

IDS News

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The Institute and its Members

The Institute is now bursting at the seams and will remain in this condition until the end of the calendar year. All IDS members are expected to be in residence at this time of the year when a review of the work of the past 12 months is undertaken and detailed plans agreed for the year 1971-72. Projections further into the Institute's second quinquennium, which begins in August, 1971, are also underway.

In light of the above planning requirements, an intensive programme of meetings has been drawn up for the six week period ending on December 1st. As most members of IDS will be heavily involved in these meetings, visits to the Institute (that can be postponed) are not encouraged during this period. One of the first results of the first round of problem area group meetings was the renaming of the Aid and Trade PAG: INTERPAG, and of the Human Resources PAG: Social Development PAG.

A series of Tuesday Development Seminars has been re-initiated for this University year and Thursday IDS work-in-progress seminars commenced early in October.

More than a dozen new members of IDS have taken up their positions in the past three months. In the Social Development Problem Area Group: BARBARA LLOYD is now installed as fellow at IDS, on leave from her post as lecturer in social psychology at the University of Sussex. Her particular experience is in Kenya and Nigeria and her special interest in problems of motivation, incentives etc. DIANE GOLDREI started work in August as research assistant to prepare the groundwork for the Cuba project. Time pressures on the project have eased, however. In view of the present economic situation, the Cuban authorities, though certainly interested in seeing the project proceed, do not feel that a major team project should begin early in 1971. DAVID SLATER has brought his background in geography and experience in Peru to IDS to work temporarily on preparation of the IDS-CEDE project on spatial aspects of development in Colombia now submitted to ESCOR of ODM. E. O. AKERODOLU-ALE is visiting fellow at the Institute for one year to continue his studies of indigenous entrepreneurs in Nigeria. RENE ZAVALETA is visiting fellow from the University of La Paz concentrating in theory of economic development. PAUL JIRAK arrived in Sussex this month from the University of Linz, Austria, with the intention of working among other things, on the effects of aid on employment.

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INTERPAG has also grown with new members including Fellow ROBIN MURRAY; last engaged at the London Business School, his special work is the International firm. MOHINDER PURI is a research assistant whose higher degree work at Warwick concerned foreign investment in India. CHRIS BROWN, who has contributed a piece to an earlier Bulletin, is assisting JOHN WHITE with the forthcoming study seminar on "The Aid Recipient"; BRIAN VAN ARKADIE, who most recently directed a study seminar on "the State Corporation", will now be working in conjunction with this PAG, concentrating on relations between rich and poor countries. The Private Overseas Investment project has come to a close at IDS; LIONEL NEEDLEMAN and JONATHAN SEAGRAVE have concluded the IDS portion of that project which will now be based solely at Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford.

JOHN CONNELL a geography graduate, and SUSAN SCHOFIELD who studied social anthropology, have joined the Village Studies project group supervised by MICHAEL LIPTON in the Rural Development PAG. SUNDAY UNER has been appointed visiting fellow for one year; his work consists of analysing a comparative regional survey of villages from a field study organized from Hacettepe University (Ankara); RICHARD STERN ends a long term of work as research ass't & student; he is going to Washington, D.C. to work at the World Bank.

ANTHONY OBENG is now employed to work on field research in the Planning and Administration PAG on linkages between Development Administrators and communities in Ghana. PHILIP MAWHOOD, a research officer until September, has taken up an appointment with Birmingham University as lecturer in local government studies. BERNARD SCHAFFER has not yet recovered his health, and we all hope that his return will not be long delayed.

ROBERT WILL from Carleton College, Minnesota, is a visitor at the Institute for a year with backing from the U.S. National Science Foundation to expand his research in economics and international studies. SHAHPOOR BAZERGAN, after studying Islamic history at SOAS where he managed and helped to produce "Afrasian", is now replacing PRISCILLA WINGATE-SAUL as Administrator of the Study Seminar and Course Programmes of the Institute. His appointment comes at an Administrative turning point; LIZ THOMPSON, who has been at IDS nearly since its inception has just accepted an appointment as Assistant Registrar of The University of Sussex.

Overseas work and travel

RON DORE returned to the Institute in mid-September after a year at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, USA and several weeks in Japan. RICHARD JOLLY has returned from a 6 month UN assignment in the Development Division of the Zambian Ministry for Development and Finance, doing evaluations and drawing up the second national development plan. DAVID and RAYAH FELDMAN are now in England again after completing their extended stay in Tanzania working on projects in agricultural development.

