

State of Small Business Britain Conference Programme

08.30 - 09.50:	Registration and coffee served in Futures Gallery
10.00	Introduction and Welcome to Conference Lucy Armstrong and Professor Stephen Roper, Director ERC
10.10	Recovering from the Great Recession What was the real impact on the population of small and medium sized firms across the UK between 2008 and 2012? What does the recovery look like? State of Small Business Britain Debate: <i>With panel members:</i> Sergio Arzeni, Director of Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs and Local Development, OECD Professor Stephen Roper, Director Enterprise Research Centre Jimmy McLoughlin IoD, Deputy Director of Policy
11.05	Refreshments and networking
11.30	Ambition, People and Places What kinds of people and places might we focus on if we want to boost growth? <i>With panel members:</i> Prof Monder Ram, Director, Centre for Research in Ethnic Minority Entrepreneurship Dr Ann Lim, Chair of the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership Dr Lesley Giles, Director Research UK Commission for Employment & Skills
12.00	Does Entrepreneurship Make You Wealthy? Wealth and assets in entrepreneurial households – who benefits from entrepreneurship? What do we know about people and households and the hidden and not so hidden ways in which they support their businesses? Presentation: Professor Sara Carter
12.45	Lunch and networking

Afternoon

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| 14.00 | Welcome back
Lucy Armstrong |
| 14.10 | High Growth Britain - In Conversation with Sherry Coutu
Patience Wheatcroft interviews Sherry Coutu, author of The Scale Up Report (Nov 2014) about the UK's SME growth prospects. |
| 14.30 | The Millennial 2000
First findings from our work on the 2000 firms born in 1998 who have survived two downturns and stand out from the crowd in terms of growth in jobs and turnover. What have they done differently to get where they are?

Presentation: Professor Mark Hart

Panel discussion:
Lucy Armstrong and Mark Hart interview founder/owners of these unusual businesses to understand their growth journey. |
| 15.30 | The Future and Prospects for Growth
What have we learnt today that has made us think differently about the prospects for UK SME Growth? |
| 15.45 | Final thoughts
Stephen Roper and Lucy Armstrong |
| 15.50 | Close |