Alumni reunion planned for July 1997!

We are pleased to confirm that the second Alumni Reunion will take place from 31 July - 3 August 1997. With just under 700 alumni from 95 countries we are hoping for even larger numbers than 1993 so please return your indication of interest (enclosed) as soon as possible and, even better, your booking form (book IDS accommodation early for special discount!). Make sure you contact friends who may not be in touch with us so that we have up-to-date contact addresses for as many as possible over the next few months so that we can keep you posted as plans and lists of those attending unfold.

We are looking for maximum alumni involvement in planning the Reunion and we look forward to your ideas for discussion topics and offers of presentations. The Reunion will also be an opportunity to develop IDS Alumni along lines you want incorporating features you would find useful. Our first proposal is a special alumni subscription package offering 30% discount on all our publications (details enclosed).

We are always delighted to see the regular flow of alumni who visit IDS all through the year and provide a fascinating insight into the diverse careers pursued since leaving IDS. If you let us know in advance that you propose to visit IDS we will do our best to make your visit useful and productive (including discounted accommodation) in return for updating us on your activities and chatting informally to current students.

We are also delighted to meet up with alumni on our travels. Indeed we are always touched and deeply grateful for the welcome extended to Fellows and IDS members around the world. Thriving alumni groups are now developing in all corners of the globe: next page. Martin GREELEY (DPhil85), our new Chair of Teaching, describes the support he received from the Bangladesh network during his 2 year stay. Kim TRES (MP14) has helped develop a thriving group in Mexico (see Bernardo MENDEZ Lugo (MP4)'s article on page 7). Others report chance encounters around the world – and Puerto Rico (see page 10) seems to be a lively meeting place. The alumni network is also an increasing and valuable support and resource for current students for internships and career advice. And nearly all alumni groups - particularly Japan – seem to have welcomed Hans Singer on his many globe-trottings (see Supplement).

STOP PRESS New IDS Alumni WWW site Homepage

Before the next reunion we are keen to track down as many as possible ‘lost’ alumni. An exciting development which is already producing long-lost alumni is, of course the Internet. With this edition we are producing a list of email addresses and we are considering how to develop the use of the Internet further, starting with a WWW site. Homepage at http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/teach/alumni/.
Martin GREELEY (DPhil85) has just returned from a two year sojourn in Dhaka, Bangladesh where he was re-surveying villages he worked in fifteen years ago. He writes:

Although there is no formal alumni group in Dhaka there are a large number of alumni many of whom are in regular contact. Several are well-established researchers, others are involved in Bangladesh's development efforts through their work for the government, in NGOs or in donor agencies. A group of them met at Martin's house in Dhaka soon after he arrived but it was not until he’d been there for some time that it became apparent how widespread the alumni network is (and how useful it can be when the tangled web of bureaucracy seriously slows up visa renewals!). There are two new IDS research projects starting in Bangladesh this year - on sustainable livelihoods and on the spatial integration of grain markets - so there will be plenty of opportunity to renew contacts and build on the strong social and professional links already there amongst the alumni.

IDS and the New South Africa

Perhaps most gratifying of all is to see our South African alumni (on whom we last reported in IDSAlumnusnews 2 in 1992), rise to positions of distinction in the new government. For example, Ketso GORDHAN (MP12) is Director-General of the Department of Transport since June 1994. Zav Rustomjee (MP14) is Director-General of the Department of Trade and Industry (where Faizel ISMAIL (MP14) is a Chief Director). And one year ago, Moses NGOASHENG (MP13) was made special adviser on economic affairs to the Executive Deputy President, Thabo Mbeki another Sussex graduate. A number of this group (see below) accompanied Thabo Mbeki when he received an honorary doctorate from the University in a special ceremony in October 1995, and they eloquently and authoritatively of how they were facing the development challenges in the new South Africa. The Deputy President and this group also participated in a high level dialogue with leaders of British industry, commerce and academia (which included the Governor of the Bank of England, see above) which was held at IDS at this time.

Meanwhile other South African alumni continue to make their mark in the new South Africa. Pinky Mashigo (DPhil) is working at the EU Office in Pretoria and her responsibilities include the microenterprise support programme. Claudia MANNING (MP14) is completing her DPhil and also acting as consultant to the South African government on small business. Avril JOFFE (MP11) is working with the industrial strategy project and doing research consultancies in human resource development for trades unions. Glen ROBBINS (MP17) works for the Urban Strategy Group at the Durban Metropolitan Council on regional industrial policy and Edmond MLONGO (MP15) is employed at the Peace Commission in Durban.

Mike MORRIS (DPhil81) is Director of the School of Development Studies at Natal University, working with Chris Stevens and Raphie KAPLINSKY (DPhil 80/81) on the training of civil servants and regional industrial policy. David KAPLAN (DPhil78) is Director of the Development Policy Research Unit at the University of Cape Town and continues to collaborate with Raphie on industrial and technology policies.

Sharda NAIDOO (MA5) is development policy manager in technology for development at the Centre for Science and Industrial Research (CSIR).

In addition to Raphie KAPLINSKY and Chris Stevens work with the Department of Trade and Industry, other IDS Fellows are working with the new government. Chris Colclough advises the Department of Education, Malcolm Segall works in the Ministry of Health and Stephen Devereux with the Ministry of Public Works. Ian Scoones and Robin MEARNS (MP14) are also developing work in South Africa.
MA4 (1990–91)

co-directed by Susan Joekes (UoS)

Shanthi DAIRIAM is based in Kuala Lumpur where she runs a pan-Asia Pacific programme: International Women's Rights Action Watch, doing advocacy and training on women's human rights, particularly the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). She was also actively involved in international preparations for the Beijing Conference and has been working with groups in Egypt and China and other countries preparing for advocacy in Beijing.

