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It was like they'd never been away . . .

First to arrive - a week in advance - was Hiro HATASHIMA (MP14) and some only managed a few hours on Saturday but nearly 70 of you, plus partners and families, came 'By Land, Sea and Air' to be in Sussex for the Alumni Reunion. You travelled from over 20 countries from as far away as Mexico, Japan and Cambodia (see back page). All but one of each of the MPhil and MA rounds were represented (MP2 and MA3 where were you?) and around 25 former DPhils took part.

Many more were there in spirit: a request to alumni who could not make it to video their 'alternative' reunions bore results: Jim TARRANT (DPhil90) arrived just after a video starring himself and some dozen US

East Coast based alumni (and John Oxenham) celebrating a week before, a video arrived by courier from Anita MORITZ and Hans-Christian VOIGT (MP6) from their base off the coast of Senegal, and photos appeared of a mini get-together in Geneva involving Richard Jolly, Carlos Fortin and Hans Singer (see over) Many others sent messages of good wishes and promises to join us with simultaneous toasts as the Reunion got under way.

The list of those attending (see supplement) changed literally until the last day with dramatic unexpected arrivals compensating for last minute disappointments. From start to finish the event was punctuated by emotional reunions as friends met up from around the world

and across the years. Manfred Bienefeld gave us a fright but made it by the skin of his teeth; Kate Young appeared briefly, but Carlos Fortin, Martin Godfrey and John Oxenham were kept away by last minute work commitments.

For those that made it, it was a great success (see Hubert SCHMITZ (MP1/DPhil79/80)'s article and other comments in the supplement). The Reunion captured the spirit of the 'old' IDS: there was great satisfaction - not just for alumni - in debating the 'big issues' once again. People left feeling intellectually re-charged, an ideal preparation for re-entering academic life after a period in the field, commented one participant. People relished meeting IDS Fellows again, using the

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Library (and admiring colleagues' output in the impressive Alumni Publications display).

The Reunion was also an ideal opportunity for **John Toye** to stress the value IDS places on its alumni links and the pleasure Fellows take in meeting alumni around the world - the **Alumni Directory**, now in draft, shows that our alumni come from around 90 countries. It also enabled IDS to tell you about our latest research interests and the issues that have concerned us in the much changed world since you left: an issue alumni particularly wanted to debate, for example, was the implications for the developing world of the rapid changes in Eastern Europe and this made for a particularly lively debate on the Friday morning.

The Programme (see supplement) managed to cater to most tastes and produced well attended sessions - nearly all including presentations by either past or current students - and it is hoped to bring out a small commemorative publication around the international political economy issues discussed. Sessions by alumni on professional experiences since IDS and the lunch time session on careers were also well received, particularly by current students (around 35 attended the Reunion).

On the social front - the Opening Dinner and Reunion Buffet (and associated discos) provided excellent opportunities

to catch up with old friends. For hardworking UK-based alumni, unable to escape earlier, the Saturday afternoon (with Fun and Games and Barbeque), allowed them to make a brief appearance - and it was particularly nice to welcome **Fiona Pearson** (now **Nehls**) - now proud Mum of **Bertie** - **Jill McCabe** (now **Williams**), and **Alison Tesfachew** (and **Tes**), well-known to generations of MPhil and DPhil students.

The Reunion culminated in the *piece de resistance*: an impromptu Pantomime taking as its theme 'The Jean-Pool Theory of Development', and heavily inspired by **Ron Dore's Dudley Seers' Lecture** the previous evening. Among a bevy of spontaneous talent was a



Editorial

The issue you have all been waiting for - complete with Reunion colour supplement!

IDS alumni now span the globe - originating from more than 90 countries - and in preparation for the next Reunion we hope to track down those that we have lost contact with: so please keep the news flowing in and complete those forms for the Alumni Directory.

We are amassing quite a collection of alumbaby and alumkid photos (see selection below) and would like to have a photo feature in the next edition on the 'next generation', so all you proud new parents please send in more photos! Up to date photos of yourselves would also be welcome along with your articles and letters, otherwise we are forced to search our archives for those candid shots of yesteryear!

Philippa Sankey



cameo by **Manfred Blenefeld** who demonstrated the theory of elasticity by using **David Evans'** underpants - he was still wearing them - and a classical Greek comedy, worthy of Aristophanes, performed by **Antigone LYBERAKI (MP7/**

DPhil88) and **Nicholas GEORGIADIS (MP14).**

For those that missed our first Reunion - and for those that didn't - you can be assured that we hope to hold the next in 3-5 years' time. Watch this space!



MAnews

MA1 (1987-88)

co-directed by **Kate Young** and **Ann Whitehead** (UoS)

Lorenia PARADA has started a University Program of Gender Studies (PUEG) at the National Autonomous University of **Mexico**, aimed at coordinating gender studies within academia

MA2 (1988-89)

co-directed by **Naila Kabeer** and **Hilary Standing** (now at the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations)

Charlotte KANSTRUP has a two year old son and works at Save The Children Fund as an HIV/AIDS Adviser to the Policy Development Unit, for the Overseas Department. **Pingla UDIT** has returned from **South Africa** and is now writing up her thesis at **Essex**. **Preeti BHAT** (back home in **Bombay**) was in touch in May '93 to say that she married two years ago and has a six month old baby son 'who provides me with a good excuse for working!'. **Preeti** is currently completing her ILO research project on homebased workers in the primary sector after completing fieldwork in Madya Pradesh and Maharashtra. She next plans to take up some short writing assignment for IWID (where **Ramya SUBRAHMANYAN (MA4)** worked)

MA3 (1989-90)

co-directed by **Pepe Roberts** (still at Liverpool University) and **Hilary Standing**

Susan COX is a project manager with the Canadian NGO, Pueblito Canada, and 'had a wonderful stay' with **Teresa HANLEY** while flying through London on her way to **Greece**: **Teresa** works with the British NGO Medical Aid for Palestinians. At a gender workshop in **Uganda** (see below), **Naila Kabeer** recently met **Wanjiku MUHATO**, who works with USAID in **Kenya**.

MA4 (1990-91)

co-directed by **Susan Joekes** and **Ann Whitehead** (UoS)

Evelyn NYAKOOJO writing to **Sue Ong** in June and referring to the Reunion said: 'I can imagine how exciting the whole occasion will be. I hope you will have a good time. Please pass on my love to our class mates and year mates on the MPhil who will manage to attend. Just give a hug to all friends at the Reunion! For those who may come tell them to write. Even if it means a post card.'

Evelyn attended an ANC Solidarity Conference in **South Africa** in



February '93, representing ACFODE, a women's organisation to which she belongs. It was an international conference, with 900 delegates from all over the world and addressed by Nelson Mandela and the late Oliver Tambo. In June she was in **Nairobi** attending a workshop on Governance organised by the University of Florida and the African Family Life Centre. Back home in **Uganda** she is working as a gender specialist on a pilot project on Adult Literacy funded by UNICEF and USAID ... 'the main challenge is to make people realise that there is need to give equal opportunities to both men and women. Many technocrats think that all is well!!'.

In December **Evelyn** participated in a workshop which **Anne Marie Goetz** and **Naila Kabeer** also attended organised by the Women's Studies Department at Makerere University.

Anne Marie also ran into **Joanna KERR** - amongst 1200 delegates - at the AWID (Association of Women in Development) conference in **Washington** at the end of October; **Joanna** is still enjoying her job at the North-South Institute and will be attending the Fourth International UN Conference on Women in **Beijing** in 1995. **Laeticia MUKARASI** has recently been appointed by UNDP as a National Programme Officer for WID, based in **Dar es Salaam**. She writes: 'The MA course was extremely useful and instrumental in getting me this new appointment!'

Also in **Africa**, **Adesuwu OSUMWEGIE** has finished her consultancy with UNICEF and is currently consulting for UNCHS on their Urban Management Programme, conducting a situational report on the 'street children' in **Lagos**.

