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## INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

### University of Alabama

The Department of Sociology and the Latin American Studies Program of the University of Alabama sponsored an interdisciplinary field seminar on "Social Change in Modernization in Mexico" during the summer of 1972. The seminar was held at the Colegio de México and directed by J. Selwyn Hollingsworth.

The Department of Anthropology and Biology and the Latin American Studies Program sponsored a summer interdisciplinary field seminar on the ethnobiology of the state of Amazonas, Colombia, from July 11 to August 20, 1972. It was directed by C. Earl Smith, Jr. Following a week of orientation on campus, students attended lectures by staff members of the Instituto de Ciencias Naturales, Bogotá. The group then moved to field headquarters at Puerto Nariño. Emphasis was oriented towards the use of local plants and animals in subsistence, trade, ritual, and medicine, and the gathering of other ethnobiological data among the Tucuna Indians.

### University of Florida

With assistance provided by a grant from The Tinker Foundation, the University of Florida is expanding its capabilities in demography and population geography. This expansion includes a formal graduate program which will award certificates in Latin American studies with emphasis upon demographic aspects of Latin America. Certificates will be awarded at both the M.A. and the Ph.D. levels, with sociology and geography forming the core of the two programs. For additional information write: Director, Center for Latin American Studies, 319 GSIS, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32601.

### Georgetown University

The Latin American Studies Program of the Graduate School of Georgetown University in cooperation with the Center for Population Research offered a seminar during the Spring semester of 1972 on Latin American Population Dynamics. It was directed by Earl Huyck. The lectures were open to all students, faculty and the general public. The topics were as follows:

Murray Gendell, Center for Population Research, Fertility Trends in Latin America, Major Determinant of Population Growth;

### *Latin American Research Review*

André Hellegers, Kennedy Institute, Medical-Political Pitfalls in Latin American Family Planning;

Ferdinand J. C. Rath, Population Projects Department of the World Bank, Research, Data Evaluation and Population Policies;

Benjamin Viel, International Planned Parenthood Federation, The Context of Abortion-Seeking Behavior;

Albert Waterston, Economic Development Institute of the World Bank, Population Growth as an Economic Parameter.

For additional information write: The Director, Latin American Studies Program, The Graduate School, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 20007.

### **Universidad Iberoamericana**

The Departments of History and Social Anthropology of the Universidad Iberoamericana and the National School of Anthropology and History organized a summer course in 1972 on "Rebeliones Campesinas." The academic objective of the course was to analyze the characteristics and perspectives of the *campesino* movements in Mexico and Latin America through various theoretical approaches. Participants included: Eric Wolf, City University of New York, Eric Hobsbawm, University of London, Federico Katz, University of Chicago, Michael Taussig, University of Michigan, Edward Hausen, City University of New York, Jorge Dandler, Drew University, Rodolfo Stavenhagen, El Colegio de México, Enrique Florescano, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, and Arturo Warman, Universidad Iberoamericana.

The Social Science Institute of the Universidad Iberoamericana and the upper division of the Philosophy and Letters faculty of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México organized a summer course on: "Civilizaciones Mesoamericanas y Andinas." This course compared the advance of studies on the development of the great American civilizations and confronted the theories which explain it. Participants included: John Murra, Cornell University, Federico Katz, University of Chicago, María Rostworowski, Peru, Pedro Carrasco, State University of New York, Angel Palerm, Universidad Iberoamericana, Nathan Wachtel, Instituto Francés de Estudios Andinos, Bernad Núñez, Instituto Francés de Estudios Andinos, Olaf Holm, Ecuador, Guillermo Lumbreras, Museo de Arqueología y Etnología, Peru, and Udo Oberem, Seminar für Volkerkunde der Universität, Bonn, Germany.

For information on either of these summer seminars write: Arturo Warman, Departamento de Antropología Social, Universidad Iberoamericana, Cerro de las Torres 395, México 21, D.F., México.

### **Instituto de Estudios Ibero-Americanos en Estocolmo**

The Instituto de Estudios Ibero-Americanos en Estocolmo was established in 1969 by the government of Sweden to perform the following tasks: to conduct research on Latin America; to direct the Library and organize courses, conferences, and

seminars on conditions in Latin America; to create a documentation center for Latin American research; to make available up-to-date information on Latin American issues; to contribute to economic and cultural contact with Latin America; and to stimulate the study of the languages of the Latin American nations. The director of the Institute is Dr. Mangus Mörner.

In spite of early difficulties of space and personnel, the new institute has been increasingly active in collaborating with other Swedish universities, and took an active role in helping to establish the Comité Escandinavo de Cooperación Latino-Americana (NOSALF) and the Consejo Europeo de Investigación en Ciencias Sociales sobre América Latina (CEISAL). In the spring of 1971 the first issue of the official publication of the Instituto de Estudios Ibero-Americanos appeared. For additional information on *Ibero-Americana*, see New Periodicals in this issue [see p. 225]. For additional information write: Dr. Magnus Mörner, Instituto de Estudios Ibero-Americanos, Ogdengatan 61, n.b., Fack, 102 30, Stockholm 6, Sweden.

### International Institute of Rural Reconstruction

The International Institute of Rural Reconstruction established by Y. C. James Yen in the Philippines in 1960 has two national affiliated movements carrying out rural reconstruction programs in Colombia and Guatemala. The Colombian Rural Reconstruction movement has been working with the Instituto Colombiano de Agraria in the state of Tolima in carrying out an integrated program incorporating the ICA's agricultural projects. In Cogua, Colombia, the program of economic development, rural health, education and civic activities continues.

