

State of Small Business Britain Conference

10th June 2014 ACC Liverpool

PROGRAMME

09.15-10.00	REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS	Room 3
10.00-10.15	Welcome (<i>Professor Stephen Roper, Director ERC and Lucy Armstrong, Conference Chair</i>).	Room 1C
10.20-10.45	Small Business Britain Today (<i>Keynote by Lord Bilimoria of Chelsea and Founder Cobra Beer</i>).	
10.45-11.20	The State of Small Business Britain Debate What do our panellists make of the evidence? (<i>Lucy Armstrong chairs the panel with Marcus Stuttard, London StockExchange Group; Vicki Pryce, Government Advisor</i>).	
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? (<i>Mathew Rock, founder DueDil discusses the evidence with John Anderson, Centre for Entrepreneurs & Business owner Jim Griffiths</i>).	Room 1C
12.45-14.00	LUNCH	Room 3
14.00-14.05	Welcome back (<i>Lucy Armstrong</i>).	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. (<i>Mathew Rock discusses with business owners, Matt Byrom and Adam Whitehouse</i>).	
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, (<i>Panel discussion with Lucy Armstrong, Professor Richard Roberts, Business owner Greg McDonald and Andrew Van der Lem British Business Bank</i>).	
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 an answer to yet. (<i>Ask the Researchers, Q&A including Professors Stephen Roper, Mark Hart and Mike Wright</i>).	Room 1C
16.10-16.25	Closing Thoughts	
16.30	Close	