

Introducing The Ballpark podcast and Episode 1: The Strongest Economy for Who?

Today the [LSE US Centre](#) launches its new podcast, *The Ballpark*, a regular online audio show on US politics, policy, and research. In each episode, hosts **Denise Baron**, **Sophie Donszelmann**, and **Chris Gilson** take a closer look at American politics, economics, policy and news. We'll feature and dissect the research of academics from the LSE and around the world. This is your chance to go beyond the headlines and get the facts, figures, quotes, and context to form a more informed view on the United States.

This week in Episode 1, *The Strongest Economy for Who?*, we discuss the US' economic recovery and how its benefits might not have been felt by everyone equally. This episode features interviews with [Michael Amior](#) of the University of Cambridge, and the LSE's Centre for Economic Performance, and [Jeff Clemens](#) of the University of California, Santa Barbara.



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If you would like to learn more about the topics discussed, here's a list of websites and materials mentioned in the podcast.

- **[Local joblessness has persisted because of persistent job loss](#)** – USAPP blog post
In new research which examines more than 722 'commuting zones', [Michael Amior](#) and [Alan Manning](#) find that many cities which have endured declining employment have also experienced large population outflows, but because of continued industrial decline, there has been little change in the local employment rate.
- **[The Minimum Wage and the Market for Low-Skilled Labor: Why a Decade Can Make a Difference](#)** – Jeff Clemens – SIEPR Policy Brief
- **[The Minimum Wage and the Great Recession: Evidence of Effects on the Employment and Income Trajectories of Low-Skilled Workers](#)** – Jeff Clemens, NBER Working Paper 20724, December 2014

- [The minimum wage and the great recession: evidence from the current population survey](#) – Jeff Clemens, NBER Working Paper 21830, December 2015

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