

John Loos

John acquired the degree Master in Economics at the University of Stellenbosch before starting his career as an economist in the National Treasury. He was part of the team that implemented the country's first Medium Term Expenditure Framework in the early days of Minister Trevor Manuel's tenure as Finance Minister. Thereafter, he became the Southern African Macroeconomist for Globalinsight, a major United States based economic consultancy with a global presence. He entered banking with BOE Group, shortly before moving to Absa Group in 2000 where he was the senior macroeconomist co-ordinating the Group's macroeconomic forecasting process. In 2004, he was named Reuters Economist of the Year. He acquired a passion for Property Cycle Analysis during what was possibly the greatest property boom in South African history, and in 2006, he left the world of Macroeconomics to join First National Bank as the bank's Property Economist.

He's a social endurance sport junkie, having brought up the rear of the field in events such as the Comrades Ultra-Marathon, the Ironman Ultra-Triathlon, and more recently the 2,300km Freedom Challenge Mountain Bike Race Across South Africa and the 2,800km Beit Bridge to Cape Town TransAfrika race. His sporting allegiances lie with the Blue Bulls.