

# Workshop on The Political Economy of Devolution in, and Secession from, the UK

Friday 19 November 2021, 10:00 - 16:00

## Draft Programme

10:00 – 10:05 Welcome – Colin Jennings (KCL) and Adrian Pabst (NIESR)

### Session 1: Scotland

10:05 – 10:30 The currency conundrum for an independent Scotland – Ronald MacDonald (University of Glasgow)

10:30 – 10:55 Persistent States: lessons for Scottish devolution and independence - Anton Muscatelli, Graeme Roy and Alex Trew (University of Glasgow)

10:55 – 11:05 Tea/Coffee Break

11:05 – 11:30 Trading borders: understanding the future options and trade-offs for Scotland - Gioele Figus (University of Strathclyde), Peter McGregor (University of Strathclyde), Stuart McIntyre (University of Strathclyde), Graeme Roy (University of Glasgow)

11:30 – 11:55 Shocks to the system: COVID-19, Brexit and the devolved fiscal settlement - David Bell (University of Stirling), David Eiser (Fraser of Allander Institute) and David Phillips (IFS)

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

### Session 2: Wales and Northern Ireland

13:00 – 13:25 The political economy of small nations; devolution, secession and the case of Wales - Jonathan Bradbury and Andrew Davies (University of Swansea)

13:25 – 13:50 Devolution, independence, and Wales' fiscal deficit  
Dan Wincott with Guto Ifan and Cian Sion (University of Cardiff)

13:50 – 14:15 Institutional geography once more? Devolution economics  
Northern Ireland style - Graham Brownlow (Queen's University  
Belfast)

14:15 – 14:45 Tea/Coffee Break

### **Session 3: England and Ireland**

14:45 – 15:10 'The prosperity evolutions of UK cities and regions: economic  
governance, devolution and policy challenges in the light of the  
evidence - Philip McCann and Pei-Yu Yuan (University of Sheffield)

15:10 – 15:35 The politics of levelling up: devolution, local economies, and  
identities in England - Andy Westwood (University of Manchester)

15:35 – 16:00 Political economy of secession: lessons from the early years of the  
Irish Free State - Eoin Mcloughlin (University College Cork) and  
Sean Kenny (Lund University)

16:00 Concluding remarks