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Adam Bartha

Adam is the Director of EPICENTER, with the responsibility to enable the cooperation of the network and organise the private and public events programme in Brussels. He was previously European Outreach Manager at EPICENTER and a Koch Summer Fellow in the Publications Department of the Independent Institute in California. He also has experience in domestic party politics in Germany and Hungary. Adam has a BA (Hons) in Politics and International Relations from the University of Sheffield and an MSc in Political Theory from the London School of Economics. Adam is fluent in English, German and Hungarian.

Possible topics include **EU integration, Populism, Rule of Law, Central-and Eastern European Political and Economic Affairs**



Professor Philip Booth

Philip Booth is Senior Academic Fellow at the Institute of Economic Affairs and Professor of Finance, Public Policy and Ethics at St. Mary's University, Twickenham. He also holds the position of (interim) Director of Catholic Mission at St. Mary's having previously been Director of Research and Public Engagement. Philip previously worked for the Bank of England as an adviser on financial stability. He has written widely, including a number of books, on investment, finance, social insurance and pensions as well as on the relationship between Catholic social teaching and economics.

Possible topics include **Banking and Financial Services, Market Failure, Financial Regulation, Government Debt, the Financial Crisis, Tax and Economic Growth, Globalisation and Inequality and International Development.**



Emily Carver

Emily Carver is the Institute of Economic Affairs' Media Manager, responsible for managing and growing the IEA's media output. Prior to joining the IEA in October 2019, Emily worked as Policy Adviser to a Conservative MP. Previously, she spent a year at public relations agency, Edelman. She has a degree in modern languages from Bristol University and an MSc in European Politics from the LSE.

Possible topics include **Gender Issues including the Gender Pay Gap, Socialism, Free Speech, and Environmental Issues.**



Dr Steve Davies

Dr Steve Davies is the Head of Education at the IEA. Previously he was program officer at the Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) at George Mason University in Virginia. He joined IHS from the UK where he was Senior Lecturer in the Department of History and Economic History at Manchester Metropolitan University. He has authored several books, including *Empiricism and History* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2003) and was co-editor with Nigel Ashford of *The Dictionary of Conservative and Libertarian Thought* (Routledge, 1991).

Possible topics include **UK Economic Growth, History of Globalisation, Economics of Football, Technology & the Future, the Welfare state, and a World of City States.**



Annabel Denham

Annabel Denham is Director of Communications at the Institute of Economic Affairs. She previously worked at The Entrepreneurs Network, an offshoot of the Adam Smith Institute, where she was Associate Director and ran the APPG for Entrepreneurship. Prior to that, Annabel worked as a Researcher for former-MP Lord (Peter) Lilley and as Deputy Business Features Editor at City AM.

Possible topics include [Entrepreneurship](#), [Gender Issues including the Gender Pay Gap](#), [Lifestyle Issues](#), and [the Labour Market](#).



Alexander C. R. Hammond

Alexander C. R. Hammond is the Policy Advisor to the Director General. Before joining the IEA, Alexander worked as Research Associate in the Cato Institute's Center for Global Liberty and Prosperity, in Washington D.C. Alexander often writes about economic freedom, African development, British politics, and global wellbeing. His works have been translated into multiple languages and have been featured in The Washington Times, Reason, Newsweek, CapX, FEE, the Cato Institute website, the HumanProgress blog, and various other outlets both in the United Kingdom and overseas.

Possible topics include [Human Progress/the State of Global Wellbeing](#), [the Value of Economic Freedom](#), and [African Trade](#).



Victoria Hewson

Victoria is the IEA's Head of Regulatory Affairs and Research Associate. She is a lawyer and practiced for 12 years in the fields of technology and financial services, before joining the Legatum Institute Special Trade Commission to focus on trade and regulatory policy. She has published work on the implications and opportunities of Brexit in financial services and movement of goods and the issues in connection with the Irish border. Before entering the legal profession Victoria worked for Procter & Gamble in the UK and Germany.

Possible topics include [Deregulation](#), [Trade](#), and [Brexit and the Rule of Law](#).



Julian Jessop

Julian Jessop is an Economics Fellow at the IEA. He has over thirty years of experience as a professional economist in the public and private sectors, including senior positions at HM Treasury, HSBC and Standard Chartered Bank. Prior to joining the IEA in 2017 he was a Director and Chief Global Economist at the leading independent consultancy, Capital Economics. Julian has a First Class degree in Economics from Cambridge University and post-graduate qualifications in both Economics and Law.

Possible topics include [Brexit](#), [the Global and UK Economies](#), [Public Economics](#), and [Fiscal and Monetary Policy](#).



Professor Syed Kamall

Professor Syed Kamall is Academic and Research Director at the IEA and Professor of International Relations and Politics at St Mary's University, Twickenham. From May 2005 to June 2019, he was a Conservative MEP for London. In the European Parliament, he was leader of the European Conservatives and Reformists political group of MEPs from 19 countries, and worked to promote open trade, tech start-ups and better financial regulation.

