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## Bio

[Mariana Mazzucato](#) is Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value at University College London, where she is Founding Director of the UCL [Institute for Innovation & Public Purpose](#) (IIPP). Her previous posts include the RM Phillips Professorial Chair at the Science Policy Research Unit at Sussex University.

She is winner of international prizes including the [Grande Ufficiale Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana](#) in 2021, Italy's highest civilian honour, the [2020 John von Neumann Award](#), the 2019 [All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values](#), and the 2018 [Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought](#). Most recently, Pope Francis appointed her to the Pontifical Academy for Life for bringing 'more humanity' to the world.

As well as [The Entrepreneurial State: debunking public vs. private sector myths](#) (2013), she is the author of [The Value of Everything: making and taking in the global economy](#) (2018), [Mission Economy: a moonshot guide to changing capitalism](#) (2021) and [The Big Con: How the Consulting Industry Weakens our Businesses, Infantilizes our Governments and Warps our Economies](#) (2023).

She advises policy makers around the world on innovation-led inclusive and sustainable growth. Her roles have included for example Chair of the [World Health Organization's Council on the Economics of Health for All](#), Co-Chair of the [Global Commission on the Economics of Water](#), Co-Chair on the [Council on Urban Initiatives](#), and a member of the [South African President's Economic Advisory Council](#).

Previously, through her role as Special Advisor for the EC Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation (2017-2019), she authored the high-impact report on [Mission-Oriented Research and Innovation in the European Union](#), turning "missions" into a crucial new instrument in the European Commission's Horizon innovation programme, and more recently, authored a report with the [UN's Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean \(ECLAC\)](#) on [Transformational Change in Latin America and the Caribbean: A mission-oriented approach](#).



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