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54) Forward Thinking Conference 2022 - an academic research and technical conference presented by The Insolvency Service and Nottingham Trent University

The *Forward Thinking* conference facilitates links between academia, the insolvency sector and policymakers by providing a platform for current insolvency research to be presented, and a forum for technical discussion.

The theme for this year's conference is "Insolvency Response in Uncertain Times".

Eight papers will be presented in six sessions by key figures from academia and industry.

How to attend

To attend online, please book a ticket through Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forward-thinking-insolvency-response-in-uncertain-times-tickets-438888646757>. Online delegates are encouraged to pose questions.

There is a limited number of in-person tickets available for the event, which will be held at Nottingham Trent University. If you would like to attend in person, please email conference@insolvency.gov.uk to register your interest.

Agenda, papers and presenters

Each session will include time for questions and comments from both online and in-person delegates.

Welcome & opening addresses

- Paul Bannister, Head of Policy, Insolvency Service
- Cillian Ryan, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Nottingham Trent University
- Mark Austen, Chair of the Insolvency Service Board

Session 1

- *The dynamics of the cost-of-living crisis: desperation borrowing, the economic problem of the debt overhang, and the changing role of personal insolvency* – Dr Katharina Möser, University of Birmingham

Session 2

- *The effects of Insolvency Practitioner firms' and secured financial*

creditors' market share and their prior relationship on direct insolvency costs – Professor Yvonne Joyce and Dr Betty Wu, University of Glasgow

Session 3

- *Enabling greater use of section 216 of the Insolvency Act 1986 ('IA86'), 'Restriction on re-use of company names'* – Ben Luxford, Technical Director of R3, and Stewart Perry, Partner at Fieldfisher LLP

Session 4

- *A multi-case study database of reporting matters in Insolvency Practitioner reports to creditors* – Professor Yvonne Joyce, University of Glasgow, and Eileen Maclean, Insolvency Support Services

Session 5

- *In the matter of Baglan Operations Limited [2022] EWHC 647 (Ch): The future of trading liquidations?* – Philip Hertz, Melissa Coakley, Giles Allison and Robert Davey of Clifford Chance
- *Communitarianism and the Public Interest in Large Corporate Insolvencies: Future Directions for Value and Potential in Commonweal Undertakings* – Dr John Tribe, University of Liverpool
- *Dealing with large insolvent companies where the public interest intrudes: some forward thinking* - Professor Peter Walton, University of Wolverhampton and Professor Andrew Keay, University of Leeds

Session 6

- *A thing that has no value does not exist* – Dr Stephen Baister, Board Director of Manolete Partners

Closing Remarks

- Dean Beale, Chief Executive Officer of the Insolvency Service

Looking back at *Forward Thinking 2021*

Last year's conference, with the theme *Forward Thinking: Insolvency strategies for a post-pandemic economy* was held at Aston University, Birmingham.

The papers and videos from the day can be viewed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-insolvency-service-forward-thinking-conference>. Please note that as per individual authors' requests, some papers will be published at a later date.

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