

Peter B. Dixon

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Professor Peter B. Dixon was awarded his PhD by Harvard University in 1972 and his thesis was subsequently published in the Contributions to Economic Analysis series of North Holland. After working at the International Monetary Fund and the Reserve Bank of Australia, Dixon joined the IMPACT Project in 1975 under the direction of Professor A.A. Powell. With Powell, he was the joint recipient of the 1983 Research Medal of the Royal Society of Victoria given in recognition of the outstanding contribution of the IMPACT Project to social science research in Australia over the preceding 5 years. He was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia in 1982; awarded the Distinguished Fellowship of the Economic Society of Australia in 2003; appointed Sir John Monash Distinguished Professor by Monash University in 2006; elected to the Hall of Fame in the Global Trade Analysis Project in 2015; and awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Pretoria in 2021. In the Queen's Birthday Honours of 2014 he was appointed Officer in the Order of Australia (AO). Dixon is known internationally for his work in computable general equilibrium modelling. Together with colleagues at the IMPACT Project and the Centre of Policy Studies, he created the ORANI model and its dynamic successor, MONASH. These models have been prominent in the Australian economic debate for 45 years and have been used as templates for the development of other models throughout the world. He is the principal author of the ORANI and MONASH books published in the North Holland Contributions series in 1982 and 2002. In recent years he has led the development of the USAGE model of the U.S. which has been used by the U. S. International Trade Commission and the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, Transportation, Homeland Security and Defense. Dixon's publication list contains about 235 articles and 10 books, including three North Holland Contributions monographs. He edited with Dale Jorgenson Elsevier's Handbook of Computable General Equilibrium Modeling (2013). In 2014 Dixon took up his present position as Professor in the Centre of Policy Studies at Victoria University Australia.