Current DPhil student **Zainab Wahidin** met **Lidia FELIX** in

London during the Christmas break. **Lidia**, also with UNDP, is enjoying her job as Research Officer in **St. Lucia**.

MA5 (1991-92)

co-directed by **Anne Marie Goetz** and **Ann Whitehead** (UoS)

Mehnaz AKBER, passing through IDS in early '94 wrote: 'I am working with the National Rural Support Programme in **Pakistan**, one of the largest ngos in South Asia. My job specifically is to ensure that women's issues are integrated in the mainstream development programme: I'm also working with the Women's Action Forum on their Working Committee. Life is just superb. I got an offer to work with the World Bank now. But ... I would still say the year at IDS was by far the best of my life.'

Mallni MEHRA is working hard on her PhD in **Amsterdam** while **Victor**

CARTIN was 'resting a bit' in 'sunny **Scotland** when last heard from in November: his card to **Sue Ong** read as follows 'Yes it is me! **Victor Cartin**. I'm still in the world of the living ... working with tourist WHAT A YEAR!! Since MARCH I HAVEN'T STOPPED: MALAGA, BERLIN, PARIS, ROME, CAPRI, ATHENS, ISTANBUL, YOU NAME IT! I love it, I love it I LOVE IT!!'

Meanwhile, **Dorothy OBEN** and family have left **Italy** and are now living in **Tangiers**.

MA6 (1992-93)

co-directed by **Georgla Kaufmann** and **Ann Whitehead** (UoS)

Congratulations to **Carolyn Sleight-holme** who celebrated her Hindu and Christian weddings with **Vinay Gupta** in **Calcutta** in November.

Over Christmas **Sue Ong** heard from **Arlene DOUMIT EL KHOURY** who after a trip to **Lebanon** - 'the people are fantastic, with such a thirst for life' - is back in **Paris** continuing her studies and working as a volunteer for the NGO Femmes et Changements. **Rachel MARCUS** who is very happy working for ODA in **Belize** and **Sheila THOMSON**, based with the Gender and Development Institute in **Thailand**, who organised a study tour on politics and democracy with Cambodian women.

Sachiko OKUMURA attended Graduation in late January and reports that she is a member of the Executive Board of UNIFEM's Japan Committee and is planning an East Asian meeting in October '94 in preparation for the Beijing Conference in '95.

Meanwhile in **Africa**, **Fenella PORTER** is busy helping set up the new HQ for ISIS-WICCE - which manages south-south exchanges for women - in **Kampala** and also arranging vital transfer of Pantomime skills. **Meera SHAH**



MPHILnews



has been busy helping WB conduct a Participatory Poverty Assessment in **Zambia** and participating in the WB Appraisal Mission for the Maharashtra earthquake rehabilitation programme in **India**. In February 1994 **Meera** joins the sustainable agriculture programme of IIED in **London** as a Research Fellow.

Finally **Georgia** and **Sue** have just heard from **Katrina ELLIOT** that she is Director of a Women's Centre in **Vernon British Columbia**. It is a very challenging job as we work towards improving the status of women in **Vernon** and the surrounding areas by providing information, resources and opportunities for self-development, by helping with advocacy services in addition to providing the communities with workshops and projects on a variety of issues concerning women's equality.

Katrina misses 'the supportive environment of the MA programme' and invites MA6 members to visit: 'next month I am moving into a log cabin in the middle of the woods so you can experience the Canadian wilderness'.

Finally **Cathy GREEN** has been an IDS in-house research assistant for the last year.



MPI (1973-75)

co-directed by **Ron Dore** - still at LSE - and **Geoff Lamb**, still at the World Bank

Bhanwar SINGH had hoped to attend the reunion, but pressure of work in the end prevented him: in particular, bringing out the first issue of a new journal.

Kimihito (Hiro) KAKU has left the ADB after 13 years and is now working as Senior Evaluation Officer at the EBRD in **London**.

MP2 (1975-77)

co-directed by the late **Dudley Seers** and **Robin Luckham**

John SAMY wrote in late 1992 to report that for the last 5 years he had been working with the ADB in **Manila, Philippines**. For the first 3 years he was Country Economist for **Malaysia, Hongkong, and Singapore**. Latterly he has been Head, Training and Development, responsible for the Bank's in-house training and staff development programmes. Before he left **Fiji** in 1987, John was Permanent Secretary responsible for Economic Planning and also the Department of Trade, Industry and Tourism.

MP3 (1977-79)

co-directed by **Manfred Bienefeld** - still at Carleton University - and **Martin Godfrey**, who has left IDS

and, after a period carrying out consultancies based in **Romania**, is now running an ILO project in **Hungary** on 'Employment Policies for Transition' until February 1994.

In February, **Leonardo VIVAS PENALVER** heard of the Alumni Reunion and re-established contact by fax: 'After the IDS MPhil I have been engaged in a number of professional experiences including research, industrial promotion in a Capital Goods agency, a DPhil in Nanterre University with Professor Jacques de Bandt as supervisor, work in the Venezuelan Ministry for Industry and Trade as Director of Industry, during which I was involved in Trade Policy Reform, later on I worked for UNIDO in a Latin American Programme for Industrial Automation, partly in **Vienna** and the rest of the time in **Caracas**. I am currently the general manager of a Venezuelan Public Fund for Industrial Innovation which will be soon transformed into a mixed institution devoted to promote competitiveness of the country, both at enterprise and institution level.'

Stephen McCLELLAND sent regrets (re the Reunion) and news from **Paris**: **Bushra Faruqi** (ex-DPhil programme) and I married in 1988 and now have three children (2 girls and a boy). Before marriage and motherhood (!) **Bushra** worked for UNCTAD, FAO and the Commonwealth Secretariat on trade issues. I continue to work for the trade unions of the OECD countries at the OECD in Paris on economic policy (macro and structural), on labour market and social issues and on multinational enterprises (plus a host of other things!). An increasing and welcome part of the OECD is its increasing policy dialogue with non-member countries (East Europe, Dynamic Asian and Latin American countries, and the rest. Good luck with the reunion, and I look forward to receiving the first post-reunion News.'

before going to the **US** where he hopes to return to his work on Idc employment and labour markets with UNDP and the World Bank

Alexsander SULEJEWICZ spent several weeks here as a Visiting Fellow in August/September 1993 working on a study of the new competition' (with emphasis on new business strategies) and the implications for the Polish transition to the market economy

MP4 (1979-81)

co-directed by **Chris Colclough** and **Gordon White** (see left with **Wendy WALKER** and **Mammo MUCHIE** at the Reunion).

After a year in **Montreal**, **Bernardo MENDEZ-LUGO** returned to **Mexico** in January 1993 to work for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, congratulations to **Bernardo** and **Christine** on the birth of their third son, **Timothee**, in November 1992

We are sorry to report the death of **Zhu MBAKO**, husband of **Caroline ALLISON** after a long illness, in **Windhoek**, in January 1994



'I am now National Treasurer of my Party (Costa Rican Social Democrats - PLN), a non-paid job. (For a living I work in the University and do consultancy - 'insultancy?').

Anyway we are having our 'Convention' at the beginning of June in order to pick up our Presidential candidate; then it starts the final stage for picking up 'MPs' candidates and I must be here during that period. It's a hard thing it coincides with the reunion. At the moment our Party is in the opposition but we hope to win the elections in February '94. (ed: PLN won and now **Saul** is an MP! especially after Clinton's win.

Aside from this, I am still married to **Rebeca** who is also a consultant. We have 2 children (**Adriana**, 10, **Ariel**, 7). **Rebeca** is involved in politics too (same Party, thank God!).

I've done some research work, especially on small industry cooperatives and macroeconomic policies. I am going to publish a couple of books during this year.