Writing in September 1994, Ramya SUBRAHMANIAN was based in Bombay working with Nailia Kabeer on a training project on gender-aware planning with the Government of India. She was also working with Shanthi on women's rights and CEDAW, as well as training on gender issues for assorted agencies. She is now studying for her DPhil with the OU back in the UK.

Lydia FELIX has been working on a 2 year UNDP contract with the government of St Lucia in the Ministry of Women’s Affairs.

Adesuwa OSUMWEGIE, writing in September 95, was very busy doing consultancies on social development issues for ODA and UN agencies. Currently she was working on an essential drugs project connected with the ‘Bamako Initiative’ for the British Council as the social development consultant for 3 states in the south of Nigeria (a project led by Cath Conn).

Laeticia MUKARASI is still Programme Officer with UNDP in Tanzania and in early 1995 was in Ngora assessing the impact of the Rwandan refugee influx on the local population and in New York attending the 39th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Joanna KERR, now senior researcher at the North-South Institute in Canada is in regular contact with IDS Fellows. In May 95 she passed through IDS and gave a fascinating impromptu talk to current students on life since the MA.

Congratulations to Batilda BURIAN who has recently completed her doctorate at London University on the gender dimension of housing policy for the urban poor in Tanzania.

Manal AHMED is in Brighton with her husband and twin sons working as a race equality project worker for East Sussex County Council.
MA6 (1992–93)
co-directed by Georgia
Kaufmann – now Director
UKAID, London – and Ann
Whitehead (UoS)

Sachiko OKUMURA writing
in autumn 1994, reported that
Susie NKOMO was currently
in Japan. Sachiko was
centrally involved in Japan's
contribution to the Beijing
Conference. Susie works with
the Social Sciences Research
and Development Forum at
the Community Agency for
Social Enquiry in South Africa
Carolyn SLEIGHTHOLME
(writing last summer) was
based with a small women's
NGO in Calcutta working in
the red-light district with sex-
workers and their children.
'It's difficult to bring about
meaningful change but we try
to get away from the usual
health-focused intervention
and focus on violence, child-
care, legal awareness.' The
NGO was involved in the
preparation of the NE India
presentation on violence for
Beijing. Her own work was to
co-ordinate and complete a
research paper on the Calcutta
sex-trade, bringing in a gender
perspective.

Amparo PINLAC-JONES
visited IDS in 1995. She
married Gareth David Jones in
June 1993 in Brighton and
followed this with a church
wedding in Manila in June
1994. With effect from July
1994 Amparo was promoted to
Assistant Regional Director in
the Regional Office of the Dept
of Labor and Employment in
San Fernando. In late 1994 she
attended a workshop on
Gender Issues in the World of
Work in Turin (Italy) sponsored
by the ILO and the previous
year attended a course in
Washington DC in Institution
Building (Strategic Management
for the 1990s) conducted by the
Centre for Development and
Population (CEDPA).

Katrina ELLIOT has been
working since July 1994 as a
regional programme manager
for British Columbia's Ministry
of Women's Equality back home in Canada. She works
in community economic
development with First
Nations communities in NE
BC and manages stopping the
violence programmes. In July
1996 Katrina started a new job
as a programme policy analyst
for the same Ministry in
Victoria. She visited IDS
briefly in May '96 and met Sue
Ong and Meera SHAH and is
looking forward to an MA6
Reunion in December 1996.

In mid '95 Rachel MARCUS
completed a 2 year assignment
in Belize with ODA (under the
APOS scheme). She spent some
months working at IDS and in
December went to Malawi as a
social anthropologist on a
farming systems integrated
pest management project for
the British Natural Resources
Institute (NRI).

In mid '96 Giovanna
CAMPELLO, Arlene EL KHOURY,
Rachel MARCUS and Meera
SHAH had a mini reunion in
Paris.
Sheila THOMSON is still in
Bangkok and passes through
IDS from time to time.

Cathy GREEN following a
period at IDS is now project
manager for Options consul-
tancy, still Sussex-based but
working on health projects
overseas.

MA7 (1993–94)
co-directed by Naila Kabeer
and Ann Whitehead (UoS)

Mahmuda KHAN is back
working with the Bangladesh
Rural Advancement Committee
(BRAC) and spent 3 months at
the International Center for
Research on Women (ICRAW)
in Washington in the summer
of 1995.

MA8 (1994–95)
co-directed by Anne Marie
GOETZ and Matthew
LOCKWOOD (UoS)

Monica TRUJILLO is back
home in Canada.

Where are the rest of you?
BRIDGE

BRIDGE, the briefing service on gender and development at IDS, has completed its fourth year of operation. Set up in 1992 to assist in the integration of gender concerns into development policy and practice, BRIDGE provides development professionals with up-to-date information and analyses on a range of gender and development issues, drawing on the resources of the BLDS and on the expertise of gender Fellows and others within the IDS and wider university faculty.

BRIDGE outputs include gender country profiles; thematic and sectoral reviews; guides to best-practice interventions; digests of the latest gender statistics and information on the activities and strategies of development agencies. Since it started, BRIDGE has produced over 30 major reports and a number of bibliographies, covering a wide range of issues including poverty, structural adjustment, HIV and AIDS prevention, water resources management, emergencies and humanitarian assistance, national machineries and conflict and development.

