

*Professor Ron Smith will give the **sixth annual EFiC memorial lecture in celebration of John Nankervis**, former Professor of Finance at Essex Business School.*

**Ron Smith** is Professor of Applied Economics at Birkbeck, University of London, where he teaches statistics and econometrics. Prior to joining Birkbeck in 1976, he taught at Cambridge. He has also been visiting professor at London Business School and the University of Colorado. He has written 6 books, edited another 3 and published over 200 papers mainly in applied econometrics and defence economics. His book *Military Economics: the interaction of power and money* (Palgrave 2009) was shortlisted for the 2010 Duke of Westminster's Medal for Military Literature. He has acted as a consultant to a range of bodies including Frontier Economics and the UK National Audit Office on defence projects. He is an Associate Fellow of the Royal United Services Institute and regularly lectures at the UK Defence Academy. He was awarded the 2011 Lewis Fry Richardson lifetime achievement award for contributions to the scientific study of militarised conflict by the European Consortium of Political Research.