Since 1981 I have seen all our classmates from Latin



Reflections on Life and Politics in Costa Rica

Saul WIESLIEDER (MP4) writing to **Gordon** from **Costa Rica** in February '93 reflects:

America: **Eduardo (Guatemala)** has been here several times, as well as **Cesar (Brazil)**, **Bernardo (Mexico)** came twice. **Francisco** was here some years ago and **Ricardo (Argentina)** last year. By the way, **Eduardo** and **Ricardo** met here at the same time. Last year I saw **Jose (Peru)** at **Miami** airport. As you can see the world is small and I have been lucky enough at least to have news from my Latin

American friends.

Gordon, the world has changed dramatically during this 12 years since I left Sussex. That is obvious. What might be not, is my belief that at least as far as I am concerned my studies and experiences there prepared me much better to understand and adapt to these changes. When I think of it I definitely believe that the Sussex Experience worked for me. I

received concepts and tools to understand the dramatic technological changes that have been taking place and their impact on society. We were sensitised to women's issues much before many other people (academicians) in this part of the world.

We understood the strengths and weaknesses of the NICs and their experiences and lessons for our countries. (By the way, I visited **Korea** in 1987 and **Taiwan** in 1991).

In the meanwhile, of course, I feel that the world has become less 'ideologised' which does not mean less polarised in terms of social interests or the basic and serious dilemmas of development. Through time, I feel, it will be the ecological dimension and problems, the ones that might make mankind come to its senses. In the meantime we are going out of the Thatcher/Reagan era, but I'm not sure how sensible the new 'paradigm' will be...

Please convey my best regards to everyone over there. And congratulations on the great idea of the Reunion.'

MP5 (1980-82)

co-directed by **Manfred Blenefeld** and **Robert Wade** (who is now back at IDS as a full-time Fellow)

Robyn JACKSON wrote to say that she would have to miss the Reunion but would be staging her own Happy Event in **Paris** - twins due on 15 July! Congratulations on the safe arrival of twin boys in late June

Ever thought Fate was trying to tell You Something?



I hadn't been in touch with anyone from IDS for years then, all of a sudden, they were popping up all over the place!

First of all I happened into **Richard LONGHURST (DPhil80/81)** in a small, paper stuffed office at the end of a long corridor in the WHO building in **Geneva**. Then I met **Mohammed DIAB (MP5/DPhil89)** in the queue at the bank on the ground floor of the FAO building in **Rome**. Next, I sat a couple of seats away from **Richard Jolly**, taking notes of a meeting which he was addressing

In February 1993 we were thrilled to get this letter out of the blue from **Jeanette LONGFIELD (MP5)** telling us of her doings since IDS:

The reception area of a UN building in **Geneva** was the scene of the next sighting. I'm pretty sure it was **Adnan AMIN (MP5)**. I was running late on my way to the airport at the time and couldn't stop to find out! However, since UNEP also reside in this particular building, and having read in **ALUMNEWS2** that **Adnan** works for UNEP, I'm now fairly confident about this.

Finally, and least plausibly, I think I saw **Robert Chambers** getting out of a Piccadilly line tube train at Holborn station in central **London** at the beginning of February!

This rambling introduction is: a) true, and b) a transparent excuse for showing what a globe trotter I have been of late! In some ways, it shouldn't be a surprise that I'm finally seeing old IDS colleagues again

because, after an inordinate length of time working on non-development related issues, I finally returned to the fold (although perhaps only temporarily). But I'm getting ahead of myself. The reason why I was in all these exotic locations (well, OK, Holborn tube station isn't *that* exotic) was because of the International Conference on Nutrition, Organised by FAO and WHO, it was held in **Rome** from 5-11 December 1992 and brought together not only 1000-plus government delegates but a couple of hundred NGOs. And

this is where I come in.

An ad hoc group of NGOs based in **Geneva** had offered me a short term contract to encourage, enable and otherwise assist NGOs' activities in the International Conference on Nutrition. Between July 1992 and January 1993 I 'enabled' my socks off and, although I can't say the NGO participation was an unqualified success, it was certainly lively!

But as with any other conference, the acid test of success is not so much what happened *at* the conference as what may or may not happen *after* it. The NGOs in Rome agreed that unless they took the initiative, there was a distinct danger that nothing much would happen. So a post-conference network (the Global Food and Nutrition Alliance) is being established and I'm hoping to stay involved in its development.

I say 'hoping' because, at the moment, the Global Food and Nutrition Alliance is a classic NGO 'pull yourself up by your own bootstraps' operation. In other words, there's not much chance of any money until the Alliance has proved it can work, but unless it gets some money, it's rather tricky making it work!

In the meantime, it's back to the British voluntary sector. Way back in my first job at the National Council for Voluntary Organisations I helped set up the National Food Alliance. Then it was an informal gathering of health, environmental, agriculture, development and consumer groups with a common

interest in food. Now, it's a fully fledged organisation in its own right, and its chair not only meets regularly with the Minister of Agriculture but has also just been appointed to the Government's Nutrition Task Force.

I'm currently the National Food Alliance coordinator which means, as the Alliance is not exactly lavishly funded, that I'm also head cook and bottle washer! As this job won't yet keep me in style to which I have become accustomed (roof over my head, matching shoes, etc) I also do some freelance writing. From my previous job (at the Coronary Prevention Group) I already have a few publications under my belt.

As they're neither on development nor academic I know that IDS colleagues won't be impressed by the details of my illustrious writing career so far, except perhaps for one detail. My book on preventing heart disease was translated into Dutch and published by the Netherlands Heart Foundation with an endorsement on the cover by none other than Iohan Cruijff! (For all you heathens out there who don't believe in football [aka soccer], Cruijff was a legendary captain of the Dutch national team in the 70s and took Barcelona onto great heights as a manager.)

And on that note I'll sign off... Please give my love to anyone at IDS who can remember me!

In July **Brigitte GRANVILLE (MP5)** (née **DELOY**) wrote to **Hans Singer** as follows: 'I am sorry to give so little news but time is really flying. I am now working for the **Russian** government (Economic Adviser, Macroeconomic and Finance Unit, Ministry of Finance) and it is extremely interesting. I have also at last almost (few revisions to make) completed my PhD after all these years. But quite a lot of work with my present job and my two children. I hope this card finds you well. I will have liked so much to come to the Reunion but I am afraid I cannot make it. Please forgive me and I will think of you as ever on this special day.'



MP6 (1981-83)

co-directed by **Raphie KAPLINSKY (DPhil80/81)** and **Gordon White**.

Worku LAKEW and **Sophie Manger** (a Sussex sociology graduate of '82) met at an IDS party and now have two daughters: **Zinzi**

(aged 3) and **Nyasha** (aged 1), since IDS. **Worku** has worked as head of the economic development department in the **London** Borough of Ealing and currently - December '92 - works as an independent management consultant on economic development working on urban regeneration and fast growing firms.

Role Reversal in Senegal

The Reunion was heralded by the dramatic arrival by courier of the following letter and video from **Anita MORITZ** and **Hans-Christian VOIGT (MP6)**.

Finally neither Anita nor Christian will attend the Alumni Reunion, July 1993. And neither Anja (6) nor Aisha (3), our two girls.

The reason for our absence is quite simple. Half a year ago, a well prepared 'coup de famille' took place in **Senegal**, and since then, nothing remained as it was before. Here our latest news: For **Susan**, admittedly, this might be quite normal, for others of you too; but in the Senegalese context, it is rather revolutionary: from women's subordination to men's, or probably not? Breastfeeding over Pampers out **Anita** changed from part-time motherhood and part-time consultant to a full-time job for the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ). She is taking care now for the technical coordination and financial survival of a new housing policy in Senegal which has been conceptualised under the GTZ big boss and think-tank **Hans-Christian** during the last 6 years. This policy allows squatters to stay where they are, with their capacity to pay for it. For those who want to know more about this policy, please take a look at **Christian's** article attached to our letter ('Detours save time. An urban renewal project in Senegal', **Development and Cooperation**, No. 3/1993, May/June: 22-24). The subversive concept of peoples' participation in policy change has been **Christian's**

idea **Anita** now has to bear the consequences. Participatory planning is great and it was, most of the time, well received by the population. Asking for financial participation in order to assure the sustainability of the concept, puts you into a difficult position. **Anita**, forever the economist, has changed roles with **Christian**, who remained always the sociologist and political scientist, despite IDS.

