means focusing less on sectors — from automotives to telecommunications — and more on problems that matter to all.

Professor Mariana Mazzucato’s *Mission Economy: A Moonshot Guide to Changing Capitalism* takes inspiration from the ‘moonshot’ programmes which successfully coordinated public and private sectors on a massive scale. Professor Mazzucato calls for the same level of boldness and experimentation to be applied to the biggest problems of our time.

In January 2018, the then-European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, Carlos Moedas, appointed Professor Mazzucato as Special Advisor for Mission-Driven Science and Innovation. With a remit to shape the EU’s new Research and Innovation programme, she drew on her research on mission-oriented innovation to author two EU-funded reports: *Mission-Oriented Research & Innovation in the European Union* and *Governing Missions*, which built the foundations for the EU’s ambitious €100 billion Horizon Europe research innovation project for the bloc’s next budget, between 2021 and 2027.

Honorary Professor Hilary Cottam discusses the role of business leaders in the re-imagining of work and life in the contemporary technology revolution at the World Economic Forum. (2022)
Directing Finance

Finance is key to the development of the economy. Yet for too long society has served the needs of finance rather than vice versa — as is seen by the fact that such a large percentage of the sector gets funnelled back to finance, insurance and real estate. Our research and policy activity focuses on developing patient, strategic finance mechanisms for sustainable, investment-led growth, and financial and monetary policy regimes aligned with a just transition to a sustainable economy.

Through the work of Laurie Macfarlane and Professor Mariana Mazzucato, IIPP led the creation of a new ‘mission-oriented’ public bank in Scotland. Now up and running with over 50 employees, the objective of the bank is to provide patient, long-term funding to those organisations willing to steer investments toward societal goals in Scotland.

Associate Professor Dr Josh Ryan-Collins produced groundbreaking work on the housing-finance feedback cycle and its role in the housing affordability crisis. His findings have received international press coverage, and led to invitations to give guest lectures and undertake advisory work from governments, public agencies, academics and civil society groups across the world.

Dr Kate Roll, IIPP Associate Professor in Innovation, Development and Purpose, led the project in partnership with the Government of Biscay on aligning the region’s tax system to the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals. Focused on how taxation and other fiscal policy tools can help advance the United Nations SDGs, the partnership with the Biscay regional tax team resulted in the development of a composite index tool. The Biscay Model enables authorities to measure corporate SDG performance in priority areas in order to link it to tax incentives. This work has the potential to help regions and states better address the climate emergency and pursue the SDGs.

In the face of the global climate and biodiversity emergency, IIPP has conducted groundbreaking research into the role central banks and financial regulators can play in redirecting financial flows away from ecological damage and towards sustainable activities. IIPP’s precautionary financial policy approach legitimises more aggressive interventions by financial authorities in the face of radical uncertainty to prevent catastrophic macroeconomic and financial losses, for example by increasing capital requirements for unsustainable lending and greening their monetary policy operations. Dr Ryan-Collins and Policy Fellow in Sustainable Finance Katie Kedward, have presented to the European Parliament and various major central banks on this agenda.

Taking a leading role in researching biodiversity-related financial risks, in July 2021 IIPP published the first ever analysis of the nature-related risks linked to a central bank’s monetary policy, specifically the European Central Bank’s (ECB) corporate quantitative easing (QE) programme.
Transforming Institutions

Institutions and norms are embedded in the ways that markets functions. Our work is building new theories to understand how diverse, open and purpose-oriented institutions can adapt to complexity and uncertainty to create dynamic collaborations across the economy.

Professor Mariana Mazzucato’s book *The Entrepreneurial State: Debunking Public vs. Private Sector Myths* shows how the technologies that make the iPhone ‘smart’ were developed by a decentralised network of public sector actors that made risky investments along the innovation chain. These were critical to co-creating and shaping new markets, and the experience provides deep learnings for the challenges of today.

We believe the public sector bears responsibility for the long-term resilience and stability of societies, and should nurture long-term capacities and dynamic capabilities in order to agilely respond and adapt to changing environments. Our work is focused on conceptualising and building this public sector ‘agile stability’ to deliver, and be resilient to, transformational change.

Our report with the UNDP, *COVID-19 and the need for dynamic state capabilities: an international comparison*, looks at the key lessons from the global pandemic for public sector capacity building. Professor Rainer Kattel’s new book *How to Make an Entrepreneurial State: Why Innovation needs Bureaucracy (2022)*, co-authored with Professor Wolfgang Drechsler and Dr Erkki Karo, offers new solutions to build fit-for-purpose public organisations and policies to drive innovation, shape markets and steer inclusive transformation.

Using every tool at our disposal is essential. Our research shows that more proactive digital transformation within the public sector is needed to take on the multifaceted, long-term issues facing societies. Underpinning these tools will be the ethos of public purpose, to ensure that public sector reforms and digital solutions that have so far focused mostly on efficiency gains also create public value.
Renowned author and academic, Professor Shoshana Zuboff, speaks about predictive algorithms and mathematical calculations of human behaviour in her groundbreaking book *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism*. 

**TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS**

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It is impossible to have better policies without providing those in the public sector new ways of thinking about the economy. For this reason, we are rewriting the public administration and economic curricula at the graduate, doctoral, and executive education levels.

Critically, we are trying to change how civil servants are trained through our pathbreaking Master of Public Administration (MPA) in Innovation, Public Policy and Public Value. Most global MPA programmes suggest that governments should at most fix market failures. IIPP’s market-shaping vision of the state requires a different set of tools and theories. Through our multi-disciplinary curriculum, we equip our graduates to work with uncertainty, envision large-scale change, and organise for innovation.

Alongside the MPA programme, our PhD in Innovation and Public Policy develops the next generation of world-leading interdisciplinary scholars. We also work with civil servants on the ground, providing them with the frameworks, tools and solutions to change how public value is imagined, practised and evaluated. To date, we have worked with partners including the South African Government, the Peruvian Government’s innovation agency, and over 40 global mayors.
IIPP’s one-year flagship Master of Public Administration (MPA) in Innovation, Public Policy and Public Value combines our alternative approach to policymaking with a focus on structural change and innovation. Our curriculum critically engages with, but goes far beyond, the conventional foundations of public choice theory and new public management.

The multi-disciplinary course unfolds over three terms, moving from foundational work on economics and policy to practice. Students take six core modules and two elective modules – see the figure below – in the first and second terms, and then they write a thesis or taking part in a placement in the third term.

