



**2023 Research Fellow Award**

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Research focus: Economics of wellbeing, urban economics and intersection of the two fields. Almost all my research is motivated by pressing issues for policymakers.

Positions: Two current roles: (i) Professor of Wellbeing and Public Policy at Victoria University of Wellington, School of Government, and (ii) Senior Fellow at Motu Economic and Public Policy Research. Former positions include Reserve Bank of New Zealand Chairman (2003-2013) and Chief Economist, and Financial Markets Authority Board.

Education: PhD in economics, LSE (University of London) and Honours degree (economics and sociology) , University of Waikato, New Zealand.

Academic contributions: 101 refereed journal articles and 25 book chapters. In the past 5 years, wellbeing-related papers have appeared in *Social Science and Medicine*, *Review of Income and Wealth*, *Journal of Happiness Studies*, *Social Indicators Research*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, *Environment and Development Economics*, *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*, *International Migration*. Prior papers have appeared in *Journal of Economic Literature*, *European Economic Review*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Regional Studies*, *Urban Studies*.

Academic standing: Ranked in top 6% of all economists according to RePEc; 4,722 citations on google scholar with h-index of 32.

Service: Co-convenor of World Wellbeing Panel. Advisor to numerous government enquiries and agencies (including NZ Treasury's Living Standards Framework). Formerly: Editor *New Zealand Economic Papers*, Editorial Panel of *Agenda* and *Journal of Asian Economics*. Former President, New Zealand Association of Economists.

PhDs: Supervisor of 16 (former and current) PhD students.

Research themes: (i) Necessity for wellbeing policy to adopt explicit targets to guide policymakers and hold them accountable. (ii) Importance of policymakers respecting personal subjective judgements by individuals rather than imposing top-down views of what constitutes wellbeing. (iii) Understanding the contributions and limitations of subjective wellbeing measures in guiding policy. (iv) Interactions of wellbeing and sustainability. (v) Interactions of wellbeing and housing.