

IDS News

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

1. Farming Development in India

The aim of this study is to predict and evaluate the response of agricultural production in two particular regions of India to policy alternatives affecting agriculture. The range of policies to be considered will include irrigation, fertilisers, seeds, credit, education, extension etc. The results of the study will consist of

- a) substantive conclusions with regard to the particular region studied; and
- b) the development of methods which could be used in other regions in India and in other countries.

The project is being undertaken jointly with the London School of Economics and is directed by Mr. L. Joy.

2. Public Administration Training

This project is investigating the training of administrative Civil Servants for developing countries. The study is restricted to institutional forms of training and aims to provide

- a) a reasonably comprehensive picture of the development, distribution patterns and costs of such training in developing countries since 1945.
- b) a detailed study of how such training may be evaluated and what is the value of the training studied.

Six persons will take part in the project which is directed by Messrs. Leys and Schaffer.

3. Scientific Instruments for India

This project, which is being undertaken jointly with the Science Policy Research Unit of the University, (16)

aims to explore the research and technical know-how problems involved in stimulating the growth of a science-based industry in a developing country by means of a thorough case study. It is under the direction of Dr. Oldham.

Individual research by Institute Staff

J. R. Symonds. A survey of the results of training in Pakistan under ODM awards and a survey of the work of the Specialised Agencies of the U.N.

M.A.B. Christie. Economic Studies of Zambia Construction Industry.

H.A. Alavi. Political Structure and Economic Development in Rural West Pakistan.

O. Braun. Economic Development in Chile 1938/63 and Private Investment in Argentina.

P. P. Streeten. Private Overseas Investment.

M. Staniland. The Ivory Coast - a Political Study.

H. E. Caustin. Technical Assistance - An Evaluation.

D. Seers. The "Brain Drain" from poor countries and its effect on income distribution.

D. Feldman. The determinants of agricultural change.

M. Lipton. Inter-farm differences in efficiency in an Indian village.

STUDY SEMINARS

During 1967 and early 1968, eighty-five Study Fellows attended Study Seminars on Aid and Trade, Development of the Rural Sector, Population Growth and Population Policies, and Employment, Education and Manpower Planning. In the main they were officials of developing countries but a number were from countries, universities, voluntary organisations and elsewhere.

In the Seminars emphasis is laid upon the exchange of ideas and experience. Work is done through syndicates and lectures, the approach being to use the former for relating the experience of participants to the general principles that are raised in the latter.

Further seminars planned to take place during the rest of 1968 and the first half of 1969 are as follows:-

S.S.6.	30th June - 26th July.	Finance & Resources for Economic Development.	M. Lipton
S.S.5.	3rd Sept. - 27th Sept.	Aid and Trade.	P. P. Streeten
S.S.7.	3rd Nov. - 6th Dec.	Plan Implementation.	C. T. Leys
S.S.8.	4th May - 13th June 1969.	Development Planning Employment, Education and Manpower.	A. R. Jolly
S.S.9.	15th June - 18th July. 1969	Population Policy.	D.E.C. Eversley

Conferences to be held by the Institute

Since the Institute's Founding Conference was held in the Autumn of 1966, several conferences have been held under Institute auspices and a number have been planned for the future. The topics of conferences held so far have been as follows: "The Role of Science and Technology in Development", "The Fourth Indian Five Year Plan", "The Role of Private Overseas Investment in Development" and "UNCTAD II". Several have also been held specifically to enable officials from the Ministry of Overseas Development to explore particular aspects of development policy in discussion with the staff of the Institute, universities and other organisations. The first dealt with Britain's contribution to training, the second with British aid to higher education in the developing countries, and the third with development administration. (17)

From the 28th June to 2nd July, a conference will be held on the Politics of Development directed by Professor C. T. Leys. Also planned are conferences on "The Crisis in Planning", "Social Prerequisites for Agricultural Co-operation" and a conference on "Technical Assistance by Volunteers".

Further information on major conferences will be given in later editions of the Bulletin.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

I.D.S. Mimeo Series

1. "The Problem of Agricultural Administration and Extension Services", by Leonard Joy (Paper given at the 13 International Conference of Agricultural Economists, Sydney, August 1967).
2. "Science, Technology and Development. Their Implication for the I.D.S." by Dr. C.H.G. Oldham.
3. "A Model of Economic Stagnation - A case study of the Argentine Economy", by Oscar Braun and Leonard Joy. This Article has been accepted for publication by the Economic Journal.
4. "A Game against Nature: Theories of peasant decision making". by M. Lipton. (Paper prepared for B.B.C. Third Programme.)
5. "A Game against Nature: Strategies of Security", by M. Lipton. (Paper prepared for B.B.C. Third Programme).
6. "Some Practical Issues of International Economics", by Dr. H. W. Singe.
7. "Urban Bias and Agricultural Planning in India", by M. Lipton. (To be published by OUP in July 1968, in a book, The Crisis of Indian Planning, edited by Paul Streeten and Michael Lipton.
8. "A Primer for Aid Recipients", by Paul Streeten.
9. "The Problems of Universities in Developing Countries", by Colin Leys and John Shaw.
10. "Economic Development and Education", by Paul Streeten.
11. "National Coffee Policy: Industrialisation and Development", by Paul Streeten.
12. "International Capital Movements", by Paul Streeten.

Joint Reprint Series of the School of African and Asian Studies,
University of Sussex and the I.D.S.: Selected Titles.

1. "Population, Land and Decreasing Returns to Agricultural Labour", by Michael Lipton.
2. "The Concept of Preparation. Some questions about the Transfer of Systems of Government", by Bernard Schaffer.
3. "Advising about Development", by Bernard Schaffer.
4. "The Peasant View of the Bad Life", by F. G. Bailey.
5. "The Economics of Food Production", by J. L. Joy.
6. "The Use and Abuses of Models in Development Planning", by Paul Streeten.
7. "The Frontiers of Development Studies: Some Issues of Development Policy", by Paul Streeten.

8. "On Approaches to the Study of International Relations", by David Vital.
9. "A Report on Some Trends in Indian Elections: The Case of Uttar Pradesh", by B. D. Graham.
10. "Resettlement from the Nile in Sudan", by D. J. Shaw.