



# PROGRESS REPORT

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## PUBLICATIONS

In 2006 the project published one more volume in the UNIHP series by Indiana University Press: *Human Security and the UN: A Critical History*, by S. Neil MacFarlane and Yuen Foong-Khong.

An additional two volumes will be published in 2007. *Human Rights at the UN: The Political History of Universal Justice*, by Roger Normand and Sarah Zaidi went through substantial meetings, peer reviews, and revisions during 2006. *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations* edited by Thomas G. Weiss and Sam Daws—with 864 pages and 40 chapters, written by 40 leading scholars on the United Nations—will become the authoritative reference on the organization when published in May 2007 by Oxford University Press.

The volume *Preventive Diplomacy at the United Nations: The Journey of an Idea*, by B. G. Ramcharan, after being sent for three rounds of peer review and being the topic of two peer-review discussions, is nearly ready to go into production. *The UN and Transnationals, from Code to Compact*, by Tagi Sagafi-nejad in collaboration with John Dunning, has also undergone the peer review process and will go into production later in 2007.

## ORAL HISTORY

Additional funding from the Government of Finland has made it possible to complete two more interviews of key Finnish leaders: Martii Ahtisaari in July 2006 and Elisabeth Rehn in November 2006.

With the interview process completed, project staff finished indexing of the last of the transcripts, and completed a lengthy and careful copyediting process for all of the finalized, indexed transcripts in preparation for the publication of the full transcripts on CD-ROM, available in April 2007.

Work on the CD-ROM containing the complete oral history transcripts is nearly finished. The importance of this archival collection of recorded memories cannot be over-emphasized as there is precious little institutional memory at the UN and even fewer resources to capture the historical record. This CD-ROM will now make accessible, in searchable electronic format, the life stories of an extraordinary group of people from around the globe who contributed to the economic and social record of the United Nations.

Significant staff time has been devoted to working with designers in developing the layout, information architecture and content for the CD-ROM. Staff has also been creating a list of regional research institutes and

libraries to which copies of the CD-ROM will be sent for distribution. In particular, we will focus efforts on research organizations and libraries in the South in order to facilitate access by researchers in the South to these important oral histories. Copies will be sent to all major regional research institutions, including the Association of Arab Institutes and Centres for Economic and Social Development (AICARDES), the Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA), the Latin American Social Science Council (CLACSO), the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI), and the Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA). In addition, all UN depository libraries will receive copies.

## DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Project directors and authors made great efforts in 2006 to ensure that the research, ideas, and findings of this project continue to help inform debate and encourage interest in UN activities as well as facilitate further documentation of UN history. The project held numerous substantive seminar discussions organized around project research and book launches for academic and popular audiences in different world regions, wherever possible in collaboration with networks of UN researchers and other local partners.

In addition, project staff held several meetings and spent a great deal of time planning for 2007. In November 2006 the project hired Geoff Barnard, an independent consultant to help assess the dissemination work completed to date and to sketch out a new and more proactive strategy for dissemination as we move into the last phase of the project. Barnard met with UNIHP staff and conducted interviews with senior UN officials who are familiar with the project, and used these meetings to produce a report on dissemination strategies for 2007 and 2008. It is hoped that additional funding can be mobilized for targeted dissemination efforts.

UNIHP-related seminars and presentations included:

### **Montréal, Canada, 26 January 2006**

Thomas G. Weiss made a presentation on the United Nations Intellectual History Project at the Chaire Raoul-Dandurand en études stratégiques et diplomatiques, Université du Québec à Montréal.

### **Windsor, England, 2 February 2006**

**Commonwealth meeting, Cumberland Lodge, Great Windsor Park**

Richard Jolly spoke on the Power of UN Ideas.

**New York, 28 February 2006**

**Women in International Development and Security Policy**

In Celebration of International Women's Day and the 50th Anniversary of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies and the PhD Program in Political Science at The CUNY Graduate Center sponsored an informal conversation on "Women in International Development and Security Policy" with Devaki Jain—development economist, founding member of DAWN, and author of the recently published *Women, Development, and the UN*—and Barbara Haering, vice president of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and member of the Swiss Parliament.

