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## **Professor Gordon L. Clark, DSc, FBA** Director of the Oxford University Centre for the Environment

Gordon L. Clark is the Halford Mackinder Professor of Geography at the University of Oxford. He is executive director of the Oxford University Centre for the Environment (OUCE) and the head of its corresponding academic department, the School of Geography and the Environment. He is responsible not only for its academic and research programs but also its development, including a new initiative—joining with the Prince's Trust to offer a new M.Sc. degree for practicing professionals that links urban development and design with long-term environmental sustainability. Furthermore, in the Graduate School of the OUCE, Professor Clark leads teaching and research on financial markets and corporate responsibility, including the accounting of environmental liabilities and the scope of corporate environmental and social accountability. He holds a professorial fellowship at Saint Peter's College, is cross-affiliated with the Oxford Institute of Ageing, and has been a program director (Executive Education) in the Säid Business School at Oxford.

Professor Clark received a D.Sc. from the University of Oxford, and in 2005 he was elected a Fellow of the British Academy. He has taught at Harvard

University and is currently a senior research associate of the Labor and Worklife Program at Harvard Law School. He is an honorary professor at the University of Melbourne and has also taught at the University of Chicago, Carnegie Mellon University, and Monash University in Australia. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from McMaster University, where he earned a Ph.D., and also the Chancellor's Medal of the University of California–Santa Barbara. Professor Clark has been an Andrew Mellon Fellow at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, DC and a DAAD Fellow at the University of Marburg in Germany. He serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of Lund University in Sweden and on the Visiting Committee of Geography and Environmental Engineering at Johns Hopkins University.

Professor Clark's published works include the books *Pension Fund Capitalism* (Oxford University Press, 2000)—a study of the evolution of pension funds in advance economies: their structure and management, investment strategies, and the decision-making relevant to urban infrastructure and economic development—and *European Pensions & Global Finance* (Oxford University Press, 2003)—a study of the interaction between European pension funding and the imperative of global competition in financial services. He is also the author of *Pension Security in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Oxford University Press, 2003), a set of original essays devoted to the nature and scope of pension funding problems with contributions drawn from the European Union, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the United States. More recently he co-edited the *Oxford Handbook of Pensions and Retirement Income* (Oxford University Press, 2006).

Professor Clark's latest book, co-authored with Dariusz Wójcik and entitled *The Geography of Finance: Corporate Governance in the Global Marketplace* (Oxford University Press, 2007), is a study of the performance of global financial markets, with implications for the convergence or divergence in corporate governance to global standards. It seeks to demonstrate both the geographical foundations of European corporations and their responsiveness to the interests of global portfolio managers.