



# PROGRESS REPORT

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## PEER REVIEW MEETINGS FOR PROJECT PUBLICATIONS

Each of the project's volumes in the publication series is subjected to a peer review to ensure quality scholarship and as much historical accuracy as possible. Each volume is reviewed both at its mid-point—when there of three or four chapters are available—and when a clean first draft of the entire manuscript is ready. In consultation with the authors, the secretariat invites a small group of specialists to give critical feedback on the volume at each stage, with a view toward finalizing the text. Once project directors are satisfied that the manuscript is ready for submission to Indiana University Press, it is sent to the publisher for copyediting and production.

The project held a final review session for *Quantifying the World: UN and Statistics* (by Michael Ward) at the project's Geneva office in May 2002 with Michael Ward, Richard Jolly, Joann Vanek, Yves Berthelot, and Paolo Garona.

Review sessions were also held for four other volumes at the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation in Uppsala, Sweden 12-14 June 2002. Final review sessions were held for *UN Contributions to Development Thinking and Practice* (by Richard Jolly, Louis Emmerij, Dharam Ghai, and Frédéric Lapeyre) and *International Trade, Finance, and Development* (by John Toye and Richard Toye). At that meeting, we also reviewed preliminary outlines for *The Eye of the Storm? The United Nations and Transnationals* (by Tagi Sagafi-nejad and John Dunning) and *The United Nations and Global Resource Management* (by Nico Schrijver).

Joining the authors and project staff in the reviews were Olle Nordberg, Sven Hamrell, and Niclas Hallstrom of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, J. Ann Tickner, Graciana del Castillo, Ramesh Thakur, Olav Stokke, and Arthur Westing. Stephany Griffith-Jones was unable to attend but sent detailed review notes on the Toye manuscript, as did Gerry Helleiner. Margaret Joan Anstee provided detailed comments on the Jolly et al. volume.

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## PROJECT'S FIRST BOOK WINS CHOICE AWARD

*Ahead of the Curve? UN Ideas and Global Challenges*, (2001), has been selected as one of the prestigious *Choice Magazine's* 39<sup>th</sup> Annual 2003 Outstanding Academic Titles.

More recently, we reviewed four chapters each of *Women Enrich Development and the UN* (by Devaki Jain) and *The Unfinished Revolution: the UN and Human Rights* (by Roger Normand and Sarah Zaidi). These mid-term review sessions were held at the project's New York offices in November 2002. Joining project staff and the author of *Women Enrich Development* were Charlotte Bunch, Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Andras Inotai, Rounaq Jahan, E.S. Reddy, Domna C. Stanton, Joann Vanek, and Margaret Snyder. Joining the authors of *The Unfinished Revolution* and project staff were Mirna Adjami, Anne Bayefsky, Margaret Crehan, David Forsythe, James Jonah, Devaki Jain, Gert Rosenthal, and Andras Inotai. Philip Alston could not attend but is sending detailed comments to the authors.

## UPCOMING PEER REVIEW SESSIONS

A final review session for *A Critical History of the UN and Human Security* (by S. Neil MacFarlane and Yuen Foong-Khong) is scheduled for January 2003 in Geneva. A mid-term review session for *The Eye of the Storm? The United Nations and Transnationals* is being scheduled for April 2003 in New York.

The project is pleased to be hosted again by the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation in Uppsala in June 2003, when we have scheduled reviews for three additional volumes: three chapters of *The United Nations and Global Resource Management* have been scheduled for review, along with a mid-term review session for *International Development Strategies* (by Olav Stokke). A final review session for *The Eye of the Storm? The United Nations and Transnationals* is also planned. This will be the third year in a row that Olle Nordberg and his colleagues will be our generous hosts.

## FOUR BOOKS SCHEDULED FOR 2003

We are pleased to report that two of the volumes in the project's publication series have been submitted to the publisher. *Unity and Diversity: Perspectives from the UN Regional Commissions* is edited by Yves Berthelot with chapters by Adebayo Adedeji, Leelananda de Silva, Gert Rosenthal, and Blandine Destremau. This is the only edited volume in the series. It documents the work and ideas of the five regional commissions from their