BRIDGE has many links with students and visitors past and present: former and current MA, MPhils and DPhils and Visiting Fellows have worked on the project including Rachel MARCUS, Cathy GREEN, and Sheila THOMSON (MA6), Bridget BYRNE and Veronica CAMPANILE (MA7) and Martha Condon-Walsh (MA9), Naana OTOO-OYORTEY and Shahin YACUB (MP16), Iman Bibars and Robert Jenkins (DPhils) and Deepa Grover (Visiting Fellow), bringing their own particular regional or sectoral expertise to the project.

BRIDGE also holds a collection of unpublished agency literature, including donor gender policies and strategies, project and programme evaluations and sectoral and project-level guidelines and checklists. The BRIDGE collection is heavily used by both MA and MPhil students as a source of original project and policy documents relating to gender issues. Alumni with an interest in gender also receive regular copies of the BRIDGE bulletin development and gender in brief.

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Or visit our World Wide Web homepage on:
http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/bridge/bri_open.html.

The Beijing conference and NGO forum

A large IDS contingent went to China for the Fourth UN World Conference on Women in September 1995 to participate in the NGO Forum at Huairou (outside Beijing). The team included Anne Marie Goetz, Sally Baden, Lyla Mehta and Sheelagh Stewart (both DPhils). The group also included Bridget Byrne and Kirsty MILWARD (from MA7) in Beijing yet more MAs met up: Sonomi TANAKA (MA8), Sheila THOMSON, Fenella PORTER, Susie NKOMO and Arlene EL KHOURY from MA5 and Joanna KERR (who had a role at the official conference and also produced a brilliant video of Beijing), Ramya SUBRAHMANIAN (who had a role at the formal conference and the NGO Forum and led a delegation of young women from India), Shanthi DARIAM and Irene KHYANZI from MA4.

The following is taken from accounts by Anne Marie and Sally.

Anne Marie

Among the IDS projects at the NGO Forum was holding a workshop on gender and institutional change, which ran as a team with Ruth PEARSON (DPhili) and Cecile Jackson of the University of East Anglia. This was a great success, with an audience of over 100 people, who braved the intense heat and humidity of an entire afternoon to participate in the discussions. It also proved a chance to draw together most of the IDS alumnae who were at the Forum, giving us a chance to connect and catch up afterwards. Preparation for this workshop prior to the Forum had involved persuading all IDS members, staff and students, to contribute to the creation of a banner, with the title of the workshop emblazoned on it in English and Chinese. Breaking In, Speaking Out: Making Development Organisations Work for...
Women'. The IDS group also sported team T-shirts asking: 'Who needs [Sex] if you can have [Gender]?' Referring to the attempts by some governments to bracket and challenge the use of the word 'gender' throughout the Platform for Action, the slogan attracted a lot of attention from other Forum participants.

The NGO Forum was an excellent opportunity for us to assess where gender research at the IDS stands in relation to contemporary activist debates. For me personally, the NGO Forum meant a welcome opportunity to recharge my feminist batteries. Evidence at the Forum of the power and variety of women's movements the world over was enormously affirming in the context of the day to day struggles many of us face in our own work to gain legitimacy for feminist perspectives.

At the same time, it was also quite a challenge to develop a coherent idea of the global women's movement out of the fantastic variety of women's issues and women's approaches to promoting their interests. There were Catholic women for choice, lesbian rights activists, and women from either side of the lines of conflict in the Middle East or the former Yugoslavia. Groups concerned with inner spiritual growth were back to back with politicians advocating outward-oriented leadership strategies for women. Young women, for the first time at a UN Women's Conference, were articulating a common youth platform, and so were ageing women.

At the same time, just as women's movements the world over have strengthened, so too have opponents. In particular, fundamentalist religious and conservative groups were substantially represented, and seemed very well organised and funded. Given the influence of these groups on some governments, it will be up to the dynamism and creativity of women in the non-governmental arena to sustain pressure for respect for women's rights, which makes following-up on the connections established at the NGO Forum a critical project for the years ahead.

Sally writes:

...It is hard to convey the range of issues, activities, debates and experiences generated by a conference on this scale. The official conference...seemed a sterile affair, where the dirty work of politicking was done and cynical bargains were struck over the wording of the official document. By contrast, the NGO Forum was diverse, participatory and chaotic, imbued with the spirit of collective endeavour, as well as humour and creativity. Each day, there were several hundred workshops, as well as plenary sessions featuring prominent feminist speakers and women leaders, focused on the major themes of the conference: globalisation of the economy; political participation; sexual and reproductive rights; violence and human rights and the rise of conservatism.

Some of the issues were very inspiring, bringing hundreds of women to their feet, as speakers railed against injustice, violence, exploitation and oppression, and applauded the courage of those women who had made a stand, often at great personal cost. In general, the mood was one of constructive dialogue and alliance-building between women of different regions and identities. There was, nevertheless, a strong presence of conservative forces - fundamentalists of every hue - attempting to undermine the broad consensus being built, but with only limited success.

Sally Baden and Anne Marie Goetz have written a paper since the Conference titled: 'Who needs [Sex] when you can have [Gender]? Conflicting discourses on gender at Beijing'. This will be published shortly in Feminist Review.
I suppose that life is not easy in many places all over the developing world, especially in the last 15 years; more difficult times started exactly when I left IDS in 1981 after the Mexican 'oil boom' debacle! The Mexican case seems to be a good example of recent tendencies in the global economy: regarding social reality from offices in capital cities can give a biased idea ('urban bias' – thanks Michael Lipton!) of what is really happening. Yes, many of us were thinking that Mexico was almost ready to join successfully the league of industrialised countries. However, modernisation was only a glass-looking exercise based on patterns of consumption (imports) not endogenous production.

