



Oliver Hart

Nobel Laureate in Economics 2016

Oliver Hart is currently the Andrew E. Furer Professor of Economics at Harvard University, where he has taught since 1993

Oliver's biography

About Oliver Hart

He is the 2016 co-recipient of the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, a Fellow of the Econometric Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the British Academy, and the American Finance Association, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and has several honorary degrees.

Hart works mainly on contract theory, the theory of the firm, corporate finance, and law and [economics](#). His research centers on the roles that ownership structure and contractual arrangements play in the governance and boundaries of corporations. He has published a book (Firms, Contracts, and Financial Structure, Oxford University Press, 1995) and numerous journal articles.

He has used his theoretical work on firms in two legal cases as a [government](#) expert (Black and Decker v. U.S.A. and WFC Holdings Corp. (Wells Fargo) v. U.S.A.).

He has been president of the American Law and Economics Association and a vice president of the American Economic Association.

Oliver's talks

- **Does Serving Shareholders Mean Putting Profit Above All Else?**
- **Overcoming Contractual Incompleteness: The Role of Guiding Principles**
- **Incomplete Contracts and Control**

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