A distinctive part of the programme, the policy placements enable students to work collaboratively on real world problems – allowing them to test and explore the material that they learned in the classroom. The students work closely with members of IIPP’s Mission-Oriented Innovation Network (MOIN) as well as other public sector organisations.

In 2021, student placements included the New Zealand Government, the Danish Design Centre, Hackney Council, and the Scottish Government. These collaborations between IIPP MPA students and the IIPP MOIN network form a mutually beneficial cornerstone of both programmes.
The MPA programme attracts brilliant students from around the world. In 2019, we welcomed our first cohort of thirty MPA candidates. Since its launch, the programme has both remained highly competitive and grown; in 2022 we welcomed seventy-eight talented students.

A truly internationalist programme, our geographical diversity and reach continue to expand with students now representing dozens of countries across Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia and North America. We also have a strong mix of full and part-time students, enabling the course to be accessible to practitioners.

In selecting our students, we highly value real world experience. Our students come to IIPP having worked in government, advocacy, law, journalism, consulting, design, or related fields for 3-5 years. They bring a rich set of experiences and expertise to the MPA, enabling both strong peer-to-peer learning as well as keeping the question of how lessons learned in the classroom can be applied in their work at the fore.

“The MPA has helped me to develop a more critical perspective on key features of my professional career, like sustainability, economic growth, technology, etc. Similarly, it was great to have contact with world-leading researchers on these subjects.”

Juan David Garcia Gonzalez, MPA class of 2019-20

“The MPA focuses the conversation on what really matters: creating value, going beyond the classic public-private discussion etc. This has allowed me to challenge how I used to do things and to try the new approaches taught in the programme, which represent a better way to generate more value for society.”

Teresa Miquel Arce, MPA class of 2020-21

“Studying at IIPP opened the door to incredible opportunities, where I can directly apply and deepen the theories and frameworks I learned to foster social change in communities across the UK. For example, I’m currently working at Collaborate, a purpose-driven social consultancy and think tank that supports system change by working in partnership with the public sector and civil society.”

Gwendolyn Casazza, MPA class of 2020-21

“The breadth and expertise of the many different lecturers was just awesome, and they were able to adapt their lectures with ease to the realities of the day (for example, incorporating their ideas about COVID-19 responses into the lectures). The core courses were so much more than a typical MPA, bringing in systems thinking and design thinking to help us take more novel and inclusive approaches to the policy process.”

Charles McIvor, MPA class of 2020-21
Launched in 2019, Rethinking Capitalism provides UCL post graduate students with a critical perspective on the grand challenges facing modern capitalism: from falling productivity, investment and living standards to widening inequality, financial instability and the growing threat of climate change.

Based on a unique textbook, *Rethinking Capitalism*, edited by Professor Mariana Mazzucato and Dr Michael Jacobs, the module features guest lectures and presentations from leading economics thinkers and policymakers. Speakers have included Andy Haldane, Professor Stephanie Kelton, Professor Branko Milanovic, Professor Eric Beinhocker, Professor Jayati Ghosh and Professor Ha Joon Chang.

It is UCL’s most popular interfaculty economics course, with a hundred students studying alongside policymakers from UK Government departments attending the course. In line with UCL’s commitment to open access and our own goal of working for all students, not just those on our campus, the textbook and course module will be open-source and online.

The interfaculty module in Digital Transformation provides UCL undergraduate and graduate students with the practices, processes and technologies used and needed by the public administrations and by governments today and with the skills to transform and grasp the opportunities lying in rethinking what services and—more ambitiously—what institutions might look like in a digital era.

The module is based on the Digital Fundamentals for Public Administration syllabus which is today’s adopted across several institutions in over twenty countries and has been developed by Dr David Eaves with faculties from around the world as principal investigator of the Teaching Public Service in a Digital Age project.
Our PhD in Innovation and Public Policy prompts doctoral researchers to pursue important questions around the state, innovation, and the future. Our doctoral students work closely with IIPP academics to conduct rigorous, often inter-disciplinary work, on how innovation and public value creation can be harnessed to tackle global challenges.

Working across UCL departments, our current doctoral students are pursuing diverse research areas, including low-earth orbit economics, rethinking value in healthcare innovation, public sector artificial intelligence and financing green transitions.

IIPP Visiting Professor of Practice Keith Magee in conversation with philanthropist, impact investor and co-founder of GiveBLACK Patricia Hamzahee at a talk for PhD and MPA students, Valuing the Black Pound: Patterns and Motivations for British Black Giving. The talk was part of the 2022 Cultural Justice Lecture Series.
"My doctoral research brings philosophy and economics together, interrogating how in both disciplines there has been a retreat of the normative: what's to be done. By linking the debates in the two fields, I show how the 'directionality' implied in the new political economy around IIPP's work on market-shaping and mission-oriented thinking requires a parallel change in philosophical thinking."
— Lukas Fuchs (Austria)

"My research aims to link the literature on development with the literature on dynamic capabilities. It ascertains the needed (dynamic) capabilities required for development to take place and for government to be a market shaper to help solve societal challenges. The research is applied to the case of Nigeria. It seeks to understand the evolution of capabilities in the Nigerian public sector by considering historical contextual factors that led to the level of development of the Nigerian state and the emergence of the public sector."
— Patricia Nonny Ugbona (Nigeria)

"I chose to take my PhD at IIPP because my research straddles political economy and public administration, and I wanted to study within an interdisciplinary department that was also working directly with policymakers. When I started my PhD in September 2020, I nonetheless could never have imagined the kind of opportunities that I have been able to access through the programme. As well as receiving supervision from two renowned academics and teaching seminars on the Master of Public Administration, for the past year I have been co-authoring a book with Professor Mariana Mazzucato on the political economy of the management consulting industry, which is expected to be published in 2023."
— Rosie Collington (UK)

"My research explores the global political economy of data and health to illuminate the broader economic, social and political impacts of the global governance and norms around transnational data flows and the public sector. Through my research, I am helping to create a table and prepare a seat for everyone, including not only decisionmakers, but communities of people who are often voiceless, silenced and underserved by global digitalisation."
— Naigwe Kalema (USA)

"My research interests are focused on different aspects of economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean, with a special interest in industrial policies, innovation policies, the political economy of development and the green growth agenda. My principal objective as a researcher at IIPP has been to explore how innovation policies can become growth policies in the Global South and, with this, push for a rethink of the development agenda developing countries need to face pressing local and global challenges. Currently, I am Deputy Minister of Economy at Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism in Chile."
— Javiera Petersen (Chile)

“From our PhD candidates"
Interns and Mentorships

Over the last three years, IIPP has provided internship opportunities for high school students, allowing them to learn about the new economic thinking underlying IIPP’s work and experience with some of our policy projects, such as the locally based Camden Renewal Commission, which we lead.

