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Renowned Economist. After obtaining his doctorate in economics at Princeton University, he worked as an economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington from 1976 to 1981. He was Visiting Professor of Public and International Affairs at Princeton, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for International Economic Studies at Stockholm University from 1978 to 1996, and once led SNS Economic Policy Group in Sweden. He also was a Research Fellow at Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) in London from 1987 to 2009.

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