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The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA) is pleased to announce the election of Professor Glenn Withers AO FASSA, as President for a three year term commencing 01 January 2016.

Professor Glenn Withers is Professor of Economics at the ANU and was the founding CEO of Universities Australia. Prior to that he was Professor of Public Policy at ANU and at the Australia and New Zealand School of Government.

He has been a government and business adviser and chaired or co-chaired various government inquiries including into population issues, private finance of infrastructure and micro-economic reform. He was awarded an AO for contributions to applied economics, including for development of the Australian immigration points system.

He is a Monash graduate, was Knox, Menzies and Fulbright Fellow at Harvard, and has held academic posts in Australia and overseas including Harvard and Cambridge. He has published on topics ranging from conscription to the performing arts and, most recently, co-edited *The Cambridge Economic History of Australia* published in October 2014.

Professor Withers was elected as incoming President by the Academy Fellows at their 2015 Annual General Meeting.

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