**Unity and Diversity in Development Ideas:  
Perspectives from the UN Regional  
Commissions**

**Edited by Yves Berthelot**

1. Unity and Diversity of Development: The Regional Commissions' Experience  
*Yves Berthelot*
2. ECE: A Bridge Between East and West  
*Yves Berthelot and Paul Rayment*
3. From ECAFE to ESCAP: Pioneering a Regional Perspective  
*Leelananda de Silva*
4. ECLAC: A Commitment to a Latin American Way towards Development  
*Gert Rosenthal*
5. ECA: Forging a Future for Africa  
*Adebayo Adedeji*
6. ESCWA: Striving for Regional Integration  
*Blandine Destremau*

founding. In addition to drafting the chapter on the Economic Commission for Europe, Yves Berthelot, the editor, has contributed a summary chapter, comparing and contrasting the record and contributions of the five commissions. The volume provides a fascinating contribution to UN history, which we hope will be of special interest to those in the regions concerned.

*Quantifying the World: UN and Statistics*, by Michael Ward, examines the understudied and underappreciated aspects of the story essential to the role of the UN in developing statistical systems and indicators, environmental and social indicators, and economic ones. Two other volumes are near completion. *International Trade, Finance, and Development*, by John Toye and Richard Toye, and *UN Contributions to Development Thinking and Practice*, by Richard Jolly, Louis Emmerij, Dharam Ghai, and Frédéric Lapeyre. All four books are expected to be published in 2003.

**PROJECT HOLDS MEETING ON GENDER**

On 22 May 2002, the project invited a group of specialists on gender and development to an informal lunch for a briefing on the project and a discussion on the project's gender dimensions. Project directors and staff were joined by Christine Brautigam, Charlotte Bunch, Sarah Zaidi, Charlotte Patton, Domna Stanton, Margaret Snyder, Joann Vanek, and Lourdes Arizpe.

The discussion was substantive, broad-ranging, and supportive, and examined ways in which all the volumes

could reflect a gender critique. The task clearly is not to re-write the history of the UN but to use the lens of gender to illuminate the omissions in the UN record as well as the gradual evolution of awareness and action on gender issues. The role of the UN in making ideas consensual—raising the interesting question about which ideas get this treatment and which ideas get left out—is key. There is need to take account of how the evolution of thinking on gender outside the UN has shaped the UN itself – and how this has played out in the UN in the area of the theme of each of the UNIHP volumes.

We concluded that one obvious way of bringing a gender critique into all the volumes would be by ensuring that the review panels for each project publication include professional expertise on gender perspectives. To this end, the project circulated to all participants the list of volumes, brief bios of authors, and their locations. Everyone was encouraged to suggest possible reviewers.

**International Trade, Finance, and  
Development**

**John Toye and Richard Toye**

1. The UN Trade and Development Debates of the 1940s
2. The UN Economists and the Dynamics of Dissent
3. Michal Kalecki, the World Economic Report and McCarthyism
4. From Full Employment to Economic Development
5. The Early Terms of Trade Controversy
6. ECLA, Industrialization and Inflation
7. Competitive Co-existence and the Modernization Paradigm
8. Sidney Dell and the Birth of UNCTAD
9. UNCTAD under Raul Prebisch: Failure or Success?
10. Gamani Corea and the Charge of the Commodities Brigade
11. The Conservative Counter-Revolution
12. What Lessons for the Future?

## **Quantifying the World: UN Ideas and Statistics**

**by Michael Ward**

1. Introduction: Statistics in the Greater Scheme of Things
2. The Economic Dimension: Identifying the Paradigm and its Impact on Economic Measurement
3. The Social Dimension: Measuring Social Change and Progress
4. The Environmental Dimension: Depletion, Degradation, and Accounting for Environmental Change
5. Other Statistical Dimensions: The Search for the Missing Calculus
6. Some Concluding Thoughts: The Enduring Importance of Statistics

In discussing these points, a number of references were made to Devaki Jain's proposed outline for *Women Enrich Development and the UN*. The group had a spirited discussion about the book's proposed outline and offered a number of constructive suggestions aimed at lending focus to this volume.

### **ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS COMPLETED**

We are happy to report that the oral history interviews scheduled for this funding cycle have now been completed, with the exception of one scheduled for January 2003. This marks a total of 73 interviews, conducted in 26 cities for a total of about 300 hours.

The following individuals were interviewed since our last progress report. A complete list of persons interviewed may be found on our web site at [www.unhistory.org](http://www.unhistory.org).