What are ex-Sussex people doing lately in Mexico?

Well not so easy to have a balance sheet but let's see myself lecturing at Autonomous Metropolitan University in Mexico City but since 1990 working for the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I have worked in industrial promotion with former public officials Enrique BAUTISTA-VILLEGAS (DPhil82) and Mauricio de Maria y Campos (UoSMAEcon74). BAUTISTA is successfully exporting avocados to the US and European markets, now living in Morelia, a regional capital city. De Maria y Campos is currently UNIDO Director-General. Since 1994, Joaquim TRES (MP14) who is the Country Representative of the Spanish Aid Agency in Mexico has made a great effort to integrate a real consensus of Sussex alumni in Mexico offering his warm and open hospitality with his wife Nuria and baby daughter Mariona (born in Mexico).

We've met several times; first with Hans Singer who was giving lectures at UNAM on Bretton Woods. We were joined by Jose Octavio Martinez (UoSMAEcon) and Francisco Giner de los Rios (UoSDPhilEcon) now Mexican Director-General for Environmental Standards. All were impressed at Hans' energy and vitality.

Also discussing NAFTA and political issues was Eduardo RAMOS-VALLOS (MP13) still working for the Ministry of Trade and Industry (SECOFI) on Pacific Basin issues. His 'targets' were private consultants Raul MONTEForte (DPhil90) and Fernando JUAREZ (MP10) who were not convinced by RAMOS optimistic view of trade liberalisation. Even more sceptical was Claudio BAGU (MP8) at the Statistics Federal Office (INEGI). To be true, there are not many ex-Sussex women around, only Lorenia PARADA (MA1) who is in charge of UNAM's Program of Gender Studies.

Some time ago, myself, Jose Octavio Martinez and Francisco Giner enjoyed the very deep insight analysis of Mexican political affairs with Fernando Casteneda (UoS-DPhil84) who is now teaching in Reed College, Portland, Oregon but visits Mexico once in a while. I have been emailing with Akiko Nakajima (UoSMAEcon) who lives in Kobe (this family is safe after last year's earthquake there). Also exchanging emails with Peter STOCKDALE (MP5) living in Ottawa with his Chilean wife Conne Otorola (Afras82). Incredible: I used to baby-sit for Conne during my Sussex years (playing on the rocky beaches of Hove in 1980) and her child Malen was taking care of my two children during my stay in Montreal in 1992 when she spent some time in the same Outremont neighborhood.

From Costa Rica I have news about Ennio RODRIGUEZ (MP3/DPhil84) who was living some time in Mexico City.
Some news about Alfredo NUNEZ BARRIGA (MP1), well known as el pata (and also for his parties in old Brighton) who was appointed to a post at the Ministry of Mines in Peru. Another Peruvian who was in Mexico for a short visit (some time ago) is JOSE EGUREN (MP4) working for UNDP in New York.

Ex-IDS people we have not seen lately

Patricia AGUILAR (MP13) is working at the Monterrey Institute of Technology, campus Morelos, and has had her third baby. Kim TRES bumped into GERARDO BRACHO (MP11) who is now back in Moscow and still works for the Commercial Office of the Mexican Embassy. BRACHO co-edited an interesting book with former Mexican ambassador Carlos Tello (also an ex-UK graduate) on perestroika and political changes in Russia.

It was with much sadness that we learnt of the death of Rashid MEER (MP6) on 29 May 1995 in a car accident in Durban. Worku LAKEW (MP6) contributed the following obituary:

Rashid was forced into exile for the apartheid regime for his political activities and his anti-apartheid beliefs and he spent over 20 years in exile in the UK. The apartheid regime considered him a target due to his opposition activities as well as his family's history in the forefront of the struggle against apartheid. His mother, Fatima Meer, wrote the biography of Nelson Mandela Higher Than Hope, based on notes from prison which Mandela prepared for her and numerous interviews during the Robben Island years. His father, Ismael Meer was a leading legal adviser to the ANC during its early years. Rashid studied for his undergraduate degree at Sussex, followed by the MPhil at IDS. After graduation he became the national organiser of black workers' groups for NALGO. During this period he founded the National Campaign against the Deportation of Black Trade Union Activists which brought together many black workers' groups for NALGO. Rashid was playing the piano with my MPhil flatmates when living in Brighton during my IDS years. Mammo MUCHIE, Caroline ALLISON, Yaba BADOE and Ah Eng LAI. Of course, many other MP4 people were around at those reggae parties of the early Thatcher years. Upananda VIDANAPATIRANA (DPhil85), Ferrmin ADRIANO, Magdalena DAVID, Duru TOBI, Ahmad JAYAZERI (DPhil86), Sofia KOZAK, Alex VOLKOFF, Wendy WALKER and all the Latin American team with the outstanding singing voice of Bernardo ALVAREZ-HERRERA (MP5).

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He went on to study journalism at City University in London and on graduation worked for City Limits as a roving reporter on anti-racist issues and current political topics. For the last five years he worked for the BBC World Service on the Africa Desk as a senior staff member (in his element as a senior producer with Focus on Africa). For the last year and a half he was back home in South Africa (on secondment from the BBC World Service) at a time of great importance for his life and for world events.