And **Christian**, the Chief Adviser of the Senegalese Government changed to what? He is still a chief Adviser... of the kids and above all of his life! He simply quit his job and went off for project finding missions to **Thailand** and **Nepal** in order to find a smooth transition to what are his major preoccupations since quite a while. Now, he is living his music and his life as a painting artist, in a puppet house with flowers and kids in the garden, in a puppet town on a small island just opposite **Dakar**. This ancient slavery island has been his hideaway for years, when he wanted to forget about administrative nitty-gritties and the contradictory requests of the participating population and equally participating governmental institutions. After the creation of a new housing policy in Senegal, he surprises the public with his recent exhibition of a new school of painting. External dreamer!?



What has the life of a mad artist (**Christian's** words; **Anita** still considers him as quite sane) with two blonde, blue-eyed little girls on an African island to do with IDS? Little. Except that the parents underwent a mutual learning process at IDS some 20 years ago. **Anita**, the economist, taught **Christian** the science of $1+1=2$. **Christian**, the architect and sociologist, with diversions into political science, taught **Anita** always to ask the crucial question 'why?' Since then, we helped each other out. We asked 'why not?' and proved that $1+1$ is more than 2!

IDS was for us a fertile ground, for our professional as well as personal life. What did we learn about development since IDS?

What **Christian** learnt is quite simple. Development is neither a science nor an aim. Theories help me to understand. Money may help but doesn't bring about any development. Respect, patience and the ability to listen are very powerful forces of development. I cannot convince anybody to change anything if I do not develop myself. Development is a process, and I shall be the first to move.

And **Anita**, the part-time mother and consultant, what did she learn up to now? Limiting

myself to the few experiences I have (**Senegal, Egypt and Tanzania**). I learned that textbook knowledge of development helps for general understanding. In practical work, however, what counts more is commonsense, the ability to perceive the participant's preoccupations and to translate them into acceptable terms of cooperation. I've learned that in the first place it's

our personality which counts and in the second only your professional background

We shall be with you, Thursday, 15 July, we shall open a bottle of champagne, here in **Dakar**. Cheers to all of you: **Gordon, Susan, Ludovico, Peta-Anne, Yut-Lin, Akio** etc....

Lots of love and our warmest wishes.

Yutlin WONG (MP6) sent warm greetings to **Gordon** from **Berkeley** at the end of May. 'I do regret to say that I won't be able to join all of you at the Alumni Reunion in July. The programme looks great and I shall miss this event-of-the-year at IDS. My very best wishes to everyone at the Institute.'

As a matter of fact, I'm writing you at the San Francisco Airport, waiting to fly home to **Malaysia** for the summer vacation. Part of my summer plans include preliminary 'spadework' into a Malaysian family life survey dataset. This is the main reason why I could not be in Brighton in July. Instead of a video or photos, I've enclosed a postcard for all of you - my way of 'sharing' the Reunion with everyone. I shall look forward to a raving review of the occasion in the forthcoming *Alumnews*.'

MP7 (1982-84)

co-directed by **Kate Young** and **David Evans**

AZIZ Wan ABDULLAH visited the IDS in January '93; he is Senior Economist with the Economic Planning Unit in the Prime Minister's Department in **Malaysia** - currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Economics at **Leeds** (with a Government Scholarship). He is in the second year of his research on the human resource factor in Malaysia's Economic Growth and Transformation.



MP8 (1983-85)

co-directed by **John Oxenham** (now with the EDI at the World Bank) and **Charles Harvey** (now co-Chair of Teaching)

Udo JANZ contacted us in June '93 to say that he had hoped to attend the Reunion but instead was taking a break from the Cambodian Northwest to hide in the library of the Hong Kong University for about six weeks until the end of July - researching a 'lessons learned' paper - by which time he would also have become a father! He extended 'best wishes to all who care... I would love to hear from them'. Congratulations to **Udo** and **Elisabeth** who celebrated their marriage in **Germany and Austria** in late '92 ('We are happy to announce the launch of our greatest adventure') and the birth of **Christophe Jakob Rainer** in **Hong Kong** in July '93 ('in the year of the rooster').



Chris HAIVETA became Opposition Leader in **Papua New Guinea** in July 1993 and gave his first public speech since attaining this office at the University of Technology at Lae (where **Tommy Gee** was Registrar in the 1980s and sent the attached clipping).



MP9 (1984-86)

co-directed by **Robln Luckham** and **Mick MOORE**

Laura TORVINEN and **Michael HUGHES (MPI0)** are back in **Finland** with baby daughter **Marla**, 10 months in February

Congratulations to **Donnacadh HURLEY** and **Maja** who became proud parents in late January of **Mave** - 'intoxicating one' - whose boundless energy is in direct contrast with her parents: 'She's healthy, lively, smiley and beginning to sleep almost all night and we're beginning to feel that there is life after birth' They expect to be in **Switzerland** another 15 months or so, moving to **Aigle** at the end of June. Since last August, **Donnacadh** has been studying French - with mediocre success - and working part-time for SOS-Torture, a Geneva human rights organisation. From

the end of June he hopes to do contract-based research or evaluation work with trips expected to the **Philippines** and **Bangladesh** later in the year

Ailiki MOURIKI was in the **UK** on a 9 month EC Fellowship (until December 1993) to do research at the Industrial Relations Research Unit at the University of Warwick on flexible working patterns

Writing to **Mick** in April **Sue FLECK** said that she and **Nery** were having a second, church, wedding in May. She is in the second year of her PhD, has almost finished the course work and hopes to go to **Honduras** for her fieldwork in 1994: she's looking at the political economy of labour markets for women. She gives news of **Catherine MULHOLLAND**, who gave birth to **Michael Mulholland Recourbet** on 9 March, and **Orrin NINVALLE**, who is in **New York** working with the City on AIDS education and prevention.

Alison PYLE wrote to **Mick MOORE** in late July to say **Haileselassie** and I were sorry to miss the IDS Reunion. From what friends tell us it was a real success!

Haile is teaching A Level Economics, IT, Business Studies. And after a year of research in **Sudan**, a few months with Save The Children in the **West Bank** and some work with Oxfam America, I'm also in the teaching game. I've had to be retrained as a teacher, but we are both very happy with our new lifestyle. I'm teaching English as a Second Language in a school which has a large refugee population (in Kings Cross). I've seen some of our IDS colleagues over the years. In **Sudan** I lived with **IBRAHIM Elnur (DPhil88)** and his wife **Raja** (and her extended family) and in the **West Bank** I surprised **Yousef NASSER** (current **DPhil**) and **Drina** - it is wonderful to see people after leaving IDS and still feel that it was only yesterday that we were all studying together.

We've had some mini **MP9** reunions in London (and a weekend in **Wales**) but I do regret missing the BBQ and Panto and Disco!

MP10 (1985-87)

co-directed by **Hubert SCHMITZ (MPI/DPhil79/80)** and **Manfred Blenefeld**

Suzuka SUGAWARA wrote at Xmas 1992 to say that after working for four and a half years with UNICEF she had resigned and returned to **Japan** to join IICA, after an absence of almost 7 years she was busy catching up on the changes in Japanese *oda* and is planning to stay in Tokyo for a while.

Jocelyn de JONG has been working for the Ford Foundation in **Cairo**, while completing for PhD from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and, we believe, marrying **Tariq TELL** in **Canada** in August.

Kaneez HASNA wrote to **Mick MOORE** to say that she had been working for the UNDP Water and Sanitation Programme (Regional Water and Sanitation Group - South Asia) based in **Bangladesh** but travelling extensively to **Bhutan** and **Pakistan**. Recently she obtained a research grant through UNDP to conduct qualitative research on the effect of the Urban Renewal Programme on the Bangladeshi Community in the West Midlands. **Kaneez** was therefore in **Birmingham** for 1993 working at the Centre for Urban Research Studies (CURS).