- SHRIDATH RAMPHAL, London, January 2002
- LAWRENCE KLEIN, New Orleans, January 2002
- JACK STONE, New York, February 2002
- NOELEEN HEYZER, New York, February 2002
- RICHARD GARDNER, New York, February 2002
- MARGARET SNYDER, New York, March 2002
- DEVAKI JAIN, New York, March 2002
- SADA KO OGATA, New York, March 2002
- MAURICE BERTRAND, Geneva, March 2002
- KOFI ANNAN, New York, April 2002
- SAMIR AMIN, Paris, April 2002

- PEREZ DE CUELLAR, Paris, April 2002
- NAFIS SADIK, New York, May 2002
- PAULO PINHEIRO, New York & Brasilia, May & July 2002
- LOURDES ARIZPE, New York, May 2002
- KLAUS SAHLGREN, Korpoo, July 2002
- FERNANDO HENRIQUE CARDOSO, Brasilia, July 2002
- VIRENDRA DAYAL, New York, July 2002
- STEPHEN LEWIS, New York, September 2002

The final interview, with AMARTYA SEN, is scheduled for January 2003.

Once all of the oral history interviews are finalized, indexed, and formatted, we will begin to identify how to disseminate the collection of recorded life narratives to research institutions and to UN archival collections.

## **UN Contributions to Development Thinking and Practice**

**by Richard Jolly, Louis Emmerij, Dharam Ghai, and Frédéric Lapeyre**

1. Values and Criteria for this UN History
2. The History of Development Thinking from Adam Smith to John Maynard Keynes
3. The UN and Development Thinking and Practices in the 1940s & 1950s
4. The UN Development Decade: International Mobilization for Development
5. The 1970s: Equity in Development
6. The 1980s: Losing Control and Marginalizing the Poorest
7. The 1990s: Rediscovering a Human Vision
8. Building the Human Foundations
9. Structural and Sectoral Change
10. Economic Growth and Social Progress
11. Alternative Development Strategies: 1950-2000
12. Summary, Contributions, Omissions, and Missed Opportunities
13. Lessons for the Future

## WORK TO BEGIN ON WRITING ORAL HISTORY VOLUME

Now that the interviews have been completed, we plan to begin work in earnest in completing the oral history volume in the publication series that will contain extracts from interviews. *UN Ideas: Voices from the Trenches and Turrets*, by Thomas G. Weiss, Tatiana Carayannis, Louis Emmerij, and Richard Jolly, is scheduled for publication in 2004. This volume will present the life experience, insights, and lessons of the interviewees in their own words, and will be organized around a narrative of particular themes, events, and ideas related to the UN.

## DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?

Limited time and resources make it impossible for us to conduct oral history interviews with all those who may have served the UN as staff members, consultants, researchers, diplomats or chairs of commissions. However, anyone who has participated in UN development activities over the years, and who has a particular story to contribute about the nexus of development ideas, international public policy, and multilateral institutions, is welcome to send us a short, written contribution. Please see our website for information: [www.unhistory.org](http://www.unhistory.org).

Project director Louis Emmerij has just published "An Intellectual History of the United Nations," in *Development in Practice*, Volume 12, Number 5, November 2002, pp. 653-55.

## INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET IN UPPSALA IN JUNE 2003

The fifth meeting of the International Advisory Council will be held at the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation in Uppsala from 16 to 18 June 2002. This meeting combines IAC business with peer review sessions for some of the commissioned volumes.

## HISTORIANS MEET TO EXPLORE BETTER USE OF UN ARCHIVES

Emma Rothschild and Sunil Amrith of the Department of History and Economics hosted an informal luncheon meeting at Trinity College, Cambridge, on 6 December 2002 to discuss ways to improve knowledge and access to UN and related archives. Paul Kennedy of Yale University, and David Reynolds, Tim Harper, and Bernhard Fulda of Cambridge University were among those present, along with Jens Boel of UNESCO (who is also chair of the Section of International Organizations of the International Council on Archives). Richard Jolly of UNIHP was also present in order to ensure liaison with the project.

Among the ideas emerging were:

1. The importance of the UN archives and the need for greater recognition and financial support for them by

major governments, many of whose national archives receive much more substantive support.

2. The need for establishing a web site directory to all the main UN and related archival sources. Some of the most important UN documents and records are held in libraries outside the UN but their existence and whereabouts are not easily known.

3. The need for scholarship support for graduate students working on the UN from universities and other institutions in the Global South.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BEST WISHES  
FOR 2003 FROM THE UNIHP STAFF**

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