

Paul Woolley's career has spanned the private sector, academia and policy-orientated institutions. After several years of practical experience in a firm of stockbrokers, latterly as a partner in his firm, he studied Economics at the University of York (UK) receiving BA (1970) and D Phil (1976). He held the Esmée Fairbairn Lectureship in Finance at York 1970-76, also serving as Specialist Advisor to the House of Lords Committee on the EEC 1975-6. He then moved to the International Monetary Fund 1976-83, initially as an Economist and later as Advisor and then head of the Division responsible to the Fund's borrowing and investment activities.

Returning to the UK, he was for four years a Partner and Director on the main board of merchant bank, Baring Brothers and its various subsidiaries.

In 1987 he co-founded, and was Managing Director of, GMO Woolley, the London affiliate of GMO, the Boston-based fund management firm. He was a Partner and served on the main GMO board (1998 – 2003). He retired as Chairman of GMO Europe in 2006.

He has now returned to academic life funding the Paul Woolley Centre for the Study of Capital Market Dysfunctionality at the London School of Economics in 2007. He is Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Centre and will be a full-time member of the research team.

He was awarded an Honorary Professorship at the University of York in 2006 and is also Adjunct Professor at Imperial College, London and at the University of Technology in Sydney. Over the years, he has contributed to academic and professional journals, 'The Financial Times etc.

He enjoys walking, exploring and antiquarian books.