They have been invited to attend internal and external meetings, such as a media briefing with the wider UCL COP26 delegation and research interviews. Interns have been assigned tasks tailored to their interests, giving them a chance to learn and develop new and existing skills.

“It was inspiring to work with such motivated people who influenced me to figure out what I want to do in the future”
— Sumaiya Osman

“During placement at IIPP for a week in July 2020, I was entrusted to compare conventional economics and the heterodox economics used by IIPP, and analyse and research the work of IIPP in promoting green growth and using government policies to achieve socially desirable outcomes. What I enjoyed the most was shadowing Dr George Dibb through Camden Renewal Commission meetings, because as a Camden resident this was an exciting project that hit close to home.”
— Ardin Fund

“It was a pleasure to be given such rare insight into initiatives, such as the Camden Renewal Project, in their early stages. I was really interested in seeing how the Commission planned to develop their core missions into actual policy, with a focus on creating the greatest impact for the local community.”
— Molly Lukas
Executive Education and Short Courses

IIPP’s Executive Education programme offers key aspects of our MPA programme to leaders in the public, private and third sectors. Established in late 2020, it is quickly becoming the peer learning platform for our work with public sector organisations. Executive Education is a vital means of engaging and learning from, and building networks with, dedicated policymakers.

Along with established programmes, we offer customised short courses tailored towards the needs of civil servants, and their private and third sector partners. We make these courses impactful by working closely with a single partner to map out needs and goals, then drawing from the core IIPP faculty and our wider network of experts for delivery.

- IIPP partnered with the National School of Government (NSG) South Africa to deliver a customised Executive Education programme for South African Government officials. The programme is delivered biannually for cohorts of 30 to 60 officials across government, at national and local levels.

  Busani Ngcaweni, Principal of the NSG said of the programme:

  "This partnership for training and development unfolds in the context of people-to-people exchanges with leading institutions in the global South and the global North. The blended virtual programme will advance participants’ understanding of the role of the state in driving inclusive and sustainable growth; critically appraising global models of development and governance; and taking pragmatic action to address core challenges of governance and government reforms."

- IIPP worked with Bloomberg Philanthropies to deliver a Mission Bootcamp programme with 10 cities around the world, providing training to mayors and senior administrative leaders. We brought forward core ideas around mission, the entrepreneurial state, industrial policy and managing transformation, and application to the partner’s context.
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A DIRECTION
Professor Mariana Mazzucato speaks at the Labour 7 Summit, the trade union federations of the G7 countries about Shaping the Global Common Good (Berlin May 2022). The Labour 7 seeks to influence the political process in the interests of workers and the broader civil society.
Unlike most academic institutions, we don’t leave the policy as an after-thought for papers. We work with policymakers from the start and bring the learning back to the theory. This is our practice-based theorising approach, which helps global policymakers discover better solutions to complex problems — underpinned by new economic thinking — applied to areas like industrial strategy, innovation policy, economic development and institutional design.

Building a stronger economy while tackling social inequalities and the climate emergency requires a reorientation from sector- or technology-focused economic policy, to an inter-sectoral and inter-actor-driven economic policy.

This is not top down, but policy with a strong direction, catalysing bottom-up solutions. It leads to understanding markets as outcomes of the interactions and co-design between different actors. Therefore, it is vital to engage from the start with a wide range of stakeholders, including business groups, labour organisations, local communities, not-for-profit organisations, local governments and the general public.

Our work on bringing public purpose and private value back to the centre of political economy is having a concrete effect on policy redesign, shaping innovation and transforming institutions. We have affected industrial policies, innovation policies and the design of new financial institutions.

IIPP has different layers of policy engagement, from working with leaders (including presidents and prime ministers), to deep dive policy projects via our new Policy Studio, to building a global network for sharing between mission-oriented public organisations.

The Global Commission on the Economics of Water (GCEW), co-chaired by Professor Mariana Mazzucato, launches a groundbreaking new report that ushers in a paradigm shift in water economics at the UN 2023 Water Conference, held from 22-24 March 2023 in New York, US.
We work strategically with leaders in government on ways to direct economic growth so that it leads to a more inclusive and sustainable society. Our innovative Applied Learning programme engages leaders throughout government.

We work with public policy officials at city, regional and national levels, on ‘deep dive’ areas to sandbox (procurement, wealth funds, innovation policy).

We convene a global network of mission oriented public organizations, sharing the challenges and opportunities when shaping the economy not only fixing it. Our MPA students are regularly placed in MOIN organizations during the third term.

Our network of alumni, friends, public and private organisations that follow our work and engage with our public facing activities at different levels.
Mission-Oriented Innovation Network (MOIN)

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Founded in 2018 with the support of the Rockefeller Foundation, MOIN has grown from 38 participating organisations to a network of over 100 institutions. Members include public banks, innovation agencies, government departments and place-based entities around the world. There are now dedicated geographical chapters, with MOIN USA launched in 2020 with the support of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the launch of MOIN South Africa in 2021.

MOIN members are pioneering new ways of working as public sector organisations and convening in a practice-focused way, with a diversity of voices unified around the aim of developing and amplifying new thinking for policy reforms.

In the 2022 Green Missions event series, MOIN brought together members around their shared interests of public finance (European Investment Bank, IBank, InBC), design (Vinnova, Danish Design Centre) and cities (Valencia, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Camden Council) to exchange and further develop collective knowledge.

Network members are supported by the MOIN team to engage with emerging research and practice in this space, and to work with our MPA cohorts. IIPP students lend skill and capacity to the network, from local governments in the UK, the UNDP and the 2021 launch of the Danish Design Centre’s first Missions Playbook.

Over the coming years, MOIN will produce a policy toolkit, a digital learning platform and a suite of academic and policy publications and will develop further its policy and academic networks situated in the US and South Africa.
Under the leadership of Professor Mazzucato, during her time as Special Advisor to the European Commission’s Director General for Innovation, IIPP pioneered the use of missions to reframe innovation policy in Europe.

The reports, Mission-oriented research and innovation in the European Union and Governing Missions provided the framework for the Missions Instrument in the EU’s €100 billion Horizon2020 research programme and guided the selection of the EC’s five mission areas:

- **Adaptation to Climate Change**: support at least 150 European regions and communities to become climate resilient by 2030
- **Cancer**: working with Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan to improve the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030 through prevention, cure and solutions to live longer and better
- **Restore Our Ocean and Waters by 2030**
- **100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030**
- **A Soil Deal for Europe**: 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030

In speaking about Professor Mazzucato’s leadership, Carlos Moedas, the European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation (2014-2019), said, “The combination of economic theory with policy practice demonstrated both the ability of public servants in directing innovation and the potential for market-shaping policies.”

