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Robert Holzmann, an Austrian national, is Director of the Social Protection Department of the World Bank. His department is in charge of the conceptual and strategic Bank work in the area of social risk management and it leads the Bank's work on labor market reforms, social insurance (in particular pensions), and social safety nets.

Before joining the Bank he was professor of economics (International Economics and European Economy) and the director to the European Institute at the University of Saarland, Germany (1992-97, with leave of absence till 2003), and before professor of economics at the University of Vienna, Austria. He was also Visiting Professor at various universities in Japan (Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, February 2001), Chile (Catholic University of Santiago de Chile, February-April, 1995) and Austria (University of Graz and Linz), and lectured at Harvard University (USA) and Oxford University (UK).

As principal administrator at the OECD (1985-87), he wrote a comprehensive report on public pension reform in industrialized countries. As senior economist at the IMF (1988-1990), he was heavily involved in fiscal and social security issues of Hungary, Poland and Bulgaria during the initial transition from plan to market. His research on and operational involvement in pension reforms extends to all regions of the world, and he has published 24 books and over 100 articles on social, fiscal and financial policy issues.

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