

## **John Fingleton biog, June 2009**

John Fingleton holds degrees in economics from the Universities of Dublin and Oxford, and completed his doctorate at Nuffield College Oxford, where he studied under Sir James Mirrlees, the Nobel prize-winning economist.

He worked as an academic economist at the Financial Markets Group at the London School of Economics, and at Trinity College Dublin, spending visiting periods at Université Libre de Bruxelles and the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago.

In 2000, he was appointed full time Chairperson at the Irish Competition Authority, where he oversaw the implementation of the 2002 Competition Act. In this position, he also sat on Ireland's National Competitiveness Council.

In 2005, he was appointed Chief Executive at the Office of Fair Trading in the UK. In that role, he has overseen a range of consumer and competition enforcement activity including actions on bank overdraft charges and on price-fixing in various sectors; a variety of market studies including banking, house-building and pharmaceutical pricing; and market investigation references of airports, grocery retailing and payment protection insurance. John is Chair of the Steering Group of the International Competition Network and sits on the board of a number of academic journals.