Rashid was a leading member of the campaign for Gay Rights in the UK, for the anti-racist struggle and for the struggle for democracy and progressive ideas. His conviction and activism never faltered even in times of changing political climates.
MP7 (1982–84)
co-directed by Kate Young and David Evans

Muhammad Yusuf NIAZI is working as Secretary, Finance Department with the provincial government of Balochistan, in Pakistan
Rachel GARST has joined the Washington Office on Latin America, where she has worked as an Associate for Guatemala and regional security issues since 1994. Before that she was head of the research unit at the Guatemalan Council of Development Organisations, having previously conducted research (in Albuquerque) on US food aid to Central America.
Onalenna SELOLWANE is lecturing in the Sociology Department of the University of Botswana.

Euclid TSOKALOTOS is now based at the Department of International and European Studies at Athens University of Economics and Business. In the summer of 1995, Euclid together with his wife Heather Gibson was awarded the Dudley Seers Prize (by the publishers Frank Cass) for their article 'The Scope and Limits of Financial Liberalisation in Developing Countries: a critical survey' published in the Journal of Development Studies (Vol 30 No 3). Euclid recalls:
'I met Dudley Seers in October 1982 when I began the MPhil programme... He expressed pleasure that a Greek who has grown up in Britain should be doing development studies because, as he put it 'development is not just about the tropics'. However, he was less encouraging when he asked me where I did my first degree and I replied that I did PPE at Queen's, Oxford. He responded to this with 'that means you will have to spend the whole of your first year unlearning the economics you learnt in Oxford before you can learn anything useful in your second year!' I do not know if he would have considered my having been awarded the prize evidence that I have indeed unlearnt all that was necessary, but I am in any case touched to have been awarded such a prize.'

MP8 (1983–85)
co-directed by John Oxenham (still with the EDI) and Charles Harvey

Congratulations to Obert NYAWATA on his recent marriage and the birth of his son. Obert is still with the IMF in Washington.

MP9 (1984–86)
co-directed by Robin Luckham and Mick MOORE (DPhil89/81)

In mid 1994 Catherine MULHOLLAND was still with WHO in Geneva where she produced a number of publications on women's health, and the health dimensions of economic reform working with the Special Adviser to the Director-General on Health and Development Policies.

Dorannad HURLEY is now back in Ireland working with the Ballymun Job Centre in Dublin, a community-based organisation working to find employment and to create jobs in this area of Dublin.

Writing in mid-1994, William LOCKWOOD-BENET:

'I do regret not having been able to attend the Reunion. I was working in Honduras for Price Waterhouse's International Privatisation Group. I married Candid Bobonis in Jan '93, an old friend from the school next to the Jesuit school I attended here! She's a stockbroker with Merrill Lynch here in San Juan. I was particularly sorry I missed Fernando IURATE at the Reunion. I also missed meeting him and his wife when they travelled to San Juan to catch their Caribbean honeymoon cruise a few years ago!

Mariko HIGASHI and her husband Izumi have visited San Juan twice. They love to play golf. One of their visits coincided with a stopover by Arturo GRIGSBY so we all got together and spent a wonderful time. Ludovico ALCORTA (MP6/DPhil91) has also visited San Juan on business. Elisa and Edwin IRIZARRY (DPhil89) live in Mayaguez their hometown on the west end of the island, where he teaches economics at the University. He ran for mayor during the last elections! I am godfather to Alejandro their son born in Brighton.

I am currently working on recommendations for the expansion of Puerto Rico Capital Markets for the Government Development Bank (GDB), along with Arthur D Little Financial Industries Management Consultants, New York.'
on Infrastructure Investment, Recommendations on Project Development, Operations and Financing. Until 1993 I served as Vice President of the GDB and worked in the Wall Street Office during 1991. I truly enjoyed working on institutional investor and credit rating agency relations as well as the review and coordination of revenue bond issuance for the Puerto Rico central government, the PR Electric Power Authority, PR Industrial Development Company and PR Aqueduct and Sewer Authority. I also served as project manager for privatization of the PR Telephone Company, its long-distance subsidiary ... and PR Maritime Shipping Company, and reviewed industrial loans to new ventures.

The highlight of my years in government service was working with Teodoro Moscoso, (a friend of Hans Singer) who had served as director of Kennedy's Alliance for Progress and the industrial investment program here during the 1950s.

... We often go to the countryside to farm a little bit and enjoy the cool weather. Otherwise it's water sports in San Juan. I have been taking calligraphy and Japanese lessons, but it will take years to master the language!!

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Congratulations on the birth of William and Candy's twin sons, Fernando and Bruno, born in April '96.

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**MP12 (1987–89)**
co-directed by Stephany Griffith-Jones and John HUMPHREY (DPHi77)

Ketso GORDHAN is now Director General of the Ministry of Transport in South Africa.

Tomoo HOZUMI has been working for UNICEF as Chief of the State Office in Gujarat, India since mid 1992. He and Machiko, with initial help from Suzuka SUGAWARA (MP10), have translated Robert Chambers' Rural Development: Putting the Last First. Into Japanese which was published by Akashi Shoten in October 1995.

Theodore PELAGIDIS wrote in early 1994 to say that he was about to take up a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center for European Studies and Harvard University conducting research on industrial policy.

Vivien LOWDES has gained her doctorate from the Department of Government, University of Strathclyde. She has taught at Essex University and is now a lecturer at the Institute of Local government Studies, University of Birmingham. Congratulations to Vivien and Stuart on the birth of their son, Alastair, in November 1994.

