



PROGRESS REPORT

UNITED NATIONS INTELLECTUAL HISTORY PROJECT / UNIHP

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PUBLICATIONS

The first half of 2004 brought with it the publication of the next four volumes in the UNIHP series by Indiana University Press: *Unity and Diversity in Development Ideas: Perspectives from the UN Regional Commissions* edited by Yves Berthelot; *UN Contributions to Development Thinking and Practice*, by Richard Jolly, Louis Emmerij, Dharam Ghai, and Frédéric Lapeyre; *The UN and Global Political Economy: Trade, Finance, and Development*, by John Toye and Richard Toye; and *Quantifying the World: UN Contributions to Statistics*, by Michael Ward. That brought the total to five published volumes.

Two additional books went to press later this year. These were: *UN Voices: The Struggle for Development and Social Justice*, by Thomas G. Weiss, Tatiana Carayannis, Louis Emmerij, and Richard Jolly; *Women Enrich the United Nations and Development*, by Devaki Jain. We also held a substantive discussion on the progress of *The UN and Human Rights Ideas: The Unfinished Revolution*, by Roger Normand and Sarah Zaidi, which will go to press in 2005. These first two books will be in bookstores in the Spring and Fall of 2005.

ORAL HISTORY

Although we had completed the interview process, we did interview two previously scheduled individuals for the project's oral history in early 2004: Michael Doyle and Margaret "Molly" Bruce.

Project staff resumed the indexing of the interview transcripts earlier this year, a process which includes reviewing transcripts for spelling errors, missing names, etc. This indexing and final clean-up of the large number of transcripts required that we add one additional part-time research assistant to this task.

Discussions are under way with professional media companies about the production of the oral history CD-ROM. It is anticipated that this CD-ROM will be available for wide distribution in mid- or late 2005.

In addition, project staff have had preliminary discussions with the UN Library in New York to curate an exhibit on the oral histories that would open at the United Nations in 2005.

DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

The project is undertaking to publicize the main conclusions of its research and its oral history collection as widely as possible in order to stimulate debate on the importance of the UN in the 21st century. The 60th anniversary of the UN in 2005 provides an important

opportunity for these public efforts as well as to stimulate additional exploration of the UN's record by academics and graduate students, by journalists and policy analysts, in both developed and especially developing countries.

Already, a number of presentations on the preliminary findings of the project have been published as journal articles or presented before public groups and parliamentarians with interests in the UN, before students and academic groups, and at major international conferences.

Project staff has held planning discussions on dissemination and about participating in the UN's 60th anniversary commemoration activities with high-level UN staff and the UN Library in NY, as well as with the UN Foundation and members of the project's International Advisory Council.

Following is a list of some of the paper presentations, lectures, and project-sponsored conferences and seminars held during 2004. Planning for additional project-sponsored conferences and seminars is underway.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES BY UNIHP AUTHORS

Geneva, 24 February 2004

Presentation on *Unity and Diversity* at the annual meeting of the European Commission for Europe, Palais des Nations, Yves Berthelot

Geneva, 20-21 April 2004

"UN Social Thinking in Historical Perspective" – Paper by Louis Emmerij, Richard Jolly, and Thomas G. Weiss; presentation at the UNRISD 40th Anniversary Conference, Louis Emmerij

The Hague, 22-24 April 2004

Paper presentation on *UN and Global Political Economy*, at the Conference on The Evolution of Development Policies and Strategies, Center for Advanced Studies, John Toye

Shanghai, 22-28 April 2004

Presentation on *Unity and Diversity* at the annual meeting of the ESCAP, Yves Berthelot

Beirut, 11 May 2004

Presentation on *Unity and Diversity* at the annual meeting of the ESCWA, Yves Berthelot and Blandine Destremau

Geneva, 30 June-2 July 2004

Presentations on *Human Security* and UNIHP at the ACUNS annual meeting on “Human Security,” S. Neil McFarlane, Richard Jolly, and Thomas G. Weiss

Cork Island, UK 22-28 August 2004

Paper presentation on *Quantifying the World* at the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth Conference, Trinity College, Michael Ward

Manila, September 2004

Presentation on *Quantifying the World*, Michael Ward

Lund, Sweden 1 October 2004

Presentation on *UN Voices: The Struggle for Development and Social Justice* (chapters 9 & 10 of the oral history book) at the Dag Hammarskjöld Colloquium on “The Changing Role of the International Servant,” Thomas G. Weiss

UNIHP-SPONSORED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Oslo, 2-3 December 2004

The UN and Global, Regional, and National Development Challenges:
How did it Fare and How Does the Future Look? First Results of the United Nations Intellectual History Project

The Project held a two-day conference in collaboration with the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs highlighting the results from UNIHP research to date. The conference brought together development specialists to discuss the role of the UN in the face of development challenges of the 21st Century. It included presentations on the UNIHP books, *Ahead of the Curve*, *UN Contributions to Development*, *UN and Global Political Economy*, *Quantifying the World*, and *UN and Development Cooperation*. The first day of the conference focused primarily on development and development co-operation, past and future. The focus of the second day was on two themes – highlights of the oral history project, and a discussion of international economic relations, regional perspectives, and statistics. It ended with a panel discussion about the future of the UN and the Bretton Woods Institutions.

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