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Curriculum Vitae

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at national or local level: Law lecturer at Dundee, Oxford and Edinburgh Universities; appointed to the Chair of Public Law at Edinburgh University, 1972; Dean of Faculty of Law, Edinburgh University, 1973-76 and 1985-88, and of Social Sciences 1993-7, Vice Principal for International Affairs 1997-9. Member of SNP's National Executive Committee since 1978.

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