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David is an Australian national and joined the OECD in April 2014, where he leads a team of economists, lawyers and statisticians who are focused on providing internationally comparable revenue statistics and delivering high quality economic analysis and tax policy advice.

Prior to joining the OECD, David was a lawyer, a Member of the House of Representatives in the Australian Parliament, and a Minister in the Australian Government.

As a lawyer, David worked for an international corporate law firm, specialising in taxation law.

He served in the Australian Government as the Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs, Minister Assisting for Financial Services and Superannuation, and Minister Assisting for Deregulation.

As a Minister, David led the Australian contribution to the debate on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting and implemented key taxation reforms including landmark amendments to the General Anti-Avoidance Rule - Part IVA - and the modernisation of Australia's transfer pricing laws. David has completed an undergraduate degree in Arts (majoring in Government and Public Administration), an Honours degree in Law, and has completed post graduate studies in Taxation Law at the University of Sydney.



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Recent book publications include *Reconciling Work and Poverty Reduction* (with F. Vandembroucke) and *Children of Austerity* (with B. Nolan, C. Chzhzn and S. Handa) both with Oxford University Press.

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Mr. Pearson joined the Organisation in 1992, initially working in DAF on tax issues. After working on the OECD Jobs Study, he moved to ELS where he headed work on employment-oriented social policies, including developing the concept of 'Making Work Pay' and starting the publication 'Society at a Glance'. He became head of the Social Policy Division from 2000-2008, during which time he initiated work on 'Babies and Bosses', 'Pensions at a Glance', led the first cross-directorate work on gender, and work on income inequality in OECD countries.

In 2009 he became Head of the Health Division where the central focus of work has been on how to deliver health care with greater efficiency, including putting much more effort into prevention of obesity and harmful use of alcohol.

He gave evidence to the US Senate on 'Obamacare', and has been on a panel advising the Chinese government on its health reforms. Prior to joining the OECD, Mr. Pearson worked for the Institute for Fiscal Studies in London, and also as a consultant for the World Bank, the IMF and the European Commission.

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Alessandra has been member of several working groups at the Italian Ministry of the Economy. Between 2003 and 2004 she was Alessandro Di Battista Fellow at the Centre for Tax Policy and Tax Administration of the OECD, carrying on a research project on the economics of bank secrecy. She holds a degree in Business Administration and Economics from the University "Gabriele D'Annunzio" of Chieti-Pescara, and is certified public accountant and certified account auditor. She is also member of the International Fiscal Association (IFA).



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He has published extensively in leading economic journals on topics concerned with income and wealth distribution, inequality, poverty and mobility. In 1996 he was elected a Fellow of the Econometric Society. For the past ten years his research has focussed mainly on the level and distribution of global household wealth, the results of which are published annually by the Credit Suisse Research Institute in the Global Wealth Report and the Global Wealth Databook. Other wealth-related publications include “The age-wealth relationship: A cross section and cohort analysis” (Review of Economics and Statistics 1975); “The distribution of wealth” (Handbook of Income Distribution 2000); “The world distribution of household wealth” in Personal Wealth from a Global Perspective (Oxford University Press 2008); “The global pattern of household wealth” (Journal of International Development 2009); “The Level and Distribution of Global Household Wealth” (Economic Journal 2011) and “Estimating the Level and Distribution of Global Wealth, 2000-2014” (Review of Income and Wealth, 2017).



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