



16th GEAR Quarterly Lecture
20 May 2026, 2:00-3:30 p.m. BST (London time)
University of Reading, Whiteknights, Chancellors building, room G05 (hybrid)

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“Labor Supply and Wages over the Life Cycle: Human Capital, Health, and Disability Benefits”

Monica is a Professor of Economics at the University of Bristol and Deputy Research Director at the Institute for Fiscal Studies. She is a fellow of the International Association for Applied Econometrics. She is also managing editor of Fiscal Studies, the academic journal of the Institute for Fiscal Studies. Monica's primary research interests are in labour, family and public economics, and applied microeconometrics.

This lecture focuses on how work experience shapes labour supply and earnings for educated women, while welfare, tax credits, family structure and disability-programme participation matter more for less educated groups. It also examines three decades of UK evidence through a structural life-cycle model to show how experience, health, and the disability–welfare–tax-credit system jointly influences hours, employment, earnings and disability claims.

The lecture is free to attend but if you come in person, please send an e-mail to register your interest to Dr Scott Mahadeo at s.m.r.mahadeo@reading.ac.uk.