In April 1991 **Heather NEUN** was working for a **Canadian** 'human rights and other social issues' organisation; belated congratulations on her marriage in 1989.

Finally, congratulations to **Arturo GRIGSBY** on his recent marriage.

Aspects of Azerbaijan

MP10 seem to dominate the news columns in this edition: we kick off with **Tom LINES'** year-end letter in December 1992:



'Seasonal greetings from Baku Airport, where I am patiently sitting on my suitcase awaiting the 19.10 flight to Moscow. It is 17.55 and this morning's 11 o'clock flight is checking in now. A rapidly growing crowd is standing around watching the wondrous machine I am working on. With any luck I will have completed the 2¾ hour flight to Moscow by the time the night is out!

Such is the life I have chosen to lead at the end of another eventful year. My last job at the European Parliament seemed to correspond less and less to reality. A parliament with little power but seemingly unlimited supplies of money seems to me a recipe for neither political nor professional usefulness. So last February I handed in my resignation in order to seek work closer to the ground floor of events in the former Soviet Union.

After a private visit to Moscow and the Urals in the spring, I did a contract for the European Commission's technical assistance programme in Russia during the summer, designing projects to aid the development of trade unions and non-profit organisations. Then in early October I came out here to help run the EC's

technical assistance in **Azerbaijan** for its first two years.

Although I confess this was not my first choice, now that I am here I reckon I could hardly have been sent to a better place to do this work. For someone from Western Europe - even a 'Soviet' specialist - Azerbaijan has the attraction of being almost completely unknown. It is also a very pleasant country with maybe the best economic potential of all ex-Soviet republics.

And in Baku it's warmer than Moscow! In fact it seems to be regularly the warmest of the 15 capitals of the former USSR. In summer it apparently gets very hot for months - we are after all a few miles up the road from Iran. The winter weather is more like what I am used to in England or Belgium - the city is noted for its cold winds.

Throughout history Azerbaijan (including the 'southern' part in Iran) has been renowned for its warm, dry, climate and its natural abundance. With terrain stretching from the sub-tropical south to the mountains of the north, you can grow almost anything from apples to tea, with silk, caviare and carpets for good measure. For the country's future prosperity there are reserves of at least a billion tonnes of oil, mostly under the Caspian Sea.

Baku itself was developed a century ago as the biggest early centre of the world's oil industry. Its very emblem is three flames, symbolising the oil which bubbled up from underground since earliest times. Somewhat unnervingly, the flame was also chosen as the symbol of the country's new airline, painted on the back of all the ex-Aeroflot aircraft based at this airport!

Baku is something special in itself. The oil moguls a 100 years ago built beautiful classical buildings decorated by the most imaginative stone carvings. They have survived 70 years of neglect better than the fabric of any other ex-Soviet city I have

seen. The town has a fine setting around a wide bay, which is said to form the best natural harbour of the whole Caspian sea. The walled old city has stone buildings dating back 900 years.

And what of life in Azerbaijan? Well, any holder of dollars is spoilt by the extraordinarily low cost of anything in roubles. While living standards have fallen, there is plenty more in the shops than Moscow or even in neighbouring republics, while the country's natural abundance means nobody need fear food shortages. In addition to the inevitable grapes and pomegranates I have eaten two delicious kinds of fruit that I

have never seen elsewhere – one of them, I am assured grows only in Azerbaijan.

At the same time the Azeri people are friendly, gentle and very attentive towards visitors – far from their portrayal in the Western media! There is probably no 'Islamic' country with a more secular way of life.

Not all is perfect, of course... Like the whole Soviet bloc, there is pollution. The glistening black film which washes up on the promenade in central Baku has led this piece of sea to be rechristened the 'oil front'. Oil rigs ancient and modern litter the peninsular on which Baku is situated while the industrial town of Sumgai,

30 kms to the north, is one of the most polluted in the whole former USSR due to its abundance of metal, chemical and other foul-smelling plants. Such water as there is in Baku (a few hours a day in many homes) comes out of the tap a dull grey colour.

And then there is the war... May peace come to this fruitful land as well as yourself throughout the New Year of 1993.' On this score, **Tom's** hopes were to be shortlived and he was evacuated from **Baku** in June 1993 but returned there later in the year.

Institutional Development in Indonesia

In late 1992, we heard of **Luc SPYCKERELLE's** marriage to **Diana** — congratulations. Writing from **Palu** in May, **Luc** says:



'The Alumni Reunion of July is not so long off anymore, and you probably wonder if I will be around to join in wandering on the Sussex Downs. Alas... I can't make it to this first Alumni Reunion, but I do hope to make it to the 2nd, the 3rd, the 4th...'

At the time the Reunion takes place in Brighton, I will be in Palu, and if the workplan I have prepared in March still holds, I will be busy doing some further work on databases,

preparing for a gender analysis training course, assisting in an on-the-job training course to improve office management systems in the BAPPEDA, and setting up some general computer training. This is probably more than enough to keep me busy.

... I'm still working for the Sulawesi Regional Development Project... and should be in Palu until the end of March 1995.

My present job title is 'Institutional Development

Advisor' which seems to cover a wide range of activities. The main target agency for our work is the BAPPEDA, the district Development Planning Board. To give you a taste of what we have on our plate, I can list the following: improvement of mid-range planning and annual planning; improvement in project identification, preparation and implementation; development of monitoring and evaluation systems; improvement in overall management

and human resource development. Quite a lot, and very wide-ranged, which makes it somewhat difficult to have much of an impact... Do give my regards to my fellow **MP10s** and lots of other **IDS** acquaintances. I hope that many people do make it to Brighton, and that the reunion may turn out to be interesting and pleasant. Hope the weather is OK too. No doubt a next issue of **Alumnews** will show that 'les absents ont eu tort'.

Isabelle van NOTTEN, Editor-in-Chief and sole employee of **MP10 News Unlimited**, finished working for 'a great **UNIDO** project' in **Costa Rica** in May 1992 and has lived in **Boston** since late August, where she has been working part-time for a documentary producer while looking for her next job. Since April she has been working for a Boston-based management consulting company specialising in introducing Total Quality and Just-in-Time production into manufacturing companies working particularly in the areas of team-building and organisational behaviour/culture: 'I have been contracted especially for their international clients. So far it's really interesting work, although it has nothing to do with developing countries. It has a lot to do though with change and development in a wider sense.

I hope that the reunion will be a great success. I am sad I can't be there (She was 'facilitating teams' at an environmental conference to save rivers world-wide in north-east **Turkey**) and even sadder that I can't be Mrs **Faber** in the pantomime again! **Isabelle** visited **IDS** briefly in late July.





Return to Ghana

In March **Isabelle** received a long letter from **Stephen NARTEY (MP10)** describing his career as a freelance accountant in London in 1990/91 and his return to **Ghana**:

... Some of the clients/ cases I handled were a bankrupt musician, who could not even pay me my fees after I had won him a big relief from the bankruptcy order; a computer whizkid who founded his own company, but was ill advised by his previous accountants, leading to a huge tax bill, because of which he could not stay at home and was constantly on the run from the taxman. I managed to get all those taxes waived.

Other areas were designing an accounting system for a charitable organisation based in Hackney, and computerising

the accounts; preparing final accounts for organisations; accounts and tax for self-employed people in the building industry; representation at the General Commissioners for tax appeals; etc. I did these up to October 1991, and then decided it was time to return to Ghana. All this time Development Studies never came my way, except on one occasion in early 1991 at a Chinese restaurant in Soho with **Rohan, Gowrie**, and **Gowrie's** brother, where some IDS like arguments came up.

