

Curriculum vitae

PETER WHITEFORD

Peter Whiteford is Principal Administrator (Welfare Reform) in the Social Policy Division of the OECD, where he has worked on a wide range of issues, including the development of social safety nets in Asia, pension reform in China and in Central and Eastern Europe, trends in income inequality in China, and on policies to promote greater employment of older workers. His current area of work is on family policies and child poverty in OECD countries and on the life course and social policy. Before joining the OECD in 2000, he worked in the Australian Department of Family and Community Services (formerly the Department of Social Security), Canberra.

In 1995-96 he was a Consultant in the Office of the Minister for Social Security in Canberra. Between 1991 and 1994 he was a Senior Research Fellow at the Social Policy Research Unit at the University of York in the United Kingdom. Before this he was a Senior Research Fellow at the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. During this time he also worked as a Consultant to the Australian Social Security Review and to the Australian Minister for Social Security on reforms to family assistance, as well as being a Consultant to the New Zealand Royal Commission on Social Policy. He has published extensively, including on various aspects of the Australian system of income support, and on issues of poverty and income distribution.

His research has concentrated on international comparisons of systems of social protection and comparisons of poverty and income distribution. These studies include comparisons of assistance for families and sole parents in 18 countries, the income circumstances of the aged in ten countries, and pension systems and policy in the APEC economies (for the Asian Development Bank). He was a co-author of a major study published by the UK Department of Social Security and the OECD on social assistance in OECD countries.

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