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Route 1: PhD in Innovation and Public Policy

The IIPP PhD in Innovation and Public Policy route is an interdisciplinary Doctoral Research Programme focussing on rethinking innovation in the context of public value creation.

The programme aims to develop the next generation of world-leading interdisciplinary scholars in innovation, industrial policy, public sector governance and public policy . The PhD focusses on providing students with a bespoke programme of scholarly development designed to improve applied conceptual, theoretical and analytical skills.

A key goal of the programme is to prompt doctoral researchers to blend and synthesise different disciplinary tools to offer truly interdisciplinary analysis on how innovation can be harnessed to tackle global challenges.

There are no formal subject-based entry requirements for this route, however students should have a strong academic background and clear evidence of interest in their chosen topic.

Route 2: PhD in Economic Policy and Political Economy (available from October 2025)

Our PhD in Economic Policy and Political Economy (EPPE) route is for students who are interested to explore the relationship between states and markets and the economic challenges facing modern capitalist economies.

Our Faculty and wider research community have a broad range of research interests in this field, covering both theoretical and more applied topic areas. This includes: development economics and structural change, decolonisation economics, financial and macroeconomic policy, banking and money, political economy of science and technology, the economics of innovation and intellectual monopolies, ecological economics and green transition, sustainable finance, institutional and evolutionary economics and the economics of land and housing. Students taking this route should have studied either economics or political economy at undergraduate or masters level. They will be required to audit the economics modules taught in IIPP's MPA, specifically 'New Economic Thinking and public value' and 'The Economics of Innovation' in term 1 and 'Rethinking Capitalism' in term 2).

n.b. The EPPE route is only available from October 2025, however students may switch between the routes during the course of their studies if they meet the necessary criteria and have the approval of their supervisory team.

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