I arrived in **Ghana** on 30 December 1991, and commenced

work with the Ghana Water and Sewerage Corporation as the Project Accountant sometime in 1992. The Government of Ghana has this goal of Potable water for all by the year 2000. Appeals went to donors far and wide for assistance in the realisation of this goal. Because of the country's SAP/ERP, the response has been good, and funds have come in from ODA, KFW (Germany), DANIDA, OECF and JICA (Japan), Austria, World Bank (IDA), CIDA (I think **Bo** was involved some time prior to my return to Ghana), CFD (France), Italy, ADB, and government of

Ghana. Almost all the external funds (except IDA and ADB) have strict conditions tied to them such as procuring goods only from the donor country, and all have strict accounting requirements. Keeping track of and reporting on all these funds and the various projects involved is a full time job on its own. I also have the opportunity to participate in negotiations for loans and grants or with contractors and consultants.

The SAP/ERP have greatly improved the country's credit worthiness, but the price is very high in terms of retrenchment, much higher cost of education, health, and utilities while wages have remained low. The theoreticians say the economy is booming, but there is growing discontent among civil servants especially, whose wages grow much slower than those in the other sectors. Large scale strikes for higher wages marked the end of 1992, but the result has been more drastic monetary controls to reverse the inflationary trend and keep a tight control over money supply.

MP11 (1986-88)

co-directed by **Martin GREELEY (DPhil85)** and **Raphie KAPLINSKY (DPhil80/81)**.

Apologies to **Mary DELANEY** whose new husband's name is **David Bruns**.

Edmundo DE WERNAMAGALHAES is now Research Fellow in Urban Development - Urban Health Programme - at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine after completing his PhD at DPU in 1992. From 1990-92 **Edmundo** worked as a tutor in the Master's course on Urban Development at DPU and also worked as a Research Fellow in the Construction, Development and Environment Research Group at the South Bank University.

Aya OKADA left UNICEF at the end of July 1993 to take up a doctoral fellowship from the Japanese government at MIT in **Boston** in September, her research topic is 'regional planning' and she found the Reunion particularly useful to bridge the gap between action and theory.

Oscar CETRANGOLA, Lilliana and **Federico** sent a fax to **Gordon** from **Buenos Aires** at the start of the Reunion saying: We are very sorry, but we are unable to attend the alumni



reunion. We send herewith our best wishes for the success of the meeting. We look forward to attend the next one. Professional-wise

everything is fine and family-wise also. Please convey all our best to the alumni. Our best wishes for all of you and for the coming year.

Having both spent some time in this desolate moonscape of the Central Asian plateau in the autumn and early winter of 1992, we both thought that we knew what we were doing.

What I - at least - had forgotten was how cold it can feel when outside temperatures dip below minus 30 degrees (celsius) and how inconvenient it can be to have to go outdoors to go to the toilet (being mother nature herself) in those temperatures. I hear from reliable sources that this problem is worse for women, so I take my hat off (despite icicles in my hair and beard) to **Louise** for her courage and endurance, when she sets off into the field to do some more fieldwork in the middle of winter (wrapped up in sheep skin, a fur hat and armed only with pen and paper).

Fieldwork (of which we both do quite a bit) has other drawbacks too, such as: (i) not being able to have a shower or a bath for weeks on end, (ii) living on a diet of boiled mutton, intestines, milk products and something vaguely pasta-like or rice (a diet not recommended for the squeamish or choosy), (iii) drinking copious amounts of fermented mare's milk, *airag*, and distilled milk-'wine', *chimmin arkhi*, and (iv) sleeping, packed like sardines, on the floor of some poor herder family's *ger* (a wood and felt tent, shaped like a Christmas cake and the size of an IDS discussion room in the octagon). There are great moments too, though, some of the best being just enjoying the vast open spaces and the wildlife (antelopes, deer, wolves, foxes, elk, hawks, eagles etc.) or the roaming herds of domestic animals - sheep, goats, horses, cattle, yaks and bactrian (two-humped) camels.

Horse-back riding is great fun too, as the Mongol horses are so easy to handle (even if they are a bit small for a 6' 2" tall European). In fact, even I - a total beginner - was galloping for a few miles on the first day without any major dramas, except when my stirrup came undone and I was saved from being thrown off the panicking horse by two 7-8 year old

A Year of Living Cold, Each Steppe is a Great Leap in the Wild East (Mongolia)

After a protracted headhunt by the Godfather (Don **Jeremy J. Swift**), **Louise COOPER (MA4)** and I, **Jerker EDSTROM, (MP11)**, were both given an offer we just couldn't refuse - a one way ticket to return to the icy steppes of **Outer Mongolia** as UNV Specialists for a year.



Mongol horsemen (who rode up on either side of me and brought the horse to a halt - bless those little cowboys). Over the next few days I was under the illusion that my credibility as a field researcher had vastly improved by being

able to ride up to the nomads' *gers* and I quickly developed a distinct 'John Wayne walk' - actually, not so much as a result of my illusions of being a great adventurer as the inevitable consequence of the sores on the insides of my legs and the

lactic acid burning its way from my waist down to my toes. I soon realised, however, that our Russian project van impressed the herders much more, since horse-back riding is the normal, and - to them - mundane, mode of transport.

The Mongols themselves are a fascinating people; very different from either the Chinese, the Russians or the Kazakhs. Their language is virtually unpronounceable, but at least they use cyrillic (Russian) letters. However, they are attempting to return to the traditional Mongol script, which looks something like a cross between Arabic and ancient Tibetan script (curly strings of symbols running straight down the page). As a people they are extremely proud of their history and culture - sometimes to the point of being nationalistic - but they are

almost invariably very hospitable (particularly in the countryside). No one locks the door of their *ger* in the day and no one knocks before entering. You simply don't turn a stranger away and every guest gets a drink and something to eat - either from the 'hospitality tray' or he/she gets invited to eat with the family, if it is time for a meal. Most guests, of course are men (as women are *ger*-bound most of the time) and any additional work involved in accommodating for guests usually falls to the women.

Life in the capital, **Ulaanbaatar**, is very different. The city looks much like I imagine any Russian provincial city might look (they used to have an old joke: 'The Russians built all the buildings in Mongolia, but the Mongols built socialism' - of course the Russians lent them a hand in that too, but at least the buildings are still standing...). Economic reforms have made urban life more difficult for many Mongols, and some predict an increase in a current trend of 'ruralisation' of the population. Increased urban poverty and the current flux in the socio-economic structure and patterns

of urban life has led to a significant increase in crime, alcoholism and violence (both domestic and 'out-doors'). As a foreigner you regularly feel the resentment - naturally resulting from current economic hardship - and you are always aware of being a potential target. Of course, there are many great urban Mongols too, who enjoy mixing with us foreigners, which makes you realise that - as I always suspected - all people are probably really the same, at some (indeterminate) level. Feelings of alienation, in a seemingly alien city and country (providing you can distance yourself from them to some extent) can actually help you to appreciate what it is like 'on the other side' and give you a sharper perspective on racism back in Europe.

Altogether, **Mongolia** is a totally different experience - strongly recommended for those with a taste for adventure and those who don't mind a bit of punishment, but it is definitely not suitable for the meek, the mild, or the squeamish. Furthermore, vegetarians are advised to refrain from visiting, in the strongest possible terms.



MP12 (1987-89)

co-directed by **Stephany Griffith-Jones** and **John HUMPHREY (DPhil77)**.

Theodore PELAGIDIS wrote in March to send greetings from **Greece** and to report that having just been awarded his **Doctorat** - congratulations! - from the University of Paris VIII, he was about to take up his position as adviser to the Minister at the Ministry of Industry, Research and Development. In the next academic year, it is likely that he will take up a position as Lecturer in the Pantios University of Athens in the Dept of Politics. He was also preparing to visit the USA as a Visiting Fellow either in the NYU or in the University of Maryland.

Congratulations to **Monica von KOSCHITZKY** and **Werner Schonfisch** on the arrival 'into our lives' in June '93 of **María Fernanda** aged 17 months.

