

A tribute to a great academic: Professor Peter Jackson

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I will never forget the day I met Professor Peter Jackson. As an aspiring economist and researcher I was always in fond of academic research and the role of academia in creating new policies, ground breaking theories models and methodologies. Being at the very early stages of trying to do a Phd I met Professor Peter Jackson at the University of Leicester. I humbly went to his office to introduce myself. Instantaneously I realised at the moment the greatness of the man I had met. Professor Peter Jackson became my first Phd supervisor and gave me the opportunity to complete my research being away from the University, being a part time student and whilst working. I really enjoyed my Phd research together and I really appreciate the academic support I had from my supervisors and Professor Peter Jackson. Professor Peter Jackson was a fair true academic and mentor. He was a pioneer of Public sector economics; a great mentor and influencer, always challenging you with academic advice and insight. Whilst doing a Phd I had doubts setbacks and thoughts; Professor Peter Jackson made sure even after a Covid 19 pandemic lockdown and a submission exactly at the end of lockdowns, to ensure me that my efforts were fruitful. I definitely appreciate his belief in me and encouragement.

Education forms the cornerstone of personal growth and achievement; Professor Jackson was a great educator and economist, leaving a legacy not only in his university but the whole UK academic and public sphere, his 77 Phd students and the school he has been a founding member off.

I am honoured and humble to have known him and I am writing this short note as a tribute to his memory. Professor Peter Jackson left just some time after my Phd viva, and that was a great loss for me and all his students and people he had mentored. I will always remember his passion for economics and clarity of mind.

A great thank you to Professor Jackson for giving the opportunity to become a researcher and aspiring economist. His interests in economics and strategy greatly influenced my thesis and formed my interests further.

Some of his work:

Outside of the University, Peter founded the SSRC/ESRC Public Sector Study Group, the Public Finance Foundation and the Social Studies Review. He was Chair of the Social Sciences Committee of the Council for National Academic Awards (CNAA) and a member of the Council of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). He was also a member of the Academic Council of the Institute for Economic Affairs (IEA), sat on the board of the Avoidable Deaths Network, and served as a specialist adviser to the Finance Committee of the Scottish Parliament.

Peter's books included: *The Impact of Tax Changes on Income Distribution* (1973), *Public Sector Economics* (1978, with CV Brown), *The Consumer and the Public Sector* (1978), *The Planning and Control of Public Expenditure* (1978), *Current Issues in Fiscal Policy* (1979, with ST Cooke), *First Steps in Measuring Performance in the Public Sector*, (1989, with DR Palmer), *The Political Economy of Bureaucracy* (1982) and *The Macro-Economic Environment* (1995, with NM Healey and S Ghatak). He also edited the *Political Economy Series* for Harvester Press and sat on the editorial board of the journal *Management and Decision*.

The world needs true educators.

Thank you to Professor Peter Jackson; I hope my thesis constitutes a tiny bit to his huge legacy.

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