



ALUMNI
REUNION
JULY 93

A Beautiful Case Study in Networking

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In spite of all the good debates we had on economic and political struggles, it was an emotional rather than an intellectual occasion. So much joy, so much fun, but also that tinge of anxiety - reunions are full of reminders of what one did not do in life.

The reunion had a number of 'serious' events built into it to discuss big issues in development studies. We did so because we realised that people would not come from far away merely for three days of hugging and heavy drinking. In the course of the reunion, however, my suspicion was confirmed: most of us came not so much to talk about development, but to see old friends and talk about ourselves.

I had the pleasure to chair the session 'Professional Experiences since IDS'. I am not sure why I was asked to because I am still at the IDS - to be more precise, I left for a few years and then came back. Regrets? Few. IDS continues to be one of the

most exciting places in development research and teaching. Perhaps this also explains why the IDS employs more alumni than any other single institution. One third of the Fellowship holds a Sussex degree in development studies.

But they were not the people who were asked to speak at that session. The four main speakers were **Adrian FERNANDO (MP9)**, now in the corporate sector in **London**; **Alan LEATHER (MP1)**, now working for an international trade union organisation in **Geneva**; **Patricia AGUILAR (MP13)**, now in charge of an incubator project which helps graduates to become entrepreneurs in **Mexico**; and **Akio TAKAHARA (MP6/DPhil88)** who worked for the Japanese government and is now at Obivin University in **Tokyo**. I shall not try to summarise their interesting presentations (we taped the session and can send you a copy). It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on IDS

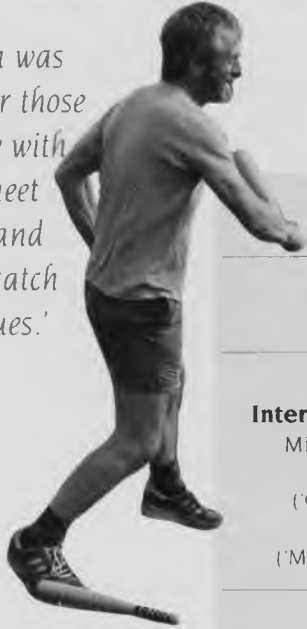
courses, on careers, and on opportunities - both missed and taken.

Perhaps the main realisation which developed out of this session, and the subsequent one when we met with current students, was the rich network which we are part of: a network through which we can find new jobs or carry out the jobs we have more effectively. The idea is not new, but the network is under-utilised, even by the IDS itself. We certainly hope to use the network more for recruiting new students, for identifying summer placements, and for helping them to find jobs after their courses. But we (IDS) are not just taking out, we are also putting in. The reunion was our biggest venture yet. It was fun-driven but with hindsight it was also a good investment in the Institute's future. A big 'Thank you' to **Philippa Sankey, Mick MOORE** and **Gordon White**, who carried the can and made it happen.

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ALUMNI REUNION SUPPLEMENT



'The Alumni Reunion was excellent. It catered for those who just wanted to be with their former mates, meet new IDS colleagues, and those who wanted to catch up with academic issues.'



Thursday 15 July

Opening Address

The Director and the Conference Team

Plenary Panel

International Organisations and Governance

Mike Faber (chair), Hans Singer, Robert Wade

With presentations by Ana Paula Teixeira

('Obstacles to the Implementation of the New Unctad')

and Miguel Neves (MP13)

('Maastricht and the EC Development Cooperation Policy')

Democratisation

Chaired and Introduced by Mark Robinson

Including a presentation by Iethro Pettit (MP15)

('NGOs and Democratisation: No Easy Solution')

Poverty

Chaired and introduced by Martin Greeley (DPhil85)

With presentations by Ahmad Jazayeri (MP4/DPhil86)

('Financial Services for the Rural Poor')

and Georgia Kaufmann ('Urban Poverty')

The Alternative Reunion

(details to be whispered)

Opening Dinner

Disco

DJ - Ludovico Alcorta (MP5/DPhil91)

Skandangle - Gordon White and friends





'Such a successful event...So many people told me that they found it not only enjoyable but also useful – a beautiful case study in networking.'



