John Williamson—Biographical Sketch

John Williamson was born in 1937 and educated at the London School of Economics and Princeton University. He has taught at the Universities of York (1963-68) and Warwick (1970-77) in England, the Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (1978-1981) in Brazil, as a Visiting Professor at MIT (1967 and 1980), LSE (1992), and Princeton (1996), and as an Honorary Professor at the University of Warwick (since 1985). He was an economic consultant to the UK Treasury in 1968-70, where he worked on a range of international financial issues, and an advisor to the International Monetary Fund in 1972-74, where he worked mainly on questions of international monetary reform related to the work of the Committee of Twenty. He has been a Senior Fellow at the Institute for International Economics in Washington, DC, since its founding in 1981. From 1996-99 he was on leave from the Institute to serve as Chief Economist for the South Asia Region of the World Bank. In 2001 he served as Project Director for the UN High-Level Panel on Financing for Development (the Zedillo Panel). He retains his British nationality.