



Tony Atkinson (Sir Anthony Atkinson) passed away on 1 January at age 73. Tony's death is a huge loss to us. On the scientific side, Tony was the first (with Simon Kuznets) to have developed a systematic and comprehensive analysis of the dynamics of income and wealth. Thus, Tony pioneered a whole new subfield of economics – the economics of inequality - which has become increasingly prominent over the past years. But Tony's contribution went beyond that of understanding the sources and mechanisms of inequality. He also pushed our thinking on how to mitigate inequality. Some of his recent thoughts on how to fight inequality are conveyed in his recent book "*Inequality – What can be done?*". What characterizes Tony's contribution to Economics, is that it uses economic analysis with highest scientific standards (matching serious modeling with thorough empirical analysis) to deal with social reality. Moreover, beyond his immense scientific contribution, Tony was so modest and showing legendary kindness and humanity, always available for discussing and commenting on his colleagues' research projects. Tony will always remain as a role model for new generations of economic scholars and the best possible image of our profession. His death is a huge loss for the profession as a whole.