ANN ZAMMIT, having recently been appointed to the Village Studies project for her experience in Latin America, is now going on a four months trip through the continents for the project.

HANS SINGER presented a paper at the Cambridge Conference on Employment Prospects in Developing Countries in the Seventies; he also gave two papers at the OECD Seminar on Transfer of Technology held in Istanbul.

DUDLEY SEERS gathered with economists and a team of experts, including several from the Latin American Institute for Social and Economic Planning (ILPES), in Santiago late in August to discuss unemployment in Latin America. He returned to Santiago early in October for a week's conference on the Prebisch Report, organised by the Latin American Development Bank (with the SID and ILPES). He presented a joint paper with R.JOLLY to the IEA.

RITA CRUISE O'BRIEN attended the Seventh World Congress of Sociology in Varna, Bulgaria in September, and presented a paper on her research in Senegal.

About 8 people from IDS travelled to Cambridge for the Second Socialist Economists Conference this month. ROBIN MURRAY and PHILIP O'BRIEN read papers. BRIAN VAN ARKADIE and several higher degree students also made the trip.

FIONA WILSON went to a conference in Madrid on spatial aspects of development; she has gone on to an intensive Spanish language course in Malaga; both stops form a good foundation for the project in Colombia which IDS hopes to mount jointly with CEDE, the Economic Development Research Centre of The University of The Andes in Bogota.

GEOFF WOOD has similarly embarked on an intensive course in linguistics at Wycliffe Summer School in Surrey as preparation for his project work in India. He is now engaged with 5 other IDS people on a 4 hour-a-week, 3 month course in Hindi.

Professor WALTER ELKAN was the first of our Associates to take advantage of the Institute's offer to allow free accommodation to Associates (subject to the availability of space).

New Projects

ANTHONY OBENG new to IDS in October, has embarked on a study of the "Linkages between development administrators and communities in Ghana." The research focuses on some of the problems of linkages which affect administrative action in the new states of Africa. ODM's ESCOR funds have been obtained for the two year project.

GEOFF WOOD has obtained SSRC funds for a 2½ year comparative study of two villages in the Kosi region of India; he hopes to identify and explain the differences or similarities which exist in the village political activity when the type of development programme is varied.

Courses, Seminars and Conferences

The United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) held a four week course on industrial surveys at IDS in August. Fifteen participants from Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Eastern Europe took part.

Study Seminar 15, The State Corporation, was held successfully in August and September with fifteen participants. The course director, Brian Van Arkadie, reported that particular case studies were very revealing of the difficulties to be overcome and the possible tactics available in using state enterprise as a means of counterrailing foreign economic dominance.

The 19 participants of Study Seminar 16 on Food and Nutrition are concluding their six week stay at IDS with a series of study groups, private study assignments and review sessions. Leonard Joy, the director, hopes to provide documentation from tapes, subsequent to the gathering.

The Tenth Diplomatic Service Course takes place on the 26th to 28th October. Jointly directed by Charles Cooper of the Science Policy Research Unit and John White of IDS, the course seeks to provide case studies and a brief introduction to the social, political and economic frameworks in which development takes place.

Future Events

Study Seminars

Now that the Institute is firmly settled in the Andrew Cohen Building, and a housekeeper and study seminar administrator BRONWEN BRITTIAN and SHAHPOOR BAZERGAN, respectively, have been newly appointed, facilities for more study fellows than ever before are available. Your particular attention is directed to Study Seminars 19, 20 and 21 for which applications are still being sought. Descriptive brochures are available on request.

SS17 Project Evaluation and Planning (15 November to 19 December 1970) Directors: George Irvin and Leonard Joy.

The Seminar is designed to meet the needs of individuals having substantial responsibility for the design and administration of policy at any one of the various stages of project planning. As such, the Seminar will not be limited to specialists in techniques of project evaluation, though some training in economics will, of course, be an advantage. Candidates will be selected on the basis of the amount of practical experience and degree of responsibility they have in the area of project planning, and care will be taken to ensure a balance between participants having different roles in this process.

SS18 The Aid Recipient (3 January to 13 February 1971) Director: John White.