Patricia AGUILAR is now Director of the Graduate and Research Division of the Centre for Strategic Studies at ITESM at the Campus Morelos in **Mexico**, where she is working on 2 projects: the Technology-Based Business Incubator project - designed 'to help the development of a new entrepreneur



class' in the region and a socio-economic study of the State of Morelos - to develop strategies to promote sustained development. **Patricia** gave a full account of her work at the Reunion (which she attended with her husband and baby) and also found time to produce a lovely video of the occasion.

MP13 (1988-90)

co-directed by **Charles Harvey** and **Gordon White**

Moses NGOASHENG is doing consulting work on industrial strategy and is married to **DI** they have a baby daughter of just over 1 year.

MP14 (1990-92)

co-directed by **Charles Harvey** and **Gordon White**

Andrew MICKLEBURGH and **Irene KHAYINZA (MA4)** were around IDS in the summer with their baby daughter born in early '93 before **Andrew** took up his doctoral studies at **Cambridge** in the autumn.

Charles WILLIAMS is back in **San Francisco** working as a volunteer (funded by VISTA, Volunteers in Service to America, a sort of domestic Peace Corps) with an organisation that helps small businesses get started in poor communities.

Julie LAWSON, studying for a PhD at **Bath University** (under ODA's APOS scheme) and under AKRSP (Aga Khan Rural Support Programme) in Chitral, **Pakistan**, joined **Susan Joekes** and **Judy Pointing** for 3 weeks from mid-May on Susan's research project 'The Environmental Benefits of Resourcing Women: A Study in Pakistan'.

Back in **South Africa**, **Claudia MANNING** has been working with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation on the informal sector and **Faizel ISMAIL** is at the University of the Western Cape, coordinating a collaborative project designed to build bridges on a range of issues concerning regional autonomy.

Writing from **Zambia** in March '93, **David MULOLANI** said: 'Zambia is full of activity, so much is happening economically and politically. Got back to my old job, although I am now in the sectoral policy section of the policy and agricultural statistics unit. Currently concentrating on policy issues related to agricultural investment and food security. To this end the courses undertaken during the MPhil are very useful.

Currently, Zambia is on course with its SAP. However, the social costs are extremely high. Unemployment, escalating crime, high prices of essential goods, diseases and other attendant problems associated with austerity measures are exerting their own pressures.

This year's rainfall has been very good and farmers are now getting worried that their crops will begin to rot because the rains do not seem to be abating.

Regards to all at IDS. I might be able to make it for the Alumreunion

MP15 (1991-93)

co-directed by **Raphie KAPLINSKY (DPhil80 81)** and **Gordon White**

Sadly, the latest round of the MPhil to complete are already beginning to scatter around the world, but keep in touch with **Penny Admiraal**.

Heading for the **United States**, **Jethro PETTIT** has returned to become Director of International Programmes for World Neighbors, a US NGO, based in **Oklahoma City**, working in Asia, Africa and Latin America on sustainable agriculture, community-based health and women's reproductive health. Congratulations to **Preeti SHROFF** who flew off to be re-united with fiancé **Nikhil Mehta** (Surgery Resident at the State University of New York) for their wedding in **Buffalo** on 24 October. **Preeti** returned to the UK in December to work with **Jake ROSS** on a project for the Finnish government on the social policy implications of joining the EC, using the UK in the 70s and 80s as a case study: there was a presentation in **Brussels** in January, now she's hoping to start her doctorate. **Hilary COTTAM** spent a fascinating time in **Zambia** and is now back in **Washington** (working at the World Bank on gender and urban development). **Kazuhiro YOSHIDA** is also working at the Bank - the first MPhil to compete successfully for a coveted IPO job - and has already been on his first mission to **India** to assess the management and organisational soundness of 2 hydro-electric projects.

James BLACKBURN left in October for **Mexico** and **Guatemala** and **Jenny** has just heard from him that **Guatemala** is a dramatically beautiful country: best of all got this volunteer job with Anglo-Guatemalan NGO training literacy and primary school teachers in one of **Guatemala's** most remote (and completely Indian) mountain regions. Illiteracy rate there is estimated at 95% so I'll have work to do! But so looking forward to being in a REAL situation and feeling I'm actually contributing something.

Looking East **Michiko IIZUKA** has returned to **Japan** to work at the International Development Centre of Japan where she is a research assistant in charge of planning training courses at the Centre (similar to IDS short courses). Meanwhile **Sanae ITO** is returning from **Japan** to IDS to start her doctorate in January '94. Back home in **Malaysia**, **Norani IBRAHIM** has been posted to the National Institute for Public Administration (INTAN) in **Kuala Lumpur**. **Karen COELHO** is now back in India and **Claud BART (MPI4)** is due to join her there in March.

A few remain Europe-based. **Naana OTOO-OYORTEY** has been in **The Gambia** and is now back in **London** for some months working on a proposal on women and land



reform **Hans RHEIN** has already been back at IDS on holiday from his job with the European Commission (DGVIII) where he sees



Nicholas GEORGIADIS (MPI4).

Tom JORGENSEN is back in **Denmark** working for CARE Denmark (a Danish NGO) as a volunteer project officer which is providing him with 'a useful insight into the Danish NGO scene' but not paid employment, in the New Year. **Tom** - who is responsible for CARE's Far East operations' may be off to **Vietnam** or **Thailand**. **STOP PRESS:** **Tom** is now doing consultancy for the Danish Red Cross. Last (but not least) **Jenny HOLLAND** did some research at IDS on structural adjustment, and, refuelled by a magical visit to **Egypt** and the Nile, should be heading for freedom after completing her dissertation by April.



Ian McKENDRY (DPhil93) has been at ODA in **London** since 1992, working on the India desk.

Aside from the Reunion, a number of former **DPhils** have visited IDS during the last year. **Housainou TAAL (DPhil91)** came on a 3 month Visiting Fellowship in February '93 to prepare his thesis for publication by OXFAM. **Maria BASTOS (DPhil92)** visited IDS in October having been prevented from attending the Reunion by a severe car accident, from which she is now fully recovered. Shortly afterwards, **Sepali KOTTEGODA (MP7/Phil91)** visited on her way from **Sri Lanka** to **New York** to attend a meeting on Women's Rights as Human Rights in Education, organised by The People's Decade for Human Rights 1991-2001. At home **Sepali** works as a freelance research consultant focussing on Women's Issues. She also belongs to a small NGO called the Women and Media Collective of Sri Lanka. My one year old son **Skandha** is



adorable! He is right now being looked after by his father **Lakshman Gunasekera** and my mother. It was really nice visiting IDS again after 3 years. Some things have changed - like the front desk! - but the people are all so familiar and warm!

And a number have been busy publishing. **Akio TAKAHARA (MP6/DPhil88)** now Associate Professor at the School of International Studies, Obivun University, **Tokyo**, published a new work in 1992, **The Politics of Wage Policy in Post-Revolutionary China**, (London: Macmillan, 1992, in the series 'Studies on the Chinese Economy')

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Sulochana Nair	Malaysia
Harry Patrinos	Canada



Jude HOWELL (MP9/DPhil89) has just published *China Opens its Doors: The Politics of Economic Transition* (Hemel Hempstead Herts: Harvester Wheatsheaf, 1993), which examines the political context

of China's 'Open Door' policy of opening up to the international capitalist economy in the period 1978-1992

Also in the academic world

Hassan HAKIMIYAN (MP3/DPhil87) has joined the Economics Department at SOAS as lecturer in Economics and Deputy Director (Academic) of The Centre for International Education in Economics (CIEE) Congratulations to **Hassan and Mitra** on the birth of their baby son **BiJan** on 26 February '93

Congratulations also to **Ahmad JAYAZERI (MP4/DPhil86)** and **Negin** on the birth of their baby son on 21 February '93



Charles FORTIN (DPhil87) writing to **Gordon** in June said:

'I certainly appreciate receiving information about you and former colleagues many of whom seem to have maintained closer contact with the IDS community than I. Unfortunately, I will not be able to personally take part in the festivities although you can count on my disembodied presence.