### Sustainable Development Goals and the Biscay Model

Through 2020/2021, Professor Mariana Mazzucato and IIPP Associate Professor in Innovation, Development and Purpose, Dr Kate Roll, worked with the Government of the Biscay region in Spain to align tax policy with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They focused on how taxation and other fiscal policy tools can be used to create opportunities for industries that are both greener and fairer.

The result has been the creation of the Biscay Model (Concept Note) launched in Bilbao, with the heads of the region’s government, in June 2022. The index assesses how corporations are performing against SDG priorities, rewarding companies that score well with favourable tax treatment.

This showcases the potential and creative role of governments in a market-shaping approach that provides directionality towards the SDGs. Such policies complement other direct incentives, such as R&D tax credits and revenue raising ‘sin’ taxes, all aligned towards societal goals.
In the face of the global climate and biodiversity emergencies, since 2018 IIPP has been conducting research and advocacy to support a more sustainable financial system. We have influenced central banks' and financial supervisors' monetary and financial regulation policies.

Led by IIPP Associate Professor in Economics and Finance and Graduate Tutor Dr Josh Ryan-Collins, and IIPP Policy Fellow in Sustainable Finance Katie Kedward, the project has developed the concept of a ‘precautionary financial policy’. The framework legitimises interventionist forms of financial regulation to prevent potentially catastrophic environmental damages given uncertainty on the timing and scale of financial risks.

This work has had significant impact, featuring in the Dasgupta Review on the Economics of Biodiversity and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report. The authors were members of a study group of central bank staff from the Network for Greening the Financial System providing academic expertise on the relationship between biodiversity loss and financial stability.

We are dedicated to effective policy design and evaluation, yet we go beyond limiting and static cost benefit and net present value methods. Our alternative policy evaluation frameworks and tools have fed into the UK Government’s rethinking of its policy evaluation.

Professor Mariana Mazzucato, Visiting Professor of Practice Rowan Conway and Research Fellow Eleonora Maria Mazzoli deployed this methodology in working with the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) to develop a prototype framework for evaluating and illustrating the institution’s market-shaping capacity.

The project’s report, Creating and measuring public value at the BBC, fed into the mid-term review of the BBC’s Charter in 2022 and was presented by Professor Mazzucato in evidence to the House of Lords committee on the BBC future funding inquiry.
Scottish National Investment Bank

In March 2019, IIPP fellow Laurie Macfarlane and Professor Mariana Mazzucato published the Government-commissioned framework for a Scottish National Investment Bank (SNIB). Working with this blueprint, IIPP delivered a masterclass with the civil servants hired to deliver the new state-backed lender, which is investing £2 billion during its first ten years as an alternative source of sustainable, long-term finance to mission-oriented businesses. SNIB will fund projects that help Scotland meet its 2045 net-zero-carbon target, tackle place-based inequality and foster innovation in the country's businesses.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, described the bank’s creation as “One of the most significant developments in the lifetime of this parliament.”

European Investment Bank and the new EU Missions Framework

In 2020, IIPP worked closely with the European Investment Bank (EIB) and its InnovFin Advisory Services to examine various support measures provided by the EIB to circular economy projects.

The report, launched by IIPP Research Fellow in Banking Dr Olga Mikheeva, and Professor Mariana Mazzucato, highlighted that greater risk-taking and financing of circular innovation requires maintaining and continuously developing in-house technical and analytical competences inside the EIB.

“The missions and their associated investment agendas provide a clear opportunity for the EIB to capitalise on its long-standing financial, advisory and technical expertise to help future-proof Europe in key strategic areas of its economy and society.”

- EIB President Dr Werner Hoyer
UK Innovation and Industrial Strategy

IIPP has been helping various countries rethink their industrial strategies using our mission-oriented lens, including the UK, Germany, Italy, South Africa and others.

Our work in the UCL Commission on Mission-Oriented Innovation and Industrial Strategy (MOIIS), co-chaired by Professor Mariana Mazzucato and Lord David Willetts, influenced the UK Government’s Industrial Strategy, providing recommendation to not only stimulate innovation and investment, but to develop solutions to grand societal challenges.

The MOIIS Commission report, A Mission-Oriented UK Industrial Strategy steered the strategic change in the UK Government mindset, theoretical frameworks, institutional capacities and policies required to move from a sector-focused to a challenge-oriented approach.

As a testimony of our influence, the IIPP working paper Mission-Oriented Innovation Policy: Challenges and Opportunities was referenced within the 2017 UK Industrial Strategy White Paper.

We also worked with the German and Norwegian governments focusing on the various aspects of the green transformation, providing the frameworks that enable the state to take on an active role in investing and coordinating the shift from a fossil-driven to a green economy.

South Africa: Real Economic Transformation and the Energy Transition

Across developing countries, South Africa is a disproportionate contributor to climate change and its power generation is still largely coal-based and discontinuous. IIPP is pioneering a new industrial innovation policy for real economic transformation and a just transition in South Africa.

Working within the Presidential Economic Advisory Council (PEAC), and in collaboration with longstanding institutional and research partners in South Africa, Professor Mariana Mazzucato (a member of PEAC) and IIPP Honorary Professor Antonio Andreoni introduced a mission framework for a Just Transition.

With support from the Rockefeller Foundation, we have leveraged our collaboration with the Wits School of Governance to generate new research evidence on windows of opportunity for a just, green transition in South Africa. Working with Professor Mzu Qobo, IIPP looks at the future role of industrial strategy, public banks and state-owned enterprises in a South African context to achieve these aims.

Delivering this transition will require a state that is invested with dynamic capabilities and innovative in its approach. This will be supported by the Mission-Oriented Innovation Network South Africa, bringing together strategic public sector actors to share experiences and practices.
Transformational Change in Latin America and the Caribbean

The COVID-19 pandemic and war in Ukraine have called into question the resilience of countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. This resilience is currently weak because of the deep structural challenges the region faces, including dependence on natural resources and commodities, low productivity, dependence on external sectors, social vulnerability, weak institutional and public sector capacity, and tight fiscal space.

In October 2022, Professor Mariana Mazzucato launched a report, commissioned by the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) - *Transformational change in Latin America and the Caribbean: A mission-oriented approach*. It calls on leaders in the region to advance modern industrial strategies oriented around climate and inclusion goals, in a radical departure from traditional economic development models. The report underlines the need for structural reform to address lagging productivity, limited fiscal space, and weak public sector capacity. It sets out clear recommendations for aligning each country’s economic growth trajectory with tackling social, economic, and environmental problems through a new mission-oriented approach to investment, innovation, and industrial strategy.

