

Sir Paul Collier

Sir Paul Collier is Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, and a Professorial Fellow of St Antony's College. He was the founding Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies at Oxford University from 1993 to 1998 and 2003 to 2012. From 1998 to 2003 he was Director of the Research Development Department of the World Bank. He was an advisor to the Blair Commission on Africa (2004/2005). He is currently a Professeur invité at Sciences Po in France; serves as Director of the International Growth Centre at the London School of Economics; and directs the Social Macroeconomics Research Hub of the UK Economic and Social Research Council.

Collier is a leading scholar on African development and a specialist in the political, economic and developmental predicaments of low-income countries. His research covers private investment in African infrastructure; the causes and consequences of civil war; the effects of aid and the problems of democracy in low-income and natural resource rich societies; urbanization in low-income countries and changing organizational cultures.

His latest book, co-authored with John Kay, is *Greed is Dead: Politics After Individualism* (Penguin Books, 2020). He is the author of *The Future of Capitalism: Facing the New Anxieties* (Penguin Books, 2018), *Exodus: How migration is changing our world* (Oxford University Press, 2013), *The Plundered Planet: How to reconcile prosperity with nature* (Oxford University Press, 2010), *Wars, Guns and Votes: Democracy in Dangerous Places* (Vintage Books, 2009) and, most notably, *The Bottom Billion* (Oxford University Press, 2007), which won the Lionel Gelber, Arthur Ross and Corine prizes in 2008, and was the joint winner of the Estoril Global Issues Distinguished Book prize in May 2009. He has written for the *New York Times*, the *Financial Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Washington Post*.

In 2014, Paul received a knighthood for services to promoting research and policy change in Africa. In 2010 and 2011, he was named by *Foreign Policy* magazine on its list of top global thinkers. Collier currently serves on the advisory board of Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP).