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Prof. John West has had a long career in international economics and relations, with major stints at the Australian Treasury where he was director of balance of payments, OECD (head of public affairs and director OECD Forum) and Asian Development Bank Institute (senior consultant for capacity building and training). He also taught globalization at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Institute of Political Studies, "Sciences Po") in Paris. The Asian Century Institute, of which John is Executive Director, conducts research and analysis, and participates in policy dialogues to foster a better understanding of the opportunities and challenges of the Asian Century.

In these various positions, John has conducted research and analysis of diverse aspects of Asia's economic, social and political development, and authored and edited many major international studies. These include: "The World in 2020" for the OECD; "Towards fair, inclusive and stable finance in Asia" for UNI-APRO, an Asian trade union federation; and "Labour Dimensions in Regional Economic Integration: Comparative Study of TPP and RCEP", for UNI-APRO. John also has extensive experience in high level liaison and networking involving international experts, government officials, and business, trade union and civil society stakeholders.