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**MP13 (1988–90)**
co-directed by Charles Harvey and Gordon White

Love has been very much in the air with MP13 over the last year or so!

Congratulations to:

- Yasuko KIMURA on her marriage to Bradley Jonathan Luff, a physicist at Southampton University, and on the birth of their daughter Marie Karen (8 lbs 10 oz) in April '96.
- to Robin MEARNs and Ann Hudock (IDS DPhil) on their wedding in mid 1995;
- and to Eduardo RAMOS who married Mariam Bujalil on 1 April and has moved to the Ministry of Trade and Industry (Mexico), where he is responsible for relations with the Asian/Pacific region.
- and to Zav RUSTOMJEE and Betty MUNOZ on their marriage. Meanwhile, Zolla ELLIS (who visited IDS last year) has her own private law practice in Belize and does consultancy work for various NGOs including Oxfam for which she was Deputy Regional Representative for 2 years after graduating.
- Satjayit SINGH has completed his PhD and has been based in London working with Leon Drez in STICERD at LSE over the last couple of years (where his wife Anshu is pursuing her doctorate at SOAS). During this time he has had a number of Visiting Fellowships at IDS (working with Robin MEARNs on 'Large dams (in India): equity and sustainability'). The latest Vfship, supported by the Ford Foundation, is split into 3 parts and he will be here in Aug/Sept 96 and '97. Congratulations also to Anshu and Saty on the birth of their son Mihiraan.
- Liz CARTY was a Health Policy Analyst working for the State of Massachusetts doing work on reimbursement and health policy in terms of analysis to help providers and organisations improve quality of care (working a lot with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, a Boston-based group). She is now back in development work with OXFAM-US, still Boston-based and she feels her work with the Rate Setting Commission has prepared her well for further work in development.
- Jens BRUGGEMAN has moved from Bremen but is still with the development arm of the German National Parks.

Ranji KIRSHNAMURTHY spent time at IDS in the...
summer of 1994 working with Naila Kabeer
Ana Paola TEIXEIRA has left UNCTAD and is working for a big consultancy company back home in Brazil

MP14 (1990-92)
co-directed by Charles Harvey and Gordon White

Azim AHMED (our one and only Maldivian alumus!) has met a number of IDS colleagues recently: first Tracie Gunn on her big trip East in 1994, and then Anoma JAYAWICKREMNA (MP17) met him in Manila at the Asian-Pacific Ministerial Conference in Preparation for the World Summit for Social Development where Azim was representing the Maldives. 'We happened to start talking and within minutes discovered that we had IDS in common!' Azim is now Assistant Director in the Ministry of Policy Planning, Housing, Environment and Employment and travels a lot to Nepal for ASEAN and SAARC meetings.

Hiro HATASHIMA finished working for FASID in Tokyo in March '94. He then worked briefly with Yasunori BABA (DPhil85) at the Research into Artefacts Center for Engineering to Nepal for ASEAN and (DPhil85) at the Research into Artefacts Center for Engineering to Nepal for ASEAN and SAARC meetings.

Hong Kong in Nov '94. In August '94 Hiro moved to the African Development Bank in Abidjan as a Young Professional Country Programme Economist responsible for the preparation of country strategy papers, policy-based operations, poverty reduction projects and institutional support projects, assigned to cover Kenya which he visited in late '94.

In late 1994, Charles Harvey received a long letter from Mary McKEOWN who had been living in The Gambia for 2 years working initially with UNDP on health, gender and poverty alleviation policy. 'I was involved in setting up a new Strategy for Poverty Alleviation due to be developed and funded by major external donors. Mary left to become Sociological Adviser to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs but was overtaken by the coup when the British ODA and EU withdrew funding from all new projects. By the end of October she found out that the job - 'in many ways this was a dream job' - would not go ahead. Meanwhile she is spending lots of time with Annie (6) and Katie (2) and playing tennis 5 mornings a week (this is true). Husband Diarmuid's research was going well. 'Another highlight of the year for us was the St Patrick's Day party we helped organise: 200+ people of 22 nationalities ate Irish stew and did the Waves of Tory.'

Leaving the University of Miami, Cesar Velez returned to the World Bank in Washington, DC, completing an assignment as a Senior Adviser to Mollie Swenson's Office of Operations. Cesar had been working in Latin America since 1991, in forestry and water projects and, more recently, had been involved in setting up a water project in Panama. Cesar left the World Bank to join the private sector.

Jethro Pettit wrote from the scene of the tragic bombing in Oklahoma City in mid '95:

We are all struggling with the terrible effects of the bombing two weeks ago: the entire city is still in shock, and everyone seems to know someone who is hurt, dead or missing. We live less than a mile from the building and our neighborhood suffered some damage. We know two women, personally, who did not survive... As Americans, we are also compelled to examine the roots of hatred and violence in our own society that can lead to such acts. Thanks to all for the many sympathetic calls from the UK.

Kim TRES (MP14) in Mexico City and finding he was just two blocks away, with time for a quick meeting away from his busy responsibilities running the Spanish aid programme. Have crossed paths with many more MPhils here and there.
Looking for Che Guevara?

Meanwhile James BLACKBURN (MP15) was busy roaming the southern hemisphere.....
to Robert Chambers at IDS (yes, I know, "back to the library" and all that...), networking with Latin Americans interested in PRA. It was fun to help bring together different schools of participatory research and action. I had for a long time been a fan of the more political Freirean schools of "participation", and it was exciting to see how much the methods of PRA could bring to these schools, and vice versa.