During a trip to Latin America, Professor Mazzucato met with President Gustavo Petro of Colombia, President Alberto Fernández of Argentina, and President Gabriel Boric of Chile, as well as other ministers and business leaders, to convey the key messages of the report.

IIPP is also applying these lessons through the partnership with Prime Minister Mia Mottley and the Government of Barbados. The work will focus on unlocking the potential of Barbados to advance a different type of economic growth focused on tackling big challenges like climate adaptation and on uniting the country around ambitious missions that reimagine Barbados’ future. Professor Mazzucato and her team travelled to Barbados in February 2023 to launch the partnership.

“Transforming these structural challenges into structural opportunities for inclusive growth, sustainable development, and shared prosperity is what this report is about. It is a question of not only talking about the rate of economic growth, but crucially also about its direction.”

– Professor Mazzucato
Shaping the Climate Discourse

We need new ideas, institutions, and policies to avoid catastrophic climate breakdown, yet markets will not find a green direction alone. Governments have a unique market-shaping role to play. Public investment and mission-oriented industrial strategy can galvanise green innovation by holistically shaping new markets, whilst green financial policy can incentivise private capital to align with climate goals in ways that create clear accountability.

Through academic research and engagement with high-level policymakers, IIPP is rethinking existing paradigms to articulate how ‘market-shaping’ policy approaches can accelerate the green structural economic transition.

At COP27, alongside the Scottish Government, IIPP co-hosted and Professor Mariana Mazzucato moderated an all-star panel of global leaders, “When will leaders lead?”: Creating fiscal space and direct finance for climate and health goals. The participants discussed the changes needed in ideas, institutions, and policies at the global and national levels to empower states with the fiscal space and tools to mobilise, direct and shape finance aligned with bold climate goals.

IIPP’s high-impact academic research continues to explore how public policy can strengthen green innovation chains and align financial flows with green missions. Recent journal publications have focused on policy pathways to net zero housing, green financial regulation, public financing of green innovation, and global governance of just transitions. Dr Josh Ryan-Collins, IIPP Associate Professor in Economics and Finance, and Katie Kedward, IIPP Research Fellow, are also working on the importance of public investment and policy to achieve global biodiversity targets, arguing that green mission-oriented industrial strategies must also include ambitious policies to restore and protect nature.

IIPP collaborates with governments, cities, and public financial institutions all over the world to implement market-shaping green policy. Dr Josh Ryan-Collins and Katie Kedward are working closely with the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) – a group of more than 100 central banks – on the design of green financial policy for biodiversity. By experimenting and co-creating with a range of stakeholders, IIPP aims to transform how knowledge is disseminated through policy to solve global problems.

In March 2023, the Global Commission on the Economics of Water, co-chaired by Professor Mazzucato launched a groundbreaking new report – “Turning the Tide: A Call to Collective Action” – at the United Nations 2023 Water Conference, the first UN water event in 47 years. IIPP brought the report’s key messages to world leaders: to put the world back on a sustainable and just economic trajectory requires a new economics of water, one that values water as a global common good.
In 2018, the UK’s Greater Manchester region adopted the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2038, one of the most ambitious climate targets of any city in Europe at the time. An IIPP specialist team, led by Policy Associate Martha McPherson and Visiting Professor of Practice Dan Hill, worked with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) to develop a technical report. A mission-oriented approach to clean growth analysed how the city-region’s climate ambition could support innovation and global competitiveness using a mission-oriented approach.

The proposed clean growth mission roadmap was embedded in Greater Manchester’s Five-Year Environment Plan and Local Industrial Strategy, making it the first place-based organisation in the world to adopt mission-oriented innovation with support from IIPP. Currently, IIPP is working with the GMCA to prototype new tracking and evaluation tools to monitor the dynamic progress of the mission activities.

Of London’s 32 boroughs, Camden has one of the highest levels of income inequality and poverty. As the impacts of COVID-19 began to emerge in the spring of 2020, Camden chose to respond with a bold approach for transformation. IIPP has been supporting Camden’s missions for a fairer, more inclusive and sustainable borough.

Co-chaired by Leader of the Camden Council, Georgia Gould, and Professor Mariana Mazzucato, the Camden Renewal Commission developed four specific mission statements for Camden. They focused on diverse leadership, economic opportunity for young people, access to food and sustainable estates.

Following IIPP’s work with Camden through the Renewal Commission, we are continuing to support the council on a new project, helping to design a new Community Wealth Fund. Camden’s Community Wealth Fund will be a new financial institution dedicated to producing and distributing public value throughout the borough in an equitable fashion, aligned with the council’s missions.
A Mission-Oriented Approach to a Renewed Economy in British Columbia

In March 2022, Professor Mariana Mazzucato published *Inclusive and sustainable British Columbia: A mission-oriented approach to a renewed economy*. The policy report explores how three of the most important policy tools—public procurement, financial assessment methods and public finance—can be used to support the delivery of B.C.’s mission-led economic plan, and how potential implementation barriers can be overcome. IIPP’s team will continue to collaborate with the B.C. Government on the implementation of a mission-oriented approach, focusing on the strategic use of tools and policy solutions that can increase productivity, while reducing inequality and decarbonising the economy.

Sustainable Development Solutions Network UK

Launched in 2021, the Sustainable Development Solutions Network UK (SDSN UK) is a network of UK universities dedicated to advancing the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). IIPP serves as the institutional home of SDSN UK, with Dr Kate Roll, IIPP Associate Professor in Innovation, Development and Purpose, as Network Chair. As the host of SDSN UK, IIPP both champions and collaborates on work regarding the SDGs in the UK. From IIPP, the network reaches almost two dozen member universities and connects back to SDSN Global and its 50 other national networks.

To date, SDSN UK has pursued work across research, education, and advocacy. A key milestone was the publication of the *2022 Measuring Up 2.0 report*, in partnership with Global Compact, which provides the most comprehensive assessment of UK SDG performance since the UK’s only voluntary national review 2019. Building on this report, in 2023, IIPP began work with partners at Newcastle University and the Office for National Statistics on strengthening SDG data. Through SDSN UK, IIPP also takes part in the All Party Parliamentary Group on the SDGs and engages with key stakeholders both inside and outside of government.
IIPP’s work is a source of influence on new narratives and pushes the frontiers within global public policy debates. A key testimony is our pioneering work in the WHO Council on the Economics of Health For All, the World Economic Forum, the Council on Urban Initiatives and the Global Commission on the Economics of Water.

