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Biography

Professor Robert Thomson is Professor of Political Science in the School of Social Sciences, Monash University. He joined Monash University in 2017, and previously held positions in the Netherlands at the Universities of Groningen and Utrecht, Ireland at Trinity College Dublin, and the United Kingdom at the University of Strathclyde. He received the PhD in Sociology at the University of Groningen, Netherlands in 1999.

His research focuses on two broad areas of politics: international comparisons of democratic representation, and international governance. He and his colleagues are examining the conditions under which politicians keep and break the promises they make to voters when they enter government office. He also has ongoing research on the European Union and on international cooperation in climate change policy.