**New York, 2 March, 2006**

**From Numbers to Influence: Women in Politics Making Economic Policy**

UNIFEM, in partnership with United Nations Development Programme, the National Democratic Institute and the Initiative for Inclusive Security will use the occasion of the CSW's focus on women's political participation to explore means of building women's capacity to advance a gender agenda in economic policy making. This CSW half-day parallel session will focus in particular on the engagement of women politicians in a non-traditional (or non-female-typed) area of decision-making: economic policy and rights. UNIHP author Devaki Jain spoke at the event.

**New York, 3 March, 2006**

**Women, Development and the UN: Time to Rethink the Agenda?**

The Feminist Press at the City University of New York and Institute of International Education held an afternoon panel discussion on women's past, present, and future role in international development. Speakers include: Devaki Jain, Development Economist and feminist writer Noeleen Heyzer, Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM); Joan-Ross-Frankson, Communications Director, Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO); Kristen Timothy, International Consultant on Gender.

**New York, 8 March 2006**

**Women in decision-making: Meeting challenges, creating change**

This panel discussion was moderated by Mr. Sashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, will include UNIHP author Devaki Jain; Ms. Noeli Pocater, an indigenous leader from Venezuela; Ms. Nabeela Abdulla Al-Mulla, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations; The Honorable Baleka Mbete of South Africa; and Dr. Susan Hockfield, President of MIT.

**San Diego, California, 21-25 March 2006**

**The North-South Divide and United Nations History**

One of the most visible and contested arenas for North-South confrontation has been within the UN system and global conferences. This roundtable, co-sponsored by the United Nations Intellectual History Project at the annual International Studies Association conference, was a conversation about how the divide was opened, bridged, or avoided across several important issue areas and within several key UN institutions. The work of the United Nations Intellectual History Project provided the nucleus for the discussion. Roundtable participants included Thomas G. Weiss, S. Neil MacFarlane, Craig Murphy, Tatiana Carayannis, and Ramesh Thakur.

**Geneva, Switzerland, 18 May 2006**

**"Hans Singer: Gentle giant of development"**

The Director of the International Institute for Labour Studies and the Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development sponsored "*Hans Singer: Gentle giant of development*," a memorial lecture by Sir Richard Jolly, UNIHP co-director and Honorary Professor, Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex.

**Kathmandu, Nepal, 23 May 2006**

**UN Meeting in UN House**

Richard Jolly made a presentation on the history of the UN and its lessons for UN Reform and the Future.

**Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 6-11 June 2006**

**Academic Council on the United Nations (ACUNS) Annual Conference**

**Plenary Roundtable on "The Power of UN Ideas"**

A plenary roundtable discussion on the UN Intellectual History project with Thomas G. Weiss, Gert Rosenthal, Nico Schrijver, and Michael Barnett.

**Glasgow, Scotland, 21-25 June 2006**

**6th CIVICUS World Assembly**

Devaki Jain was a special guest contributor to the panel, *Development Financing: Where is the Women's Dividend?* The panel discussion will be led by Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

**Nairobi, Kenya, 27 June 2006**

**"The United Nations and Kenya: fifty years of partnership"**

"The United Nations and Kenya: fifty years of partnership" was launched in Nairobi on June 26th in the Kenyatta Conference Centre, the first home of UNEP. This is an integrated review of the work of many of the 27 UN agencies operating in Kenya, covering pre-Independence work of UNICEF and WHO, the appointment of Bernard Chidzero as UNDP Resident representative at independence in 1963, and the establishment of UNEP and UN-Habitat, the two UN Programmes to have their global headquarters in Kenya.

The 88 page account is illustrated with many full page photographs of UN in action in different parts of the country. Richard Jolly gave a presentation on the Power of UN Ideas.

**Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-25 August 2006**  
**22nd General Assembly of CLACSO (Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales): *Crises and Alternatives to Neoliberalism***

Louis Emmerij addressed the Assembly on the subject: "Sixty Years of Development Discourse and the United Nations: Conclusions from the UN Intellectual History Project."

**Uppsala, Sweden, 19-23 September 2006**  
**Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation**

Louis Emmerij gave a talk on the UN Intellectual History Project at the What Next Forum.

**London, England, 21 November 2006**  
**London School of Economics Open Lecture**

Richard Jolly gave a lecture on the Power of UN Ideas.

**Warsaw, Poland, 30 November 2006**  
**Polish Institute for International Affairs**

Louis Emmerij gave a lecture on "Creativity in the United Nations Family of Organizations."

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