Press conference for the launch of the Global Commission on the Economics of Water with three of the co-chairs at the 2022 World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.
The UCL Commission for Mission-Oriented Innovation and Industrial Strategy (MOIIS)

In 2018 IIPP founded the Commission for Mission-Oriented Innovation and Industrial Strategy (MOIIS). Co-chaired by Lord David Willetts and Professor Mariana Mazzucato, the commission aimed to help the UK Government steer its new challenge-oriented industrial strategy. The 2017 strategy, led by Secretary of State Greg Clarke, cited IIPP’s first working paper as the reason the government changed from a sector-focussed to challenge-oriented approach. The MOIIS commission then worked closely with civil servants in the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) through ‘challenge groups’ tasked with turning the challenges identified by the government into clear, measurable, and ambitious missions.

WHO Council on the Economics of Health For All

The World Health Organisation (WHO) Council on the Economics of Health For All was established in November 2020 by WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, and is chaired by Professor Mariana Mazzucato. The all-women council’s core mission is to rethink how value in health and wellbeing is measured, produced, and distributed across the economy. Composed of ten of the world’s leading economists and health experts, the Council is focused on rethinking the measurement of economic development, financing, capacity and innovation with the aim of achieving health for all. It recommends a new way to shape the economy — from the fiscal space needed to the design of intellectual property rights — with the objective of building healthy societies that are just, inclusive, equitable and sustainable. Key reports, briefs and statements have been released at the G7, G20 and COP meetings.

World Economic Forum (WEF)

Between January 2021 and May 2022, Professor Mariana Mazzucato and Rajiv Shah, President of the Rockefeller Foundation, served as Co-Chairs of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Future Council (GFC) on the New Agenda for Economic Growth and Recovery. The council represents one of 40 GFCs, a network that convenes more than a thousand of the most relevant and knowledgeable thought leaders in academia, government, international organisations and civil society. In May 2022, WEF launched the Market Creators Alliance at the annual meeting in Davos. The alliance, which is heavily influenced by IIPP’s work, convenes a new generation of symbiotic public private partnerships and shares learnings with a view to creating the markets needed to tackle the biggest challenges of our time.

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Brian Eno, musician, producer, visual artist and IIPP advisory member, in conversation with Visiting Professor of Practice Finn Williams, on how real and lasting public value can be created.
As well as with experts and policymakers, a radical shift in economic thinking will rely on broad public support and participation. Working closely with the worlds of arts, economics, architecture and design, we reach beyond academia and institutions, and into the public square.

From the future of public services to equitable local economic development, IIPP continues to host a public lecture series with high profile thought leaders.

As part of our goal to foster a shift in the public discourse, IIPP works to alter the narrative and vocabulary of economics and the contestation of value creation through regular and proactive contributions to the media.

Our series have attracted a global audience of governmental officials, policymakers, academics and the general public, from the African, European and American continents.

Award-winning architect Amanda Levete CBE, in conversation with Hadeel Ibrahim, former IIPP Advisory Board member and founding Executive Director of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, examine the purpose and value of public spaces and their impact on public organisations at IIPP’s first public event series in 2018.
2018 Rethinking Public Value and Public Purpose in 21st Century Capitalism

In 2018, in partnership with the British Library, IIPP hosted the Rethinking Public Value and Public Purpose in 21st Century Capitalism series, focused on the creation of a new public realm.

Featuring luminaries from the worlds of arts, economics, architecture and design, and policymaking, this series considered the role of the public sector in today’s capitalist world and asked: What partnerships are needed to address societal and technological challenges? How can public spaces be designed to create more democratic participation and new forms of learning and exploration? Can the digital revolution create a new type of public realm?

Speakers included Richard Rogers, Shumi Bose, Professor Stephanie Kelton, Professor Jayati Ghosh, Lucy Musgrave, Professor Mariana Mazzucato, Brian Eno, Visiting Professor Finn Williams; Visiting Professor Mike Bracken, Professor Rainer Kattel, Amanda Levete, Visiting Professor Dan Hill and Professor Jeremy Till.

Top: Visiting Professor Mike Bracken (founder of the UK’s award-winning Government Digital Service) explores public value and digital platforms. Middle Right: Lucy Musgrave (Publica Associates) discusses how spatial and socio-economic conditions can be used to inspire design thinking. Middle Left: Former Advisory Board member, Professor Stephanie Kelton (Stony Brook University) looks at the myths of fiscal constraints and the true nature of money creation. Bottom: Our late friend and renowned architect Richard Rogers, Lord Rogers of Riverside shares his reflections with Shumi Bose on architectural agency in the public service.
2019 Innovation and the Welfare State series

In 2019 IIPP partnered with the British Library to host a lecture series that explored how we can deliver public value through innovation. What is the relationship between artificial intelligence, big data and the transformation of modern-day public services? How can the relationship be co-designed to result in inclusive growth?

The series brought world-leading thinkers to debate how we can rethink healthcare, green growth, public access to knowledge and new forms of data ownership, as part of the 21st-century welfare state.

Global speakers at the 2019 British Library public talks. Top: IIPP Advisory Board member and Professor Jayati Ghosh discusses the public value of care services. Middle: Professor Kate Raworth engages the audience with a demonstration of Doughnut Economics. Bottom: Lord Victor Adebowale CBE, Chair of the NHS Confederation, talks through the complexities of tackling inequality and access to knowledge through the welfare state.
This series of virtual events asked critical questions raised by the COVID-19 crisis: What is public purpose in the time of a global pandemic? How can the state shape a social and economic recovery?

Our public event series truly went global with the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic. This series was relevant to everyone at the time and was forward thinking in what happened next after the pandemic.
2021 Who Owns What And Why? (WOWAW)

This thought-provoking series explored ideas of ownership, value extraction and value distribution. From examining who owns our data to exploring how capitalism restricts home ownership, the talks discussed how the power of the state can be harnessed to actively shape markets, so that they are designed in the public interest.

Generously sponsored by the Omidyar Network, this series brought together world-leading thinkers from healthcare, public access, knowledge, data ownership, and climate change.

It linked new economic thinking with new practical solutions that create inclusive and sustainable growth, with IIPP’s concepts of public value and public purpose at the core.

A thought-provoking discussion on housing, home ownership and rent extraction with Leilani Farha (The Shift), Professor Brett Christophers (Uppsala University), Professor Sebastian Kohl (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies) and Dr Josh Ryan-Collins (IIPP).

