



## SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

### Honorary Degree Citation

**The degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*,  
conferred on Dr. Mariana Mazzucato**

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Hailed by \_\_\_\_\_ as one of the world’s “three most important thinkers about innovation,” Dr. Mariana Mazzucato is a star economist whose research is changing the global conversation around the role of the state in driving innovation.

With a PhD in economics from the New School for Social Research in New York, Dr. Mazzucato has taught around the world. She is currently a Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value at University College London, where she is the Founding Director of the Institute of Innovation and Public Purpose. Previously, she held the RM Phillips Professorial Chair at the Science Policy Research Unit at Sussex University. She is a fellow of the UK’s Academy of Social Sciences, and the Italian National Science Academy (Lincei).

Her research on the relationship between financial markets, innovation and economic growth has been recognized with several prestigious awards, including the 2018 Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought and the 2019 All European Academics Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values. She has also authored numerous books and articles, including \_\_\_\_\_, which investigates the critical role the state plays in driving growth, and \_\_\_\_\_, which looks at how value creation needs to be rewarded over value extraction.

Dr. Mazzucato advises policy makers around the world on innovation-led inclusive and sustainable growth. She serves on several key economic councils, including the Scottish Government’s Council of Economic Advisors; the South African President’s Economic Advisory Council; the OECD Secretary General’s Advisory Group on a New Growth Narrative; and the UN’s Committee for Development Policy. She is a Special Economic Advisor for the Italian Prime Minister and as Special Advisor for the European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, she recently authored a high-impact report on \_\_\_\_\_, turning “missions” into a crucial new instrument in the European Commission’s Horizon innovation programme.

For advancing innovation and industrial policy around the globe, Mariana Mazzucato is conferred the degree Doctor of Laws, \_\_\_\_\_.