The Seminar is intended for officials involved in the preparation of requests for aid, especially in ministries of finance and external affairs, and in planning offices. Applicants will normally only be considered if they can show that they have experience in this field. But an exception will be made in the case of applications supported by a letter from the head of department stating that the applicant will be engaged in aid negotiation on his return.

Applications should be submitted as early in November as possible.

SS19 Land Tenure, Distribution and Reform: (Latin America, Asia and the Arab World) (19 February to 25 March 1971) Directors: David Lehmann and Michael Lipton.

The Seminar is intended for administrators with experience in land reform implementation or design, Civil Servants and Politicians involved in land reform or with an interest in land reform.

The organization of certain aspects of the seminar will be on a comparative basis, so as to encourage exchange among participants from different regions of the world. Emphasis will be laid on common problems such as consolidation, compensation, evasion, administration and bureaucracy, "feedback" from implementers to planners, evaluation, and surveys and records.

Lectures will be concentrated on the general framework of theory and practice while syndicates organized mainly on a regional basis will be devoted mainly to discussions of papers by individual Seminar participants, prepared in consultation with members of IDS Faculty, and based on the participants' practical experience.

Participants are expected to bring with them material that arises from their intended or past experience with major problems in the field of land reform. This material will form the basis of their written and tutorial work.

Further details on request; applications should be submitted preferably by 31 December 1970.

SS20 Wage Systems, Employment Practices, and Industrial Relations
(25 April to 29 May 1971) Director: Ronald Dore.

The aim of the seminar is to help the participants when they return to their countries to make such modifications in imported practices which are more consciously deliberate, more systematic, and informed by a wider acquaintance with the range of methods developed elsewhere.

Participants would include officials of Ministries of Labour, trade union organisers, personnel managers of manufacturing firms, jurists, etc. involved in industrial arbitration work.

Topics of the seminar will include a two-week study of wages, shorter periods of work on recruitment and training and worker protection by legislation, and a fourth segment of study on trade union organization and the legal framework of collective bargaining.

SS21 Organization for Exports (2nd June to 8th July 1971)
Director: Angus Hone, UNCTAD/GATT.

The Seminar is built around the supply brief on major export products which Study Fellows will be asked to complete before coming to the Institute. The supply brief will provide for information on a product's manufacture, volume, production, price and trading channels, and on the structure of export incentives and disincentives in the Study Fellow's country.

The Seminar is intended for:-

- (a) Senior and middle-level civil servants whose work is directly concerned with export planning and promotion or with the organisation of overseas trade services;
- (b) Commercial attaches or trade attaches or foreign service officers who have recently been considered for or appointed to such posts;
- (c) Officers of government export and import corporations or state trading corporations who are specifically concerned with exports;
- (d) Private sector exporters in developing countries, who as a result of their participation in the seminar might be able to participate in private sector or government policy-making for export expansion. These private sector exporters should have substantial trade experience.

SS22 Development at the Local Level (11th July to 14th August 1971)
 Director: Dr. P. C. Lloyd (University of Sussex/IDS).

The rate of development depends to a large extent upon the success of projects designed to improve living standards within local communities. New agricultural techniques are introduced to raise the productivity of the farmer; new crafts or forms of trade provide additional employment and wealth; schools, wells, and roads are constructed to provide the infrastructure necessary to economic development. An essential ingredient in the planning process is an understanding of the social processes by which these innovations are introduced into a community and accepted by its members.

Study Fellows in this course will be directly involved in projects of rural and community development, agricultural extension and the like either at the local level or in supervising posts at regional or national levels or as teachers in institutions for the training of field personnel.

Applications are invited before January 30, 1971.

New Publications by IDS staff

One paper has been added to the IDS Communications Series:

2/6 No. 55 "Technical Assistance to Kenya.

Some thoughts on Flows and
 Programming."

Hans Singer and
 A. C. Doss

HANS SINGER has produced jointly with SALVATORE SCHIAVO-CAMPO of the University of Massachusetts, Perspectives of Economic Development, a Houghton-Mifflin soft back.

The Journal of Development Studies special issue on Social Planning was printed late in September. Raymond Apthorpe has edited selected papers from the 1969 IDS conference on Social Planning; the result is reproduced in the journal and in a hard bound edition now available, as published by Frank Cass.