

# Curriculum Vitae: Nicholas A. Barr

## Personal

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## Degrees and awards

1965 BSc (Econ), London  
1967 MSc (Econ), London  
1967-71 Fulbright Postgraduate Student Award  
1967-71 Special Career Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley  
1971 PhD, University of California, Berkeley  
1997 Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts

## Selected appointments

1971-2002 Successively Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Reader in Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science  
1990-92 Long-term Consultant, World Bank, Europe and Central Asia Region, Central and Southern European Departments, Human Resources Operations Division.  
1995-96 World Bank, Principal Author, World Development Report.  
2000 Visiting Scholar, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund  
2002- Professor of Public Economics, European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science

## Other selected professional activities

1996 Adviser, Lund Committee on Child and Family Support, Republic of South Africa.  
1998 Adviser, Review of Higher Education Financing and Policy (the West Committee), Australia.  
1999-2001 Consultant to the Hungarian government on the design and implementation of a student loan scheme.  
2004-5 Member, Working Group to Consider Age Restrictions on Higher Education Student Loans, UK Department for Education and Skills.  
2004-12 Trustee, HelpAge International  
2007 External Reviewer, Extended Working Lives Strategy, UK Department for Work and Pensions.  
2008- Governor and Member of Council, Pensions Policy Institute.  
2010 Member, Higher Education Strategy Review, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.  
2014 Member, Chile Presidential Commission on Reform of the Pension System  
Associate editor/Editorial advisory board: *International Social Security Review*, *CESifo Economic Studies*, *Australian Economic Review*, *Journal of the Economics of Ageing*, *Journal of Higher Education and Finance*  
Consultant: World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Inter-American Development Bank, OECD, ILO.

## Selected published work

### Papers in refereed journals

- ‘Economic Theory and the Welfare State: A Survey and Interpretation’, *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 30, No. 2, June 1992, pp. 741-803, reprinted in Nicholas Barr (ed.) *Economic Theory and the Welfare State*, Edward Elgar Library in Critical Writings in Economics, (Edward Elgar, 2001), Vol. I, pp. 24-86.
- ‘Alternative Funding Resources for Higher Education’, *Economic Journal*, Vol 103, No 418, May 1993, pp. 718-728, reprinted in *Belfield*, Clive R. and Levin, Henry M. (eds) (2003), *The Economics of Higher Education*, The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics 165, Cheltenham and Northampton, Mass.: Edward Elgar, pp. 534-44.
- (with Iain Crawford), ‘Funding Higher Education in an Age of Expansion’, *Education Economics*, 1998, Vol. 6, No. 1, pp. 45-70.
- ‘Reforming pensions: myths, truths and policy choices’, *International Social Security Review*, Vol. 55, No. 2, April-June 2002, ISSN 0020-871X, pp. 3-36, reprinted in *Reforming Public Pensions: Sharing the Experience of Transition and OECD Countries*, Paris: OECD, 2004, pp. 99-125; also in French, German, Spanish and Italian..
- ‘Higher education funding’, *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, Vol. 20, No. 2, Summer 2004, pp. 264-283; also in Chinese, Czech, Hungarian and Polish
- (with Peter Diamond), ‘Reforming pensions: Principles, analytical errors and policy directions’, *International Social Security Review*, Vol. 62, No. 2, 2009, pp. 5-29; also in French, German and Spanish.
- ‘Long-term Care: A Suitable Case for Social Insurance’, *Social Policy and Administration*, Vol. 44, No. 4, August 2010, pp. 359–374
- ‘The Higher Education White Paper: The good, the bad, the unspeakable – and the next White Paper’, *Social Policy and Administration*, Vol. 46, No. 5, October 2012, pp. 483–508.
- (with Alison Johnston), ‘Student loan reform, interest subsidies and costly technicalities: lessons from the UK experience’, *Journal of Higher Education Policy and Management*, 2013, Vol. 35, No. 2, pp. 166–177

### Books

- The Welfare State as Piggy Bank: Information, risk, uncertainty and the role of the State*, (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2001); also in Japanese and Polish
- (with Iain Crawford), *Financing Higher Education: Answers from the UK*, (London and New York: Routledge, 2005)
- (Editor) *Labor Markets and Social Policy in Central and Eastern Europe: The Accession and Beyond*, (Washington DC: The World Bank, 2005)
- (with Peter Diamond), *Reforming pensions: Principles and Policy Choices*, (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008)
- (with Peter Diamond), *Pension Reform: A Short Guide*, (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), also in Chinese and Spanish
- The Economics of the Welfare State*, 5th edition, (Oxford and New York: OUP, 2012)

### Evidence to public bodies, etc.

- (with Peter Diamond), *Pension Reform in China: Issues, Options and Recommendations*, China Economic Research and Advisory Programme, February 2010
- ‘Breaking the logjam’, Submission to *The Future of Higher Education*, House of Commons Business, Innovation and Skills Committee, Session 2010-11, HC 885, pp. Ev. 172- 85
- ‘Options for financing long-term care’, Submission to The House of Lords Committee on Public Service and Demographic Change: *The Impact of Demographic Change on Public Services, Evidence*, pp. 40-42.