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Michael Osborne has been at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) since 1980. He has held posts as Senior Researcher (China and Pacific Basin), Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary General of OECD, Head of the Science and Technology Policy Division of OECD, and Deputy Director for Science, Technology and Industry Department of the OECD. He is presently Director of Multidisciplinary Issues in OECD and Director of the OECD's International Futures Programme. He is also Director for the OECD's Global Science Forum.

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