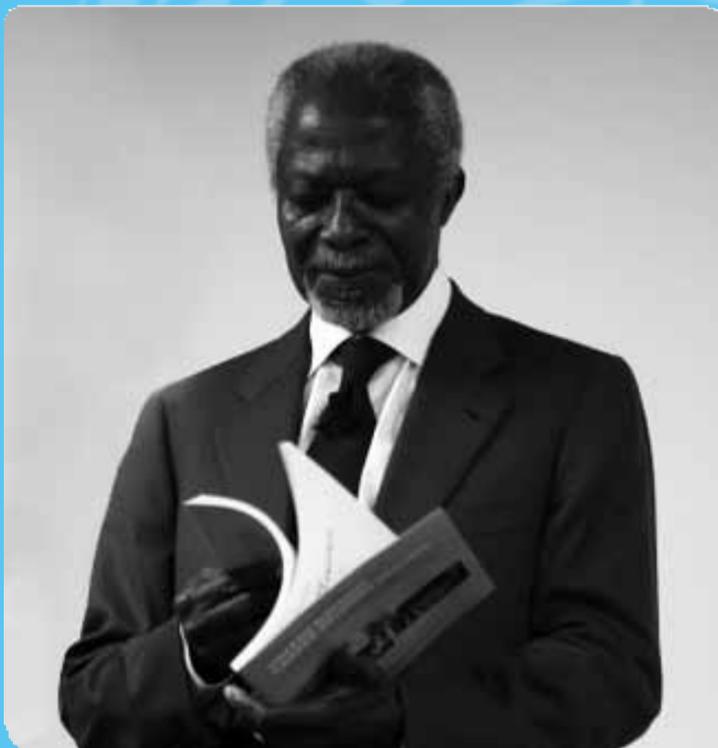


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- Additional information to existing entries in the Guide is listed first, retaining the original format, order and numbering.
- Information then follows on material received from new contributors since the Guide was published, with fresh numbering.
- For an Index of Keywords contained in this Supplement, please refer to p. 15
- Where an entry is marked \*\*\*, the individual has not in fact contributed material to the UNCRP. The criterion for the very few such exceptions is that he/she published substantial and relevant books or memoirs which are available elsewhere but may not be widely known.

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*Cover photo: Our late-lamented Secretary-General Kofi Annan was presented with a copy of the Guide to the UNCRP at the 41st Annual Reunion of BAFUNCS in Geneva in May 2018. Courtesy, Duncan Barclay.*

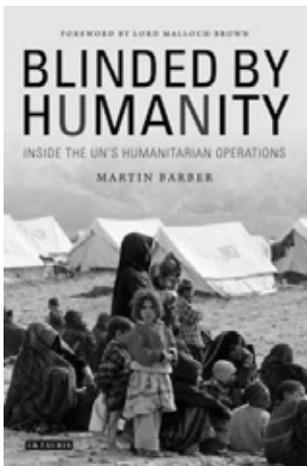
*A full report of the reflective conversation at that Reunion between Kofi Annan and BAFUNCS' President, Sir Kieran Prendergast, was published in the BAFUNCS Newsletter No. 74, of September 2018. The report of the conversation can be accessed on the BAFUNCS website, and that issue of the Newsletter will in due course be added to the UNCRP.*



# Existing contributions – additions and revisions

## United Nations Secretariat

**3 Dame Margaret Joan Anstee, 1926-2016, (1952-1993).** The Anstee Room was unveiled on 12 July 2017 in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Following her death, a further 107 boxes of her material are to be catalogued as part of the UNCRP and it is planned that a subsequent Supplement will carry details of the new holdings.



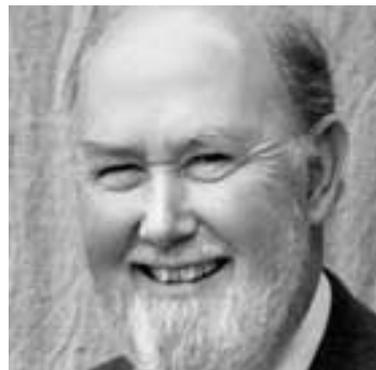
**4 Martin J. P. Barber, b. 1945, (1975-1981 and 1988-2005).** In addition to a copy of his book *Blinded by Humanity* (I.B. Tauris, London, 2015, ISBN 9781784530679), Martin Barber has now contributed the five collections of papers mentioned in the Guide, respectively:

- 'UN mine action 2000-2005'
- '[UN Humanitarian Operations for] 'Afghanistan 1988-1996'
- 'Humanitarian Action 1998-2000' (policy at headquarters)
- 'Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding 1996-1998' (in Bosnia)
- 'Refugees 1975-1981' (policy and assistance issues in South-East Asia and Europe).

