

Biography: Prof Ivan Turok

Prof Ivan Turok has a PhD in Economics from the University of Reading in England and is the Executive Director: Economic Performance and Development at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC). He has authored more than 150 peer-reviewed publications and 11 books/monographs and holds an NRF B1-rating. Currently, he is SARChI Research Chair in City-Region Economies at the UFS.

Prof Turok is the former Editor-in-Chief of the top international journal, *Regional Studies*, and was Chairman of the Durban City Planning Commission. He also held the position of Professor of Urban Economic Development and Director of Research: Department of Urban Studies at the University of Glasgow.

Prof Turok also used to be a Mellon Fellow at the University of Cape Town and Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Strathclyde in Scotland. He is an occasional adviser to the United Nations, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), African Development Bank, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), and several national governments.

His recent books include *Transitions in Regional Economic Development* (2018, Routledge), *Value Chains in Sub-Saharan Africa* (2019, Springer), and *Restoring the Core: Central City Decline and Transformation in the South* (2020, Elsevier).