

Brief Biography for Antonio Estache

Antonio Estache is a Senior Economic Advisor to both the Vice President for Infrastructure and the Vice President for Macroeconomics and Poverty (PREM). He is a Belgian national and received his Ph.D. in Economics from the Université Libre de Bruxelles. Mr. Estache has worked at the World Bank for over 20 years as both a regulatory and public sector economist. Mr. Estache, who is fluent in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese, has advised governments in Asia, Latin America and West Africa on infrastructure regulation and public sector reform. He teaches regularly in Europe, the US, Latin America and Africa as part of his extra-curricular activities. He also has over 60 publications in economic journals or books.

Recent books include:

- “A Primer on Efficiency Measurement for Utilities and Transport Regulators, (2003, with T. Coelli, S. Perelman and L. Trujillo)
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