Possible topics include **Poverty, Entrepreneurship, the European Union, post-Communist Economics, Privatisation and Liberalisation, and Foreign Investment.**



Mark Littlewood

Mark Littlewood is Director General of the Institute of Economic Affairs. He is one of the most well-known free market voices in the United Kingdom and is a must sought-after speaker at a range of events including university debates, industry conferences and public policy events. In 2019 he was ranked 41st in Dale's 'Top 100 Conservative Influencers' List. He frequently comments on political and economic issues on television and radio and writes a regular column for The Times. Mark also sits on the Board of Big Brother Watch, a non-profit organisation fighting for the protection of privacy and civil liberties in the UK.

Possible topics include **Lifestyle Economics, The Case for Classical Liberalism, Brexit, Free Market Environmentalism, 'Bad Stats and Fake News', and Taxation.**



Rebecca Lowe

Rebecca was previously Director of FREER, an initiative focused on economic and social liberalism, housed at the IEA. She has worked for various political research organisations, as a parliamentary researcher, a political consultant, and in the arts, education and charity sectors.

Possible topics include **the Value of freedom, Fiscal decentralisation, the Size of the state, Income distribution, Equality, Democracy, the Future of work and Free speech.**



Andy Mayer

Andy is Chief Operating Officer at the IEA. Andy worked as Head of Public Affairs, UK & Ireland at BASF plc for seven years. He has over 20 years of experience in strategic communications and the operations that support them in the business and think tank worlds.

Possible topics include **Environmental Issues, Business & Manufacturing, Politics of Brexit, and Free Speech.**



Dr Kristian Niemietz

Kristian joined the IEA in 2008 as Poverty Research Fellow, becoming its Senior Research Fellow in 2013, Head of Health and Welfare in 2015 and Head of Political Economy in 2018. Kristian is also a Fellow of the Age Endeavour Fellowship. He studied Economics at the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin and the Universidad de Salamanca, graduating in 2007 as Diplom-Volkswirt (≈MSc in Economics). In 2013, he completed a PhD in Political Economy at King's College London. He is also the author of 'Socialism: The Failed Idea That Never Dies'.

Possible topics include **Socialism/Communism, Healthcare, Housing, Immigration, and Federalism/Decentralisation.**



Emma Revell

Emma Revell is the Institute of Economic Affairs' Head of Communications, having joined the IEA as Communications Manager in April 2019. Emma previously worked at the Centre for Policy Studies, and prior to working in Westminster she spent three years working in development for a not-for-profit social care organisation, supporting adults with mental health issues, learning disabilities, and issues with homelessness and substance abuse. Emma has appeared on national and regional news and radio channels, including the BBC and Sky News, Times Radio and talkRADIO, and has written for The Daily Telegraph, The Spectator, City A.M., and various other publications.

Possible topics include [Lifestyle Economics](#), [Nationalisation](#), [Levelling Up](#), [Mental Health](#), [Housing and Homelessness](#), [Gender Issues including the Gender Pay Gap](#), and [Social Freedoms](#).



Professor Len Shackleton

Len Shackleton is an Editorial and Research Fellow at the IEA and Professor of Economics at the University of Buckingham. He was previously Dean of the Royal Docks Business School at the University of East London and prior to that was Dean of the Westminster Business School. He has also taught at Queen Mary, University of London and worked as an economist in the Civil Service. His research interests are primarily in the economics of labour markets. He edits the journal Economic Affairs, which is co-published by the IEA and the University of Buckingham.

Possible topics include [Inequality](#), [Immigration](#), [Higher Education](#), [Childcare](#), [the Economics of Football](#), [Labour Markets](#), and [Artificial Intelligence](#).



Christopher Snowdon

Christopher Snowdon is the Head of Lifestyle Economics at the IEA. He is the author of *The Art of Suppression*, *The Spirit Level Delusion* and *Velvet Glove; Iron Fist*. His work focuses on pleasure, prohibition and dodgy statistics. He has authored a number of IEA publications including *Sock Puppets*, *Euro Puppets*, *The Proof of the Pudding*, *The Crack Cocaine of Gambling* and *Free Market Solutions in Health*.

Possible topics include [Inequality](#), [Sin Taxes](#), [Paternalism](#), and [Happiness Studies](#).



Dr Richard Wellings

Richard is Deputy Research Director and Head of Transport at the IEA. With a PhD on transport and environmental policy, he joined the Institute in 2006 to work on the production of its monograph series and the journal, Economic Affairs. Richard is the author or editor of several papers, books and reports, including *Towards Better Transport* (Policy Exchange, 2008) and *A Beginner's Guide to Liberty* (Adam Smith Institute, 2009). For the IEA, he has written numerous reports on transport issues, including a collection of reports making the case against HS2.

Possible topics include [the Future of Transport](#), [Infrastructure and HS2](#), [the Role of Government](#), [Brexit](#), and [the Decline of the West](#).