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PUBLIC GOODS: Some Inter-temporal Considerations

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This lecture reviews the literature on the voluntary contributions to public goods by repeatedly-interacting contributors. It discusses how the economic theory of choice of sequences of actions sheds light on the outcomes of voluntarism, and will draw attention to abstract public goods, such as the stock of mutual trust in a community and the building up of a spirit of cooperation. Applications of Professor Long's research range from foreign aid to memberships in international environmental agreements and will be presented at his lecture.

Professor Long is currently the James McGill Professor of Economics at McGill University, Montréal, Canada. Prior to this, Professor Long was a Professor of Economics at The Australian National University (ANU). Professor Long's main areas of research include natural resources and environmental economics, dynamic games and inter-temporal optimisation, and international economics. Professor Long has published widely, including his latest book *A survey of Dynamic Games in Economics*. Professor Long completed his PhD in economics at ANU in 1975 and was awarded the John Crawford Prize in 1975 for his thesis.

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