

Preface

The papers included in this volume were all presented at a researcher course for Ph. D. students on "The Theoretical Heritage from Marx and Weber in Development Studies". Other papers were presented as part of the course, including one by Prof. Amiya Bagchi, Calcutta, which will be published as a separate Occasional Paper later this year. The course was co-sponsored by the Danish Research Academy. It was held in April 1993 in Gilleleje, Denmark.

The course was convened as part of the Ph. D. programme on "Political and Cultural Institutions in Development", organised by IDS, Roskilde, and its network partners in Denmark, the other Nordic countries, and India.

Tracing and identifying the heritage from Marx and Weber in development studies is an enormous task which can not be accomplished during one course or in one volume. What is attempted, therefore, is merely to point out selected areas, concepts and elements of development theory which have been strongly influenced by Marx or Weber - or both of them. The authors of the present volume share the view that development researchers and theorists are too often unaware of the original contexts from which their basic concepts, epistemological assumptions and fundamental methodological principles have emerged. By focusing more on these original contexts - by grounding more explicitly theory formation within development studies in the historical development of ideas and concepts - we believe that some further depth may be added to contemporary international debates.

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