



### **Biography: Edward Johns**

Edward Johns serves as Associate Director of International Affairs and Livable Communities at AARP, the largest non-profit organization in the United States which has more than 40 million members and serves the interests of people over 50 years of age. Mr. Johns's portfolio includes overseeing AARP's international programs in Asia, Latin America, and Livable Communities (housing and mobility issues for older citizens). He has organized four major international conferences on aging issues in the Pacific Rim and spoken at more than a dozen international meetings in Asia and Latin America on behalf of AARP.

Prior to joining AARP, Mr. Johns worked for 10 years as an economic officer in the U.S. Foreign Service, with postings in Jamaica, Russia, Slovakia, and Brazil. He also worked for five years as an international trade lobbyist in Los Angeles and Washington. He holds Bachelor and Master's degrees in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia and a Master's in International Public Policy from The Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Mr. Johns speaks fluent Portuguese and Russian.