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From February 2021 to October 2022 he has acted as Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister Office of the Italian Government, under the premiership of Mario Draghi. Since May 2023, he has been appointed by the Italian President of the Republic as Expert Counsellor to the Italian Economic and Social Committee. In this capacity he coordinates the Italian National Productivity Board.

His main areas of research and publication are international trade and investment, the political economy of globalization and its implication on competitiveness. He has published in several leading academic journals, among which Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Journal of Industrial Economics, European Economic Review, Economic Policy, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of International Business Studies. His last book, *The Economics of Firms' Productivity*, has been published by Cambridge University Press.



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Greg Clark

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The Rt Hon Greg Clark is Executive Chair of the University of Warwick's Innovation District. From 2025, he will be Chair of the Japan Society and Chair of the Society of Chemical Industry. Greg served as Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy from 2016 to 2019, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government from 2015 to 2016 and Minister for Universities and Science from 2014 to 2015. He previously held ministerial positions in HM Treasury, the Cabinet Office and the Department of Communities and Local Government. During the last Parliament, Greg chaired the cross-party Science, Innovation and Technology Select Committee.



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Her research focuses on productivity, the digital economy and digital policy, and economic measurement. She has been writing about the effects of digital technologies since her first book, *The Weightless World*, published in 1997. The underlying motivation for all her work is the question: what does it mean for the economy to improve, and who benefits?

Diane is also a member of the UK Government's Industrial Strategy Advisory Council, New Towns Taskforce, and advises the Competition and Markets Authority. She has served previously in a number of public service roles including as Vice Chair of the BBC Trust, member of the Competition Commission, and of the Natural Capital Committee. Diane was awarded a DBE in 2023 for her contribution to economics and public policy.

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