

# Treasury Guest Lecture:

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## Guest Lecturer Dr Alan Bollard



### Big Changes Afoot in the Asia-Pacific Economy

#### Abstract:

The economic integration of the Asia-Pacific region has been a major success story of the last few decades, with overseas trade helping lift a quarter of a billion people from poverty to middle income. Now trade growth is slowing, the demographic dividend is over, and technology is disrupting. How should we interpret the changes afoot?

A view from Dr Alan Bollard in his position as Executive Director of the APEC Secretariat in Singapore.

#### Date:

Wednesday 4 May  
2016

#### Venue:

The Treasury  
Level 5  
1 The Terrace  
Wellington

#### Time:

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

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#### Dr Alan Bollard:

Dr Alan Bollard is the Executive Director of the APEC Secretariat based in Singapore, the body that promotes trade, investment and sustainable economic growth in the Asia-Pacific. Dr Bollard advances APEC's agenda by executing APEC's work programmes as mandated by Leaders and Ministers.

Prior to joining APEC, Dr Bollard was the Governor of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand from 2002 to 2012. In that position, he was responsible for monetary policy and bank

regulations, helping steer New Zealand through the global financial crisis.

From 1998 to 2002, Dr Bollard was the Secretary to the New Zealand Treasury. As the government's principal economic adviser, he managed the Crown's finances and helped guide economic policy. He has served as New Zealand's Alternate Governor to the International Monetary Fund, the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank. From 1994 – 2008, he was the Chairman of the New Zealand Commerce Commission. Prior to this from 1987 to 1994 he was Director of the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research.

Dr Bollard has helped rebuild the famous MONIAC hydraulic model of the British economy. He has also designed a computer simulation game called OIKONOMOS where you play at being Minister of Finance. He wrote a best-selling account of the GFC called "Crisis: One Central Bank Governor and the Global Financial Collapse". More recently he has published a novel entitled 'The Rough Mechanical' and 'A Few Hares to Chase: the Life and Economics of Bill Phillips'.

He is married to venture capitalist Jenny Morel and has 2 sons. Dr Bollard has a PhD in Economics from the University of Auckland. He has since been awarded several honorary doctorate degrees. In 2012 he was honoured as a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit.