Why manufacturing policy matters: lessons from the UK

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In this public lecture, Professor Gregory will review the changing patterns of manufacturing and the implications for policy using examples from major companies. He will show how the “value chain” approach to manufacturing can provide insights into the structure and dynamics of businesses and industries. He will then trace the evolution of manufacturing policies in the UK over the last decade and conclude with observations about emerging industries and the importance of manufacturing in exploiting new science-based opportunities. His presentation will be followed by questions from the audience, and light refreshments.

Professor Sir Mike Gregory is head of the Manufacturing and Management Division of Cambridge University’s Department of Engineering. After working in industry he has led the Cambridge Institute for Manufacturing since its inception in 1998. Under his direction, the Institute has grown to more than 200 staff, researchers and post-graduate students, with internationally recognised activities in manufacturing strategy, technology management, international manufacturing, distributed automation and production processes. External activities have included membership of various government and institutional committees. He served as Executive Director of the Cambridge MIT Institute from 2005-2008 and was Springer Visiting Professor at UC Berkeley in 2008/9. He chairs the UK Manufacturing Professors Forum and is a member of the UK Government’s Analytical Group on Manufacturing. He is a Fellow of Churchill College Cambridge.

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