

SUMMARY CURRICULUM VITAE

BART VAN ARK

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Present employment:

- Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, The Conference Board, New York
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Short profile

Bart van Ark (1960) is Senior Vice President and Chief Economist at The Conference Board, a global research organization with its head office in New York City in the United States. He is also a professor in Economic Development, Technological Change and Growth at the University of Groningen (The Netherlands) where he teaches in the areas of economic growth, development economics, economic history and international economics and business. He is former director and current member of the Groningen Growth and Development Centre (<http://www.ggdc.net>), a research group working on long term economic growth and productivity.

Van Ark has extensively published in leading national and international journals, including the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, *The Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, and *Economic Policy*. From 2004-2008 he has been managing editor of the *Review of Income and Wealth*. He has also on the editorial boards of several other academic journals and on various national and international advisory committees in the area of productivity and national accounts. He is involved in various projects sponsored by the Netherlands Scientific Council (NWO), the European 5th, 6th and 7th Framework Programmes, and the U.S. National Science Foundation.

Van Ark has participated in a range of international research projects, including the Productivity Program of the McKinsey Global Institute (1992 and 1993) and the CEPR Program on "Comparative Experience of Economic Growth in Postwar Europe" (1994-1996). From 2004-2008 he coordinated a large European consortium of research institutes on “Productivity in the European Union: A Comparative Industry Approach” (<http://www.euklems.net>). Van Ark also consulted for (inter)national government agencies, including the Dutch government, the European Commission and the OECD, as well as for private business. He is also associated with the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) in Berlin as a Research Professor.

5 Key Publications

- Bart van Ark and Dirk Pilat (1993), "Productivity Levels in Germany, Japan, and the United States: Differences and Causes", *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity: Microeconomics 2*, Washington D.C., December
- Bart van Ark, Erik Monnikhof and Nanno Mulder (1999), “Productivity in Services: An International Comparative Perspective”, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, vol. 32, no. 2, April, pp. 471-499
- Marcel P. Timmer and Bart van Ark (2005), “IT in the European Union: A driver of productivity divergence?”, *Oxford Economic Papers*, vol. 57 no. 4, pp. 693-716.
- Robert Inklaar, Marcel Timmer and Bart van Ark (2008), “Market Services Across Europe and the U.S.”, *Economic Policy*, Vol. 23 (53), January, pp. 139–194.
- Bart van Ark, Mary O’Mahony and Bart van Ark (2008), “The Productivity Gap between Europe and the U.S.: Trends and Causes”, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 22 (1), Winter, pp. 25-44.