

**State** **of** **Small** **Business** **Britain** **Conference** **Programme**

**Productivity and Inclusive Growth**

09.00 Registration and coffee

09.45: Introduction and Welcome to Conference - Lucy Armstrong (ERC Advisory Group Chair) and Professor Stephen Roper (Director ERC)

09.50: Welcome from our conference partner - Michelle Pinggera (TBC) (Goldman Sachs) – **“Supporting Growth through the 10KSB Programme”**

10.00: Keynote Speech – Government Minister – TBC

10.15: **Headline Video - the State of Small Business Britain**

10.20: **“UK’s Local Economic Growth Dashboard 2016”**

Professor Mark Hart (ERC)

10.30: Panel discussion: Lee Hopley (EEF), James Phipps (Nesta), Sarah Middleton (Black Country Consortium Ltd), Susanna Lawson (OneFile Ltd & 10KSB alumnus). Chair: Professor Mark Hart

11.15: **“Forging a New Consensus on Inclusive Growth”**

Liam Byrne, MP (APPG on Inclusive Growth) - followed by Q&A

11:50: **“Growing Social Ventures in the UK”**

Cliff Prior (Big Society Capital) - followed by Q&A

12.30: Lunch and networking

13.30: Welcome back and introduction by Chair, Professor Stephen Roper

13.35:**UK’s Growth Heroes and their wider economic impact”**

Professor Jun Du (ERC) - followed by Q&A

14.00: **In Conversation – UK Business Addressing the National Productivity Challenge**, Phil Smith (Cisco UK and Ireland, member of the Productivity Leadership Group). Interviewer: Professor Stephen Roper

14.20: Panel discussion: Jun Du (ERC), Jenny Cridland (BAE Systems), Joe Marshall (NCUB), Richard Evans (Mechatronic Ltd &10KSB alumnus). Chair: Professor Mark Hart

15.00: **Future and Prospects - SMEs driving Growth & Jobs** - *“What have we learnt today that has made us think differently about the prospects for UK SME Growth?”*

Reflections from ERC Funders: Matt Adey (BBB)

Panel discussion: Ute Stephan (Aston University, ERC), Haydn Thomas (NatWest), Mike Spicer (BCC), Kevin Davis (The Vine Trust & 10KSB alumnus). Chair: Charlotte Keenan (Goldman Sachs)

15.40: **Final thoughts (ERC Directors)**

15.45: Conference close

