**State of Small Business Britain Conference**

**10th June 2014 ACC Liverpool**

**PROGRAMME**

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| 09.15-10.00 | REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS | Room 3 |
| 10.00-10.15 | **Welcome** *(Professor Stephen Roper, Director ERC and Lucy Armstrong, Conference Chair).* | Room 1C |
| 10.20-10.45 | **Small Business Britain Today** *(Keynote by Lord Bilimoria of Chelsea and Founder of Cobra Beer*). |
| 10.45-11.20 | **The State of Small Business Britain Debate** What do our panellists make of the evidence?(Lucy Amstrong chairs the panel with *Marcus Stuttard, London* *Stock Exchange Group and Vicki Pryce Government Advisor)*  |
| 11.30-12.00 | REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING | Room 3 |
| 12.00-12.40 | **The Ambition Gap** The latest Global Entrepreneurship Monitor data points to a decade long decline in the growth ambition of UK companies versus the US. Are we really less ambitious than our US counterparts?(*Mathew Rock Founder DueDil discusses the evidence with John Anderson, Entrepreneurial Exchange and Business owner Jim Griffiths)* | Room 1C |
| 12.45-14.00 | LUNCH  | Room 3 |
| 14.00-14.05 | Welcome back (*Lucy Armstrong*) | Room 1C |
| 14.05-14.40 | **Export: Growing Global** *Professor Jim Love* outlines the latest research on exporters, how UK exporters compare to other European countries, and what this might mean (*Mathew Rock* *discusses with business owners, Matt Byrom and Adam Whitehouse)*  |
| 14.40-15.15 | **Accessing Finance: the Business View** – one small business’ story of raising finance for growth is coupled with Professor Stuart Fraser’s latest research on the landscape of finance for SMEs (*Panel discussion with Lucy Armstrong, Dr Richard Roberts, Business owner Greg McDonald and Andrew Van der Lem British Business Bank)* |
| 15.15-15.45 | REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING | Room 3 |
| 15.45-16.10 | **Unleashing Growth** What should the UK do to unleash growth and make it sustainable? We close with a chance to push the frontiers of our thinking on this issue and identify questions we don’t have ananswer to yet. (*Ask the Researchers ,Q&A including Professors Stephen* *Roper, Mark Hart and Mike Wright*) | Room 1C |
| 16.10-16.25 | Closing Thoughts |
| 16.30 | **Close** |  |