In December 1994, I gave my first PRA training workshop in Argentina and by March that year, I was working as a teacher and PRA trainer based at Universidad Nur in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. PRA is really taking off in Bolivia, chiefly because the government passed a Law of Popular Participation in May 1994 which provides a "participation-friendly" politico-legal context. With colleagues from Universidad Nur, we trained NGO people all over the country, as well as in the Dominican Republic and Argentina. Students taking degrees in Agricultural Economics and Communication for Development also became very interested in the methodology - several are now doing papers and dissertations based on their own fieldwork applying PRA. Another fun project we developed at Nur University was a six month distance learning course (Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Development), using the Internet. I hear from my Bolivian colleagues that the course has since become quite a success.

I'm now back at IDS after a year in Bolivia, presently co-directing a book on the implications for policy-making in developing countries of the rapid spread of participatory methodologies in development work. I plan to start a DPhil at IDS looking at issues of participation and democratisation in Latin America. I'm already looking forward to getting back into the mountains. But this time I think I'll steer clear of ravines and guerrillas.

MP16 (1992-94) co-directed by Robin Mearns (MP13) and Gordon White

Marzia Fontana has just completed her ODI Fellowship at the Reserve Bank of Fiji and is now working at the WB on Algena and plans to start her DPhil at IDS in early 1997.

Jay Oelbaum is working on his doctorate at the Uni of Toronto and has also been researching the impact of political liberalisation on economic policy reform in Ghana. He visited IDS briefly in June '96 enroute to Ghana to complete his fieldwork.

Shahin Yaoub has been working at the UoS Poverty Research Unit (run by Michael Lipton) and has recently been working in Mongolia as part of UNDP's technical assistance to the government in connection with producing Mongolia's first Human Development Report.

Roy Manabe went to St Hugh's College Oxford on graduating but left in mid-1995 to join a Japanese-sponsored JPO programme with the OECD.

After graduating, Paolo Verme worked as a fundraising officer at UNHCR in Geneva for 9 months and then, briefly, as desk officer for Mexico and Cuba. In late 1995, he moved to Kazakhstan working initially with a UNESCO mission at the Ministry of Education and then teaching Economics in a postgraduate institute in Almaty for 6 months. Paolo is just about to start his PhD at the LSE in London on labour markets in Kazakhstan.

Congratulations to Godfrey Yeung on his marriage in early '94. Godfrey is now doing his doctorate in Cambridge.
The members of MPI 7 quickly took flight following submission of their final dissertations in 1995. Most are prospering, some simply content to be in warmer climes, while others have just plain disappeared! In Swaziland, Maria Teresa ZAPPIA is a rising star in the ODI Fellowship scheme and on the local tennis courts. In Durban, South Africa, Glen ROBBINS is happily at home again, working for the municipal government. To the east, in Madagascar, Troels Mortensen is working with the UNDP |PO programme. Further north, Benedict Ole NANGORO has all but disappeared in the Tanzanian grasslands. Please get in touch Benedict! Further East, Makiko SUGAYA is toiling away attempting to break into development in Tokyo while Yoshikiko Masahiko who sadly had to drop out after the first year of the MPhil, is busily employed in the family business. In Malaysia, Aziz, armed with only one year of the MPhil, was recently appointed a Senator in the National Assembly (just think where he would be today if he had actually completed the course!!). In Kazakhstan, Taraneh AZAD has been engaged in an industrial reform project sponsored by the IDS and EU among others. Mahesh PANT, who returned to Nepal for some months to work on an ODI project and hike in his home terrain, has returned to Sussex with wife Anna and son Ben contemplating doing a DPhil.

Back in Europe, most of the remaining MPHils are succeeding in scratching out an existence of some sort. Both Yoshikiko ISHIHARA and Lindsay GLASSCO are now at the FAO in Rome (Yoshikiko working on a project for Vietnam and Lindsay working on the Food Summit), while Luciano CATENACCI is at the Centre for Studies on Mental Health in Trieste working on a project linked to post-war reconstruction in former Yugoslavia. Asier MINONDO has made a big jump from academia...back into academia in San Sebastian, Spain where he is apparently happily embarking on a PhD and lecturing at the same time. Sam McPHERSON has taken Brussels and the EU by storm, working in the aid evaluation department. Rumours are that Nicole LIEGER is back in Austria working with Amnesty International in Vienna. Dolores GARRY meanwhile, has forsaken Britain to settle on a French farm in pursuit of a more peaceful existence. Rumours are that Janet OBREGON is in the US following a brief sojourn in India but no firm confirmation.

Back on the mainland (Great Britain, that is) can be found the majority of the remaining MPI 7. In London, Rob RUDY is happily engaged at the Bank of England, focusing on Eastern European financial institutions. Jeremy ARMON, after a brief spell in Oxfam’s Policy unit working on conflict issues, is now a Project Officer at Conciliation Resources which supports civic peace-making initiatives in Africa and the South Pacific. Kimberley OGADOH is currently a Grants Officer at Comic Relief, with her and husband Shem anticipating a big move, somewhere. Next year Anoma JAYAWICKREMA has been busy in London starting a UK-based NGO with international programmes involved with advocacy and human rights. Only two MPI 7s have remained in Brighton ensuring that the MPI 7 spirit lives on at IDS, and serving as a constant reminder to Sue Ong, MPI 7 director, that as long as email, fax, telephone and the Royal Mail function, she will never really be rid of us! David O’BRIEN continues to do research on various topics at the IDS, though now he is paid for it! While I am working independently as a researcher trying to make sense of all things related to war, destruction and violence. Eight MPI 7s gathered in January for the official graduation ceremonies, though we are hoping for a one hundred percent turnout in the near future at the Hotel Robbins in South Africa.

