

Minouche Shafik was appointed Director of the London School of Economics as of 1 September 2017.

An economist by training, Minouche has spent most of her career straddling the worlds of public policy and academia. She completed a DPhil in economics at St Antony's College at the University of Oxford and her early research focused on the determinants of investment, the environment and economic growth, the economies of the Middle East and North Africa, trade and migration. Minouche spent 15 years at the World Bank, becoming the youngest vice-president in the history of the organisation at the age of 36. She then returned to the UK in 2004 subsequently taking up the position of Permanent Secretary of the Department for International Development.

She joined the IMF in 2011 as Deputy Managing Director with responsibility for many of the crisis countries in the Eurozone and the Arab countries in transition. From 2014-2017 she was Deputy Governor of the Bank of England responsible for a balance sheet of almost £475 billion and sat on all of the Bank's major policy committees (the Monetary Policy Committee, Financial Policy Committee, and Prudential Policy Committee).

Minouche currently serves as a Trustee of the British Museum, the Council of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, Governor of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research, and is Honorary Fellow of St. Antony's College Oxford. She holds honorary doctorates from the University of Warwick, the University of Reading, and Glasgow University. She was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in the Queen's New Year's Honours list in 2015.