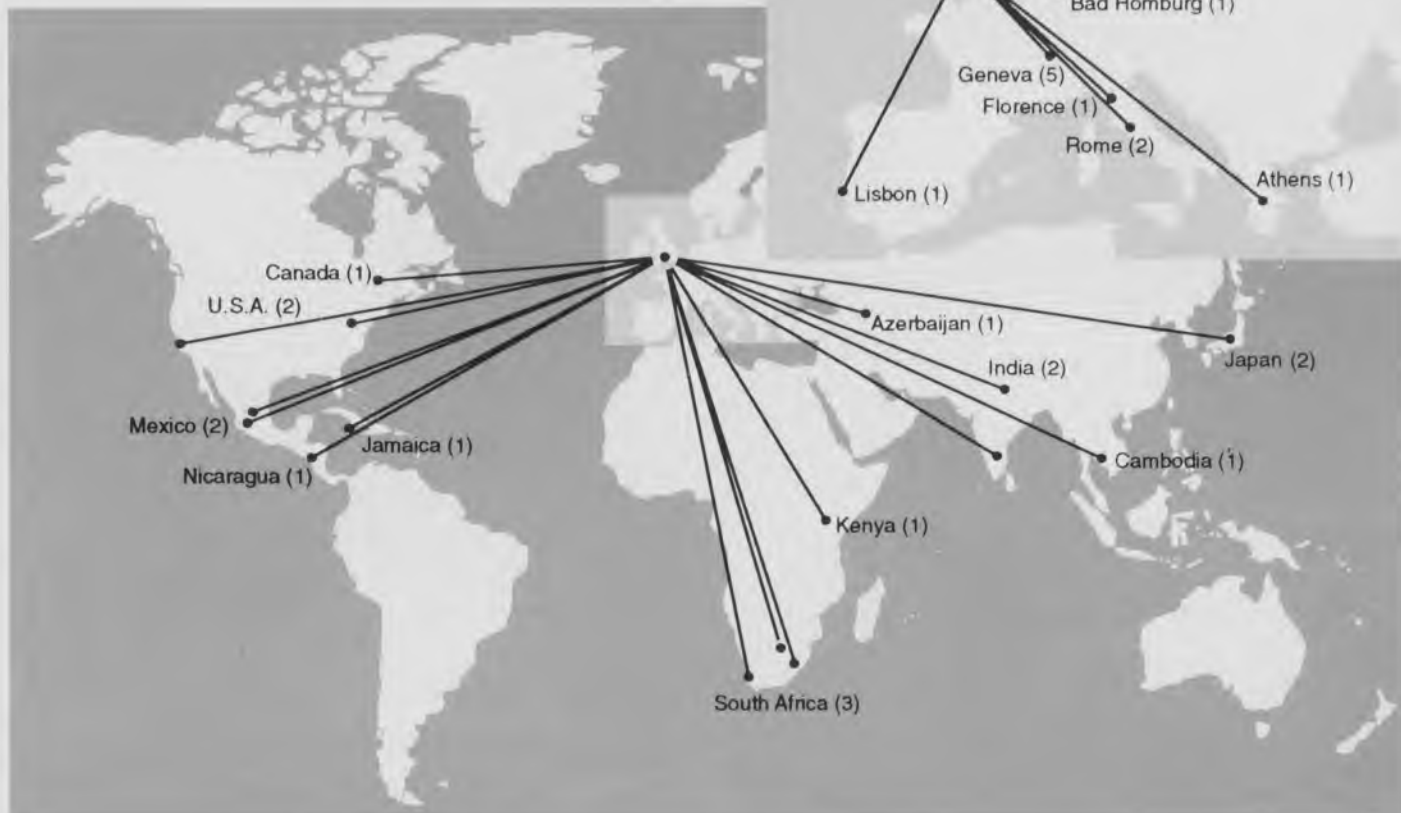
... Until September '92, I had spent two years in **Washington**, initially at the School of International Service. Later, I did a little consulting with the World Bank and other odd jobs to keep afloat. The First-World immersion was refreshing and DC proved to be a place where I would want to spend a lot more time ...

Brazil continues to challenge and frustrate ... Apart from the university, I have been doing some interesting work with two NGOs in low-income community organisational training and in Amazon biodiversity report writing.

On the Reunion programme, I see that there is a session on Poverty. Along that line, I just completed a brief article directed to leaders of poor neighbourhood associations about how to deal with City Hall. What really interest me, however, are the nuts and bolts that hold the Reunion together. After Gordon's Band, the Disco, and, of course, the Pantomime, the other activities are merely pretext!



Brighton Bound for the Reunion July 1993



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News from South Africa: Congratulations to **Zav RUSTOMJEE (MP13)** who received his doctorate at the end of '93 from the University of London (SOAS) and is now back in **South Africa** working in the ANC's Department of Economic Planning with, amongst others, **Faizel ISMAIL (MP14)**. **Faizel** also works with the University of Cape Town on a trade policy project focussing on relations between South Africa and the Southern African region. **Ketso GORDHAN (MP12)** is organising the ANC's election campaign. Meanwhile, **Claudia MANNING (MP14)**, has returned to IDS to work on her doctorate on manufacturing in small and medium sized enterprises in South Africa. We are delighted to welcome **Claudia** and **Sanae ITO (MP15)** as the first MPhils to return to IDS for their doctorates since **Jude HOWELL (MP9/DPhil89)** (who incidentally broke the completion record...)

Hiro HATASHIMA (MP14), writing on his return from the Reunion, provides the following update on his situation: for 6 months since September '93 he has been working as a 'research intern' at the Foundation for Advanced Studies on International Development (FASID) in **Tokyo**, researching aid policy, to provide background for a policy recommendation to Japanese aid agencies; his particular assignment was a country study of **Laos** which he visited for 3 weeks in December. Meanwhile **Hiro** has been accepted by the Japanese JPO scheme and expects to be dispatched to some international organisation some time this year. In his spare time he is translating **Robert Wade's** 'Governing the Market' into Japanese with fellow **(MP14) Toru FUJINAWA** for publication this summer. Meanwhile, **Carmen MALENA (MP14)** has joined the East Coast sorority and has been working with the World Bank in **Washington** since

September '93 on a project 'interfacing between the WB and the NGO community'.

Theodore PELAGADIS (MP12) is currently spending the Spring semester as a post-doctoral Fellow at the Center for European Studies at **Harvard** working on industrial policy research.

Eduardo MARTINEZ (MP4) is currently a regional specialist on science and technology planning and management with UNESCO in **Montevideo**.

Ken INOUE (MP7) has completed his assignment with UNTAC in Phnom Pen ('after witnessing the birth of the new **Cambodia**') and joins the UN Operation in **Somalia** (UNOSOM).

DPHIL STOP PRESS: 'Another three bite the dust!' (for those of you familiar with 'Gladiators'!): congratulations to **Alan FOWLER**, **Lucy NICHOLLS**, and **Luiz GONZALEZ** on the award of their doctorates.

Congratulations to **Kate MEAGHER (MP12)** and husband **Raufu Mustapha** on the birth of their beautiful daughter **Asma'u** in **Nigeria** in mid-December. **Kate** passed through IDS with **Asma'u** at the end of January en route for **Canada** on maternity leave from Ahmadu Bello University where she lectures in rural sociology. She brought news of **Kathrin BRUCHMANN (MP12)** with UNDP in **Ghana**; **Nuhu YACUB (DPhil89)**, still teaching at Sokoto University in **Nigeria** who now has a third child, a daughter, aged 3, finally news of **Tomoo** and **Machiko HOZUMI (MP12)**'s baby daughter **Yu** now 3 years old (please get in touch, we have no recent address).

We are sorry to report the sudden death of **Jumanne WAGAO (DPhil81)** in **Dar es Salaam** in December 1993.