Since November 1995, I have been living in Kazakhstan working with John HUMPHREY (DPhil’77), Raphie KAPLINSKY (DPhil 80/81) and Hubert SCHMITZ (MP1/DPhil’79/80) on an EU project on industrial policy. Working with them, I saw that IDS’s high academic standard is matched by excellent consultancy work – even at – 35 C! Since the end of that project, I have joined another EU project on enterprise development in Kazakhstan.
With the completions listed overleaf, we now have around 170 DPhil alumni.

As well as being senior research economist at the Pakistan Institute for Development Economics, Moazam MAHMOOD (MP5/DPhil88) has been a member of the Prime Minister's Task Force on Social Welfare and involved in setting up the Lahore School of Economics and the Development Institute at the Lahore School. Here is a picture of Moazam and Noreen's daughter Shanzeh, now aged four.

At the World Bank we have two DPhil alumni working in the education field: Harry PATRINOS (DPhil93) an economist in the Education and Social Policy Department of the World Bank, has recently co-edited Indigenous People and Poverty in Latin America, an empirical analysis of the causes and consequences of poverty among indigenous people in Latin America. And Jamil SALMI (DPhil81) who has worked at the World Bank for the last 10 years, and was responsible for the controversial WB report Higher Education: The Lessons of Experience published in 1994 which argued for greater private financing of all aspects of higher education, on the grounds that too much government money currently goes on educating children of the better off.

Mohamed DIAB (MP5/DPhil89) is just starting his fourth year with WFP in Sierra Leone where he is now Country Director. He visited IDS in July '96 with news of Tes TESFACHEW (MP5/DPhil90) still in Geneva but now with UNCTAD and Tes's wife Allison now with UNV. Youssef NASSER (DPhil95) reported (when he attended his viva in mid-'95) that for the previous 6 months he had been on leave from Birzeit University to be part of a six person UNDP-funded team working on a Water Resources Action Programme (due to become the Palestine Water Authority) covering the West Bank and Gaza. At that time Mohammed NE'MEH (DPhil90) was Deputy Director (Administration) for the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PEC DAR).

Richard STRICKLAND (DPhil91) back in the USA works as a consultant for organisations such as the Canada-based International Institute for Sustainable Development. Likewise Jim TARRANT (DPhil90) is still Washington-based working indirectly as a consultant for USAID on Russia and Eastern Europe. Toufic GAS PARD (DPhil92) works to the Board of Directors at the IMF on the Middle East. Congratulations on his second child, a baby girl aged 2½.

Marta ZABALETA (DPhil89) writing in early 1995, was busy working on a book about the different ways in which women express themselves through writing in Latin America. ‘I am trying to detect how we speak even with silence.’ She was planning a day of networking later in the year: ‘Companeras: What do we have in Common?’ with Latin American and British women in the UK talking about themselves.

Congratulations to Kimmo KILJUNEN (MP2/DPhil85) who was elected to the Finnish Parliament in March 1995. Nearby Priya DESHINGKAR (DPhil92) is working at the Stockholm Environment Institute.

Surendra VETTIVEL (DPhil90) visited IDS briefly in mid-'95. He is now working as a consultant back home in India.

Joseph MUZULU (DPhil93) had his thesis commended by the African Studies Association of the UK. Hassan HAKIMINIAN (MP3/DPhil87) is now Director of the Centre for International Education in Economics at SOAS in London. He and Mitra (also working full-time) have a second son Babak (2 yrs).
Pilwha CHANG (DPhil88) chose to spend her 6 month sabbatical in 1995 as a Visiting Fellow:

'Coming back to IDS as a VF is a very good experience. My service as director of the Women's Studies Institute at Ewha Women's University (South Korea) kept me from taking part in the Reunion in 1993. My life during the DPhil days at the IDS was a complex mixture of field work, writing chapters, teaching, admin involved in developing the department of women's studies at Ewha, childrearing, long distance commuting. My sabbatical year was most welcome and IDS was chosen as the site to spend it without any doubt. Within 2 weeks of being back at Brighton I have seen more of Brighton that the whole 7 years of previous stay! I have expectations that this will also be true of the academic and social life at the IDS! I am working on gender analyses of social policy in E Asia at present. My eleven and a half year old daughter is with me enjoying her school in Britain, too.'

Jacques Cailloux, a visiting DPhil student from the Sorbonne University Paris, writes:

A very enriching stay

I will always remember how much struggle I had to convince the members of some jury in France that working on Latin American financial systems in the UK was not an inconceivable entrepreneurship. On the other side of the Channel, my situation appeared to be particular as well: I had the great honour to be the first French man to stay at IDS! (only 2 French women studied there since its creation).

Nevertheless, those first six months have proved to be highly enriching thanks to the academic environment I have been in and more precisely thanks to the excellent quality of supervision I found in Stephany Griffith-Jones to whom I will always be indebted. Also I would like to mention the very helpful contribution of Latin American students who shared their experience and insights. Last but not least, studying in such a prestigious institution in the development area strengthened my desire to get more and more involved in this field of research.

Hopefully I will go to Mexico next year for my field work. I intend to gather data on the Mexican banking system as I am studying the link between financial intermediation and growth in developing countries.

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