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Bob is a human geographer and regional scientist. He is one of the leading urban and regional researchers in Australia and has been conducting research and teaching in universities for 49 years.

In February 2011 he became Director of the Australian Urban Research Infrastructure Network (AURIN) – a \$24 million project funded by the Australian Government - at The University of Melbourne. He is now the Senior Academic Advisor on the project. He is also Adjunct Professorial Fellow in the Department of Resource Management and Geography

Bob is Professor Emeritus in the School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management at The University of Queensland where he held a Chair in Geographical Sciences and Planning from 1997 to January 2011. Between 2004 and 2009 he was the Convenor of the Australian Research Council Research Network in Spatially Integrated Social Science (ARCRNSISS)

Bob's previous academic appointments have been: Director of the Centre for Research into Sustainable Urban and Regional Futures and Director of the UQ Node of the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute at the University of Queensland; Chair of Urban Studies and Director of the QUT Node of the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute at the Queensland University of Technology; Dean of the School of Management at the University of Canberra; Director of the Australian Institute of Urban Studies in Canberra; Senior Lecture/Lecturer in Geography and Director of the Centre for Applied Social and Survey Research at Flinders University; and Senior Tutor in Economic Geography at The University of Melbourne.

Associated with periods of sabbatical leave, Bob has held visiting scholar appointments at The University of Hong Kong, George Mason University, The University of California Berkeley, The University of California Santa Barbara, The University of Michigan, and The University of Birmingham.

Bob conducts research and teaches in the fields of urban and regional analysis; urban and regional development and planning; spatial analysis and spatial information systems; human spatial behaviour; urban quality of life; housing research and policy; and the application of spatial analytic techniques and survey research methods. He is an author of 47 books and monographs and more than 450 scientific papers and book chapters. Most of his research has been supported through competitive grants, predominantly through the Australian Research Council.

Bob is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and is a Fellow of the Regional Science Association International. He has been a Fulbright Senior Scholar. He is a Life Member of the Australia and New Zealand Section of the Regional Science Association and in 2012 was presented with the Section's Distinguished Service Award. He is a recipient of the J P Thomson Medal awarded by the Royal Geographical Society, Queensland.

Bob is a former President of the Pacific Rim Council on Urban Development and of the Australia and New Zealand Section of the Regional Science Association International. He was President of the Regional Science Association International in 2005 and 2006. From 2008 to 2012 he was the Chair of the Applied Geography Commission in the International Geographical Union and was President of the Western Regional Science Association (US) in 2010-11.

Bob has extensive experience in managing large research projects and leading multi-disciplinary research teams. He has conducted research projects and consultancies for national, state and local governments and for AusAid and The World Bank.

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