Friday 16 July

Eastern Europe and Development Issues

Chaired and introduced by Chris Stevens
With presentations by Tom Lines (MP10)
(*'East versus South or East with the South? International Dependence and Development in the 90s'*)
and Susan Willett (MP6)

Professional Experiences since IDS

Chaired by Hubert Schmitz (MPI/DPhil79/80)
With presentations by Adrian Fernando (MP9),
Alan Leather (MP1), Akio Takahara (MP6/DPhil88)
and Patricia Aguilar (MP13)

Development Careers

Chaired by Jethro Pettit (MP15)

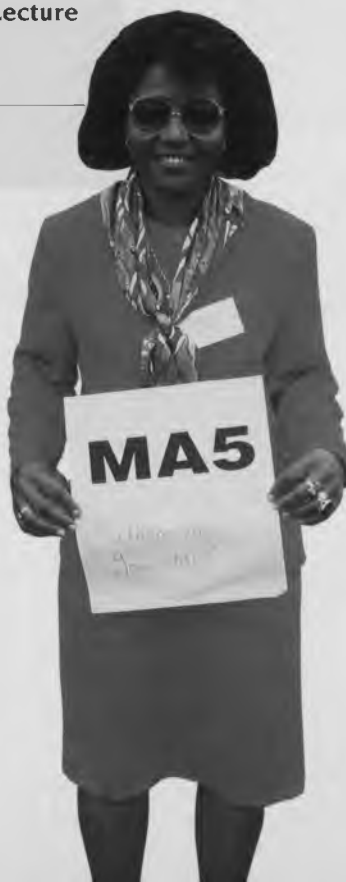
**A Gender Agenda for the 21st Century:
What have we learnt? Where are we now?
How do we go forward?**

Chaired and introduced by Naila Kabeer
With presentations by Dorothy Oben (MA5)
(*'Women and Decision Making'*), Marta Zabaleta (DPhil89)
Irene Hoel (MA2) and Ramya Subrahmanian (MA4)

**The Sixth Dudley Seers Memorial Lecture
Why Visiting Sociologists Fail**

Professor Ron Dore

Reunion Buffet



'IDS must be the only place which would dare make its first ever event for former students a three-day conference – and get away with it! It says a lot for the spirit of the place that so many people turned up from so far away – and so enjoyed it. It was marvellous to meet old friends, and make new ones.'



'I thoroughly enjoyed the Alumni Reunion. Most of us felt that the combination of academic and social events was a great success...'



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Saturday 17 July

International Political Economy
Chaired and introduced by Robin Murray
With a presentation by Manfred Bienefeld
(*'Echoes of the New Imperialism'*)

Post-Apartheid South Africa: A Panel Discussion
Chaired by Susan Nkomo (MA6)
Panel: Ketso Gordhan (MPI2), Dave Kaplan (DPhil78),
Avril Joffe (MPI1) and Zav Rustomjee (MPI3)

Alumolympic Fun and Games

Barbeque

Pantomime

Reunion Disco
DJ - Ludovico Alcorta (MP5/DPhil91)



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Alan Leather
 Hubert Schmitz*
 (with Ron Dore)



MP3

Hassan Hakimian*
 Eoin O'Malley*

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MP4

MP4

Ahmad Jazayeri*
 Mammo Muchie
 Wendy Walker
 (with Chris Colclough)



MP5

Taffere Tesfachew*

'It was absolutely terrific to be at IDS, smell the dust and the books, and not the least, to be in an academic ambience and listen to the scholars that have meant so much to us.'



MP6



Ludovico Alcorta*
 Peta-Anne Baker
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 Akio Takahara*
 Susan Willett

'a wonderful experience'

MP7



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Tom Hewitt*
 Ken Inoue
 Antigone Lyberaki*
 (with David Evans)

MP8



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Cissy Wallace
 Shir Yuan Lai

MP9



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Adrian Fernando
 Mike Heller
 Jude Howell*
 Harriet Lamb
 Aliko Mouriki
 Roy Trivedy
 (with Mick Moore)