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David Watson is an historian and Professor of Higher Education Management at the Institute of Education, University of London. He was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Brighton between 1990 and 2005.

He has contributed widely to developments in UK higher education, including as a member of the Council for National Academic Awards (1977-1993), the Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council (1988-92), and the Higher Education Funding Council for England (1992-96).

He was a member of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation's National Commission on Education, and the National Committee of Inquiry into Higher Education.

Watson was the elected chair of the Universities Association for Continuing Education between 1994 and 1998, and chaired the Longer Term Strategy Group of Universities UK between 1999 and 2005.

He is a Trustee of the Nuffield Foundation, a Companion of the Institute of Management, and a National Teaching Fellow (2008). He chaired the national *Inquiry into the Future for Lifelong Learning*, and co-authored its report *Learning Through Life* (2009).

He was knighted in 1998 for services to higher education. In 2009 he received the *Times Higher Education Lifetime Achievement Award*.