Professor Shoshana Zuboff (Harvard University) and Tim O’Reilly (IIPP and CEO of O’Reilly Media) talking about the ownership and future of data capitalism.

Rana Foroohar (FT journalist) chairs an IIPP talk in 2021 with guest speaker Mark Carney (former Governor of the Bank of England) and Professor Mariana Mazzucato on the Green New Deal.

Professor Suerie Moon (Global Health Centre), Professor Amy Kapczynski (Yale Law School) and Dr Victor Roy (Boston Medical Center) join Els Torreele, (IIPP Policy Fellow) to debate who benefits from the profits of medical innovation financed by the state.
IIPP is bolstering the linkages between public value, missions and the Sustainable Development Goals' vision for equity and good work, health and education, and environmental protection.

As leader of the UK’s Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN UK), IIPP brought together world-leading thinkers, policymakers, urban designers and artists to think deeply about the tools that they are using to advance the SDGs. In this series, participants imagined a broader set of tools and pathways for achieving the SDGs and the 2030 moonshot.
In the 2023 IIPP public event series, IIPP put forward the vision of the Entrepreneurial State 2.0 to explore how we can advance the bold view of the state as a key driver of challenge-oriented innovation. The various talks shed light on ways to create a symbiotic partnership between the private and the public sector and the role of a modern industrial strategy in steering mission-oriented growth across the economy, instead of siloed sectors. How specific welfare practices and institutions can drive mission-based innovation policy. Topics included how specific welfare practices and institutions can drive mission-based innovation policy, how we can govern finance more effectively to meet global challenges, the role of digital governance, the role of digital public infrastructure for the public good, how to overcome the challenges met by the entrepreneurial state in developing countries, and much more.

The series brought together global leaders in innovation and government to create frameworks to unleash the creative potential of the public sector, unlock new green markets for businesses, and ensure economic opportunity and security for citizens.
Celebrating with Lord David Willetts our influence on the UK Mission-Oriented Innovation and Industrial Strategy.
We set the direction for change.

We work in partnership with global institutions, international foundations, and public agencies to tackle today’s grand challenges.

We are building a hub of exceptional, challenge-oriented thinkers and practitioners across spheres and disciplines, enabling us to work with a large number of regional and national governments.

Our work continues to galvanise a broad coalition of actors to join our new movement and reconfigure economics for a fairer, greener, more just future.

But there is work to be done to build a legacy of change.

We are grateful for the support and partnership from organisations including:

- Bailie Gifford
- BBC
- Bloomberg Philanthropies
- ClimateWorks Foundation
- Co-Develop
- European Climate Foundation
- European Institute for Technology
- European Investment Bank
- European Space Agency
- European Union’s Horizon 2020
- Ford Foundation
- Impact on Urban Health (Guy’s and St Thomas’ Foundation)
- John Templeton Foundation
- Laudes Foundation
- Max and Jada Bittner
- Partners for a New Economy (Swiss Philanthropy Foundation)
- The Omidyar Network
- Open Society Foundations
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- The Foundation for Argentinian Development (FUNDAR)
- The Rockefeller Foundation
- Scottish National Investment Bank
- Smart Prosperity Institute (Canada)
- Sustainable Development Solutions Network
- The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
- Thirty Percy Foundation
- UK Research and Innovation
- World Health Organisation

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The entrance of IIPP’s headquarters at 11 Montague Street, London.
IIPP brings together an interdisciplinary group of academics and practitioners to rethink how public value is created, nurtured and evaluated. We have the privilege to attract visionary and diverse thought leaders into teams that combine teaching, research, policy and communications expertise. This approach collapses traditional boundaries between departments and professional services, and builds a high impact organisation focused on our mission.

We believe traditional academic departments need to be redefined through clarity of purpose, be challenge-oriented and public facing, and leverage resources for the innovative use of spaces, networks and external collaborations.

As an organisation, we want to cross the silos of academics, practitioners and support structures. This means cultivating effectiveness over efficiency, craft over process, trust over control, slowness over haste, independence over insularity, long term over short term, quality over growth, value over finance. This approach facilitates practice-based learning and the achievement of goals, including reaching and influencing key actors globally in the next five years.

We have a strong commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), and will hold workshops on DEI and decolonisation of the curriculum for all staff and faculty, leveraging the expertise of some of our visiting faculty in this area.

Our ambition is to change how academia understands practice-based theorising and the organisational structures and professional pathways needed to implement and systematise it.

As IIPP moves into a new stage of growth we will develop our leadership team, faculty and professional services. Our goal is to foster an organisational culture and structure of continuous learning and improvements, across key teams and domains.
Senior Academic Leadership

Our senior academic leadership sets the vision and the direction for our journey. Their diverse backgrounds, perspectives and expertise has enabled us to work at the interface between academia and policy at all levels globally.

Senior Management Team

The IPPM management team coordinates our goal-oriented teams to achieve key objectives. It is part of the Institute’s Senior Leadership Team (SLT) alongside the academic leadership.

Mariana Mazzucato
Founding Director and Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value

Rainer Kattel
Professor of Innovation and Public Governance, and Deputy Director for Academic Affairs

David Eaves
Associate Professor in Digital Government and Deputy Director for Strategy and Operations

Josh Ryan-Collins
Associate Professor in Economics and Finance, and Graduate Tutor

Carolina Alves
Associate Professor in Economics

Kate Roll
Associate Professor in Innovation, Development and Purpose and Head of Teaching

Nora Clinton
Head of the Mission-Oriented Innovation Network

Sarah Doyle
Director’s Chief of Staff

Dominique Gracia
Institute Manager

Angelo Napolano
Head of Communications and Marketing

Sean Tonkin
Head of Grants
Operations and Administration

Our teams’ ways of working challenge the traditional structure of a division between academic and professional services. Project managers and planners, communication specialists, event organisers and designers, as well as network managers and secretaries work alongside researchers to manage the relationships and workflow with governments and policymakers, in order to achieve a transformative impact in society.

IIPP staff, faculty researchers and students join to celebrate the launch of the book The Big Con: How the Consulting Industry Weakens our Businesses, Infantilizes our Governments and Warps our Economies by Prof Mariana Mazzucato IIPP PhD Student Rosie Collington.
Associated Faculty and Fellows

Our unique and vibrant faculty is made up of world-leading academics, policy associates and practitioners.

Our Honorary Professors have contributed to designing an imaginative and globally unique teaching curriculum at IIPP. Their specialisations include heterodox and development economics, rethinking how modern societies create value and state capacity, non-western public administration, and digital transformation in the public sector.

