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John Davies is an economist specialising in the areas of competition policy and economic regulation.

After taking degrees in economics from Cambridge and Oxford, he worked as a consulting economist from 1994 to 2003 for various firms before joining the UK Competition Commission as Deputy Chief Economist, then Chief Economist. He managed a team of 20 to 30 economists in a period in which the CC took on new legal responsibilities and undertook major investigations into Groceries and Airports, the BskyB/ITV merger inquiry and a regulatory inquiry into mobile telephony.

At the start of 2009 John took up a two-year post to establish the new Competition Commission of Mauritius. As its first Executive Director, he was responsible for all aspects of running the institution, including initiating and running investigations, for final decision by Commissioners. The CCM became fully operational before the end of the year, and he led the new institution through its first year of work, investigating sectors including meat imports, insurance, travel agents, banks and telecoms.

In May 2011, John became Head of the Competition Division of the OECD in Paris. The division supports the work of the Competition Committee of the OECD, through analytical work for discussion at the Committee as well as advisory and assistant work to member countries and 'outreach' work to non-member countries. The division supports an annual 'global forum' for competition officials from around 100 jurisdictions.