

Biography

Lord Wallace studied at Cambridge, Cornell and Oxford Universities. He fought five parliamentary elections: Huddersfield West in 1970, Manchester Moss Side in February and October 1974, and Shipley in 1983 and 1987. He was made a Peer in 1995 and became a spokesman on Foreign Affairs and Defence. In 1996 he became a member of the Select Committee on the European Communities. In 2001 he became the Party's main frontbench spokesperson in the House of Lords on Foreign Affairs. In November 2004 he was elected joint Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Peers. He returned to the Federal Policy Committee as the Lords representative in 2005, and has served on several policy groups. He has been chair of the advisory board of the liberal think tank, CentreForum, for five years.

Apart from his political career Lord Wallace has been Director of Studies of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, from 1978-1990 and a Walter Hallstein Senior Research Fellow at St. Anthony's College, Oxford. He was responsible for setting up the International Relations Department at the Central European University and also a visiting professor from 1993-96. In 1995 he became part of the Department of International Relations at the London School of Economics; since 2005 he has been Emeritus Professor.

He has published several books including *The Transformation of Western Europe* (1990), *Regional Integration: the West European Experience* (1995), *Rethinking European Order* (with Robin Niblett, 2001), and *Non-State Actors in Global Politics* (with Daphne Josselin, 2001). He also wrote the Penguin paperback *Why Vote Liberal Democrat* for the general election in 1997.

Lord Wallace is a Liberal Democrat Deputy Leader in the House of Lords as well as a spokesperson for Home Affairs and Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.