

Bob Gregory

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Biography

Bob Gregory graduated from the University of Melbourne with 1st class Honours in Economics in 1961. In 1967 he received his PhD from the London School of Economics. He joined the Department of Economics, Research School of Social Sciences at ANU in 1969, and was Head of Department between 1987- 2005.

From 1985-95, Bob was a member of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia, and from 1986-91 a member of the Australian Science and Technology Council. He contributed to major reforms in Australian Aged Care (Gregory Report), the adoption of Income Contingent Loan scheme for higher education students and other areas of labour market and welfare policy.

Professor Gregory is an elected Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (1979) and an Economic Society of Australia Distinguished Fellow (2001). In 1983-84 he held the Chair in Australian Studies at Harvard University. In 1996 Professor Gregory was awarded the Order of Australia Medal. He is one of a very few economists to be awarded an Honorary PhD from the University of Melbourne.

His academic research work covered early papers on the US relationships between international trade and domestic production capacity, industrial policy and tariffs (Gregory/Dutch disease Thesis), one of the first papers on cross country comparisons of the role of policy in achieving "Equal Pay" for Women (US, UK, Australia), one of the first papers introducing the concept of hysteresis in labour market wage outcomes, and policy focused work on the high degree of welfare recipient substitution across different welfare policies.