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## Workshop on the Economic Response to Covid-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the economic landscape around the world. At this workshop, researchers and policymakers from across Europe will present findings on how the pandemic has affected the economy and the impact of government interventions to mitigate the economic damage. Attending the conference is free of charge and open to all.

**Organisers:** Christoph Görtz and Danny McGowan

**Date:** July 20, 2021

**Venue:** online. Registration and Zoom links are available [here](#).

- 9.30 **Welcome address:**  
Prof. Richard Black (Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Social Sciences)
- 9.35 **The Effect of the UK furlough and mortgage holiday policies on household finances**  
Prof. Danny McGowan (University of Birmingham) with Christoph Görtz and Mallory Yeromonahos
- 10.10 **Quantifying UK SMEs' pandemic risk and credit risk exposures in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis**  
Prof. Meryem Duygun (University of Nottingham) with Enrico Onali
- 10.45 **A Resilient Economy: Business creation in the UK during COVID-19**  
Dr. Anthony Savagar (University of Kent) with Saleem Bahaj and Sophie Pinton
- 11.20 Break
- 11.35 **Demand or supply? Price adjustment during the COVID-19 pandemic**  
Dr. Peter Zorn (LMU Munich) with Almut Balleer, Sebastian Link and Manuel Menkhoff
- 12.10 **Health Expenditures and the Effectiveness of Covid-19 Prevention in International Comparison**  
Prof. Hans-Jörg Schmerer (University of Hagen) with Jaqueline Hansen and Antonia Reinecke
- 12.45 **Panel Discussion: Looking back and thinking ahead**  
Prof. Aditya Goenka (University of Birmingham, UK Government, ICJU)  
Dr. Hande Küçük (Deputy Director NIESR)  
Moderator: Dr. Christoph Görtz (University of Birmingham)
- 13.30 **Closing remarks**  
Dr. Christoph Görtz and Prof. Danny McGowan