The Guatemalan Rural Reconstruction Movement has been working in Jalapa, in the eastern zone of the country, to organize village people in various cooperative associations for the introduction of new crops and agricultural technology to raise production, and the promotion of village economic institutions to provide health and educational services. The book *Rural Reconstruction and Development: A Manual for Field Workers*, one of the Praeger Special Studies in International Economics and Development series, deals with the integrated fourfold (livelihood, education, health, and village self-government) rural reconstruction program of the IIRR. Copies of the manual are available from the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction at \$3.50 a copy. For additional information write: Mrs. Ping-sheng Chin, U.S. Resident Director, IIRR, 1775 Broadway, New York, New York 10019.

### Moorhead State College

The Departments of Sociology-Anthropology, Economics, Foreign Languages, Geography, History, and Political Science are cooperating in a new interdisciplinary major in Latin American Studies, now offered at Moorhead State College. For additional information write: Chairman, Latin American Studies, Moorhead State College, Moorhead, Minnesota 56560.

### **University of Pittsburgh**

The University of Pittsburgh sponsored a special training session from September 19 to November 12, 1971, on Special Educational Administration, Planning and Development. The program was specifically designed for twelve educators from Northeast Brazil and is the second to be given at the University of Pittsburgh for educators from Brazil. The basic purpose of the training program was to provide a practical program of study, observations, and demonstrations in educational administration, planning, and development.

For more information on this seminar and on other activities of the International and Development Education Program of the University of Pittsburgh, write: Thomas A. Hart, Coordinator of Special Training Programs for IDEP, 165 Social Sciences Building (Box 4), University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213.

### **Sociedad de Estudios Avanzados del Occidente de México**

The West Mexican Society for Advanced Study is an organization recently established to promote research primarily on West Mexico in a number of fields such as anthropology, history, urbanization, and other disciplines in which interest is expressed. The Society sponsors the West Mexican Center for Advanced Study which is a set of facilities and services designed to accomplish the Society's objectives. The Society publishes a bulletin on their activities. For additional information write: Sociedad de Estudios Avanzados del Occidente de México, A.C., Apartado 1-4035, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

### **Sociedad Mexicana Para el Estudio de las Religiones**

In January 1971, the Mexican Society for the Study of Religions (SMER) was founded in Mexico City by a group of anthropologists, historians, philosophers, sociologists, and psychologists. The predominant interest of this new group is research on Meso-American religions, ancient and modern, and their ties with other cultural areas.

The executive committee of SMER is formed by Barbro Dahlgren de Jordán, Yolotl González Torres, Alfredo López Austin, Jaime Litvak King, and Doris Heyden. The advisory committee includes Ignacio Bernal, Pedro Bosch-Gimpera, Wigberto Jiménez Moreno, Paul Kirchhoff, and Miguel León-Portilla. For further information write: Sociedad Mexicana para el Estudio de las Religiones, Museo de las Culturas, Moneda 13, México 1, D.F., Mexico.

### **University of Sussex**

Another in the series of study seminars is in progress at the Institute of Development Studies of the University of Sussex, England. The main theme of this 29th Seminar is the scope for and limitations on planning for the growth of income and

employment and their better distribution in small countries. The course will include a general analysis and an examination of sectoral problems, regional cooperation, and administration for planning. For information on Problems of Small Developing Countries and future study seminars write: Institute of Development Studies, Andrew Cohen Building, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, BN1 9 RE, Sussex, England.

### University of Wisconsin

The Agricultural Development Council in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin sponsored a new course: Land Policy for the Developing Nations which was held at the University of Wisconsin, June 19–July 14, 1972. The course, which was developed under the auspices of A/D/C's Research and Training Network, was designed to provide students from the developing nations, and U.S. students specializing in international development, with an opportunity to focus on the current and emerging land policy issues of Africa, Asia and Latin America. The course included discussion groups organized around land policy issues, special lectures, and field trips to examine land policy problems in Wisconsin. For further information write: Wayne A. Schutjer, Director, Research and Training Network, Agricultural Development Council, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10020.

### Yale University

Yale University's Antilles Research Program has begun its third year of activity with financing via a new grant from the Ford Foundation. It seeks to develop library and research resources dealing with the Caribbean nations of Haiti and Cuba. Among its projects since September 1971, were the following:

- A series of three lectures on the politics and social structure of contemporary Haiti by Leslie Manigat, Université de Paris-Vincennes;
- A lecture on urban planning and reform in Cuba by Jorge Hardoy, Instituto Torcuato di Tella;
- A series of three lectures on the history of the Chinese in Cuba by Denise Helly, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris;
- A library cataloguing project to provide adequate indexing for the Magonès Foundation Library in Port-au-Prince;
- A round table discussion of perspectives on revolutionary change in recent Cuban history;
- A series of lectures by Juan Martínez-Alier on Cuban agriculture, and by Verena Martínez-Alier on race, class and marriage in nineteenth-century Cuba;
- A course on the economic history of Cuba given by Brian Pollitt, University of Cambridge;
- Publication of an English translation of *Reforma urbana en Cuba revolucionaria*, by Maruja Acosta and Jorge E. Hardoy;
- Publication in Spanish of selected papers from the proceedings of the Martí Conference, sponsored by the Program in 1970.