



Biography

Rt Hon Peter Riddell



Peter will take up the post of Director from 1st January 2012. He currently divides his time between the Institute for Government, and the Detainee Inquiry, a privy counsellor panel looking at whether the British Government was implicated in the improper treatment of detainees held by other countries. Peter resigns this role on 31st December 2011. At the Institute, he has co-authored reports on Transitions and Ministerial Effectiveness and has been closely involved in work on political and constitutional reform. Until mid-2010, Peter had been a journalist for nearly 40 years, split between the Financial Times and The Times, where he had been their domestic political analyst and commentator. He has been a regular broadcaster, has written seven books and delivered frequent lectures. He chairs the Hansard Society, a non-partisan charity which promotes understanding of Parliament and representative democracy. Peter has received two honorary doctorates of literature, is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, an Honorary Fellow of the Political Studies Association and was one of the first recipients of the President's medal of the British Academy. He was appointed to the Privy Council in July 2010 in order to serve on the Detainee Inquiry.