



# Prof. Oliver Williamson

Nobel Prize Laureate in Economics 2009



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A globally respected economist, Professor Oliver Williamson is renowned for his theories on organisational governance, conflict resolution and transaction cost economics. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Economics in 2009. Currently he is the Edgar F. Kaiser Professor Emeritus of Business, Economics and Law at the University of California.

**"Oliver E. Williamson is one of the leading economic theorists of our time"**

### In detail

Prof. Williamson received his Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon University and held several professorships in business administration, economics and law at Pennsylvania and Yale University. Since 1998 he is teaching business, economics and law at the University of California, Berkley. In 2009, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics for "his analysis of economic governance, especially the boundaries of the firm". Williamson provided a theory why some economic transactions take place within firms and others take place between firms and found that common ownership, in the form of firms, helps to solve some market failures by mitigating transaction costs and uncertainty.

### What he offers you

Prof. Williamson has been instrumental in establishing economic governance as a field of research. His focus on the cost of transactions has led him to distinguish between repeated case-by-case bargaining on the one hand and relationship-specific contracts on the other. He is highly sought-after by government organisations and corporations eager to reap the benefits of his considerable expertise.

### How he presents

Oliver E. Williamson is an engaging, enlightening and highly informative speaker with an unparalleled level of knowledge of today's economic markets.

### Languages

He presents in English.

### Want to know more?

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### How to book him?

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### Publications

#### 2013

The Transaction Cost Economics Project

#### 1996

The Mechanisms of Governance

#### 1991

The Nature of the Firm: Origins, Evolution, and Development (co-edited with Sidney Winter)

#### 1985

The Economic Institutions of Capitalism

#### 1975

Markets and Hierarchies: Analysis and Antitrust Implications

### Topics

- A Unified Interpretation of Corporate Governance and Corporate Finance
- The Contractual Approach to Economic Organisation
- Debt and Equity as both Modes of Finance and Modes of Governance
- Confusions over Corporate Governance in Practice
- Aggregation and Systems Considerations