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Visiting Professor at the LSE. Professor at the College of Europe since 2005. Former professor of international economics at South Bank University (1994–2002). He is a member of a ‘groupe de réflexion’ convened by the ETUC and is an adviser to DG Regional Policy of the Commission on the future of cohesion policy.

Research interests and experience: economics of European integration with a focus on policy issues. Recent research projects have covered economic policy under EMU, the social dimension of European integration, the European Employment Strategy, and examination of regional disparities in the EU and their policy implications. Other interests have included work on urban and regional competitiveness. Experience keywords: EMU; economic and monetary union; structural funds; cohesion in the EU; policy co-ordination; Stability and Growth Pact; European social policy; competitiveness; European Employment Strategy; fiscal federalism; EU budget; Britain & the euro.

Recent publications: ‘*Complementing EMU: Rethinking Cohesion Policy*’ Oxford Review of Economic Policy (2002); *Europe, Government and Money: Running EMU – the Challenges of Policy Co-ordination*, London: The Federal Trust, with Kogan Page; (with Hodson, D. and Maher, I. (2003); ‘*Economic Policy Coordination in the European Union*’ National Institute Economic Review No. 183; (with Weiler, J. H. H. and Peterson, J.) *Integration in an Expanding Europe: Reassessing the Fundamentals*, Oxford: Blackwell, 2003.