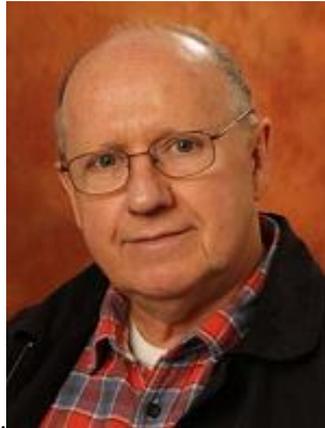


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Peter Warr is the John Crawford Professor of Agricultural Economics, Emeritus, at the Australian National University. At the time of his retirement from the ANU in 2014, he had held the Crawford Chair for 24 years and was Head of the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics and Director of the Poverty Research Centre. Peter began his study of agricultural economics at the University of Sydney in the mid-1960s, under Keith Campbell, John Longworth and Bruce Davidson, writing a final-year thesis on the food consumption of age pensioners in Glebe. He subsequently obtained a Master's degree in economics from the London School of Economics, under Amartya Sen, and a PhD in applied economics from Stanford University, under Peter Timmer and Walter Falcon. He was a Post-doctoral Fellow at the University of Minnesota and a Lecturer in Economics at Monash University before joining the ANU in 1980.

A feature of Peter's work, from his undergraduate thesis to the present day, has been the determination to apply economic analysis to understanding the economic circumstances for the poorest people. His research has dealt extensively with the relationships between economic policy, structural transformation, technological change and poverty incidence in developing countries, including the adaptation of general equilibrium modelling to address these issues. He has published widely on the Thai and Indonesian economies, focusing especially on the determinants of poverty reduction. In addition to visiting appointments at Harvard and Yale, he has been a Visiting Professor of Economics at Thammasat University and Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok and at the University of Indonesia in Jakarta. He has also acted as a consultant to the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the OECD, various United Nations agencies, USAID and AusAID.

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