Our Visiting Professors of Practice bring their experience in building some of the leading organisations in the world. They have led on practice-based theorising in real world contexts, from assessing the challenges and opportunities for digital transformation in the public sector, shaping the governance of AI and Big Data for the public good, and designing mission-oriented investments for cities.

Our researchers and policy associates work in different areas, including sustainable growth, inclusive innovation, health systems, digital governance, reforming finance and inclusive cities. They bring invaluable insights to our teaching, research, and policy projects.

Ryan Bellinson
Senior Research Fellow in Cities, Climate and Innovation

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Advisory Board

Since founding, we have benefitted from the leadership, commitment and participation of our first Advisory Board, helping us establish a strong foundation. The inaugural Advisory Board from the start of 2022 includes new members from the world of government, the arts, academia, and philanthropy.

Brian Eno
Musician, record producer, visual artist and activist

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STRATEGY:
THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

IIPP founding Advisory Board members Sir Roly Keating, CEO, British Library, and music producer Brian Eno with Professor Mariana Mazzucato at the launch of IIPP (2018).
We now count more than 150 mission-oriented policy initiatives across more than 50 countries that we have played a role in helping shape or inspire.

Announcing the EU’s Green Deal, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen described it as Europe’s “man on the moon moment”. In his first weeks as US President Joe Biden asked five profound questions on the purpose and practice of innovation-led growth. It could have been lifted from the IIPP playbook. Policies that centre the public purpose are popular with communities across the world.

This is a mark of success, and of emergent change. But it’s time to go faster and further.

Much remains to be done to achieve equitable and sustainable growth. Key will be realising the legitimate and powerful potential of the state to lead and govern innovation across the public and private sectors. This will take courage and political commitment. Too often the immune reaction of longstanding bureaucracies is to resist transformative change. But this is no time for inertia. Our actions must match the challenges. For IIPP’s part, we will double down on deepening our theory building and learning by doing to propel this movement through facilitating a purpose-driven, intellectually critical and evidence-led community of practitioners to forge the way forward.

This strategy is distilled into the following objectives:

- **Theory building**: we will push the theoretical frontiers with our new economic thinking in four main domains: rethinking value, shaping innovation, transforming institutions, and redirecting finance. This includes attracting the best PhD students globally, securing a wide portfolio of research grants in the above fields and linking these with our policy work, and creating a bold coalition of new economic thinkers globally.

- **Practice**: we will work to test and implement solutions that identify and measure new forms of public value and new capacities with public institutions.

- **Scale**: our policy network will act as communities of practice for accelerated learning processes among public organisations globally.

To achieve maximum impact, within the next five years we will identify and reach key target groups of high-level policymakers, civil servants, and others that share our mission.
Our core activity will support this by:

**Scaling our impact**

We will expand the activity and outputs of the IIPP Policy Studio to generate a new epistemology of policymaking, leverage our convening power, and deliver on-the-ground change. This dedicated policy experimentation hub will enable us to reach more people through bespoke multidisciplinary teams working in partnership with more governments and institutions from around the world. These policy projects will enable us to co-design new frameworks and practical solutions, and work on policies and tools that help organisations embed public value in their operations and frameworks.

**Scaling our global network**

We will accelerate the work of our global networks, such as the Mission-Oriented Innovation Network (MOIN) and the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) to help break down the siloed approach to policymaking that stifles cross-sectoral innovation and limits progress towards tackling grand challenges. This will mean engaging with more business groups, labour organisations, local communities, not-for-profits, local governments, and the general public to influence policymakers and stimulate debate globally. Through an expanded fellowship programme, we will further engage with leading new economic thinking economists and practitioners.

**Scaling through education**

In addition to our expanded fellowships and scholarships offer, IIPP will double our executive education programme, translating more of our expertise and knowledge into systemic change. Our programmes will focus on operationalising theory customised to our participants’ contexts, using practice-based theorising to equip leaders to build societies that are innovation-led, sustainable, and inclusive. We will make ‘IIPP fundamentals’, our flagship course, freely available and accessible to all.

**Strengthening our organisational capacity**

Expanding our leadership team will allow us to foster an ambitious, inspirational organisational structure. We will be grounded in the feedback loop of research, teaching and pedagogy, executive education, our networks, and public engagement practices. Growing our integrated academic and policy teams in parallel will allow us to truly create a movement, break down silos and maintain the connections between theory and practice.
An art piece by Cornelia Parker, commissioned by IIPP ahead of COP26, highlighting the urgent need to address the climate crisis now.
Deepening our Practice-Based Policy Engagement

There is an urgent need to translate new economic thinking and ideas into policies that drive change in institutions and markets. To scale, systematise and deepen our multidisciplinary approach to policy design, we are embarking on a partnership with Laudes Foundation to create a dedicated policy experimentation hub.

Bringing together bespoke multidisciplinary teams, the IIPP Policy Studio will work in partnership with governments and institutions from across the world. We will work to prototype policies and tools that will allow organisations to challenge orthodoxy and rethink how public value can be embedded in their operations and frameworks, how dynamic capabilities can transform institutions, and the financial mechanisms of the current economic system.
The IIPP Policy Studio will work on the basis of practice-based theorising, using feedback loops to test and refine academic theories and policy ideas in real-world contexts.

This work will generate a new epistemology of policymaking and bring change on the ground, through policy advocacy, policy testing and ultimately adoption.

This space will be placed at the centre of IIPP’s ecosystem of policy practitioners, academics and networks. The impact will be amplified through its convening power, by bringing all these different voices together to confront challenges from climate change to social inequality.

The IIPP Policy Studio focuses on our four core research areas:

- **Rethinking (Public) Value**
- **Redirecting Finance**
- **Transforming Institutions**
- **Shaping Innovation**

Top Right: Honorary Professor Francesca Bria (President of the Italian National Innovation Fund) and Dr Jaideep Gupte (Director of Research, Strategy and Innovation at the Arts and Humanities Research Council, AHRC) discuss solutions on how to empower citizens through data.

Bottom Right: Dr Kate Roll, Associate Professor in Innovation, Development and Purpose, presents a framework to align the Biscay Government’s tax policy to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to an audience of policymakers in Bilbao, Spain, June 2022.
IIPP policy and working papers

IIPP working papers and policy papers published from 2017 to April 2023.
Visit the IIPP website for the latest publications.

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2017


All IIPP publications are available to download at the Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose website.
The "Clean Oceans" mission map was developed for the report Mission-oriented research & innovation in the European Union, which inspired the five missions adopted by European Commission's Horizon Europe Programme.