CMD 9670

**58 Edward Mortimer, b. 1943, (1998-2006).** He has additionally contributed electronic transcripts of a series of eight lectures given in his retirement, with the overall title 'Inside the UN – Reflections on an Eight-Year Sabbatical'. They include 'First Impressions: the United Nations in 1998', 'The Responsibility to Protect, in theory and practice', 'The Tragedy of Iraq' and 'The United Nations and the Middle East'. Also contributed is a 19-page electronic transcript of an informative interview given by Edward Mortimer to Marc Pollentine, Honorary Research Fellow of the School of Law and Politics at Cardiff University, in 2009. Beginning with an account of how Mortimer came to be appointed speech writer for Kofi Annan, it goes on largely to address the issue of the circumstances in which the UN should intervene militarily in the affairs of one of its member states – The Responsibility to Protect – and the debate which this provoked among senior UN staff, many of whom are named. Kofi Annan's qualities come in for discussion, as well as the various considerations which affect the art of speech-writing.  
CMD 15320/3 and 15901

**69 Sir Kieran Prendergast, b. 1942, (1979-1982 and 1997-2005).** Sir Kieran was elected President of BAFUNCS in May 2017 and led the conversation with former Secretary-General Kofi Annan at the BAFUNCS Annual Reunion in Geneva in May 2018.



*Sir Kieran Prendergast*

**96 Michael Williams, Lord Williams of Baglan, 1949-2017 (between 1992 and 2011).** He was the UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon until 2011, appointed by SG Ban Ki-Moon in 2008. His previous positions had included Director for Human Rights with the UN Transitional Administration in Cambodia (1992-1993); Director of Information with the UN Protection Force, Zagreb (1994-1995); Senior Fellow, International Institute of Strategic Studies (1995-1998); chief of staff to Olara Otunnu, the UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict (1999-2000); Special Adviser to UK Foreign Secretaries Robin Cook and Jack Straw (1999-2005); Director, Middle East and Asia, UN (2005-2006); UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (2006-2007); and UK Special Representative on the Middle East and special projects (2007-2008).

When at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, he had been one of fifteen main contributing authors to an edition of *The State of the World's Refugees* for UN High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata. Author also of 'Civil-Military Relations and Peacekeeping' (Adelphi Paper 321, 1998, ISBN 978-0199223763).



Lord Williams at Chatham House

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/43398414@N04/8141354728/>

Lord Williams participated in UNCRP Witness Seminar 3 in January 2016 – see the report thereon under Accession CMD12199. He died in 2017 shortly before the AGM of BAFUNCS could consider the proposal that he be elected President of the Association. Lady Isobelle [Jaques] Williams has contributed three extensive folders of his papers, concerning in particular his testimony in June 2003 to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, together with related reports and correspondence. The ICTY was seeking to determine the guilt or otherwise of war crimes on the part of Slobodan Milosevic (President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia), and attendant figures such as General Ratko Mladic (Commander of the Bosnian Serb Army) and

Radovan Karadzic (President of the Serb Republic). "... the siege of Sarajevo, which lasted effectively from the late Spring of 1992 until the imposition by NATO of a ceasefire ... in October 1995, was almost medieval and has few comparisons in the annals of modern warfare."

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## Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees

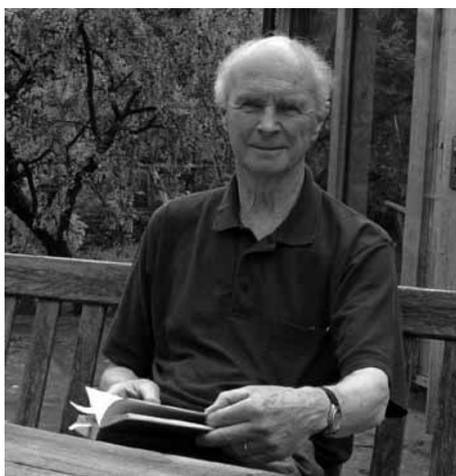
**101 John Alexander-Sinclair, 1906-1988 (1944-1963).**

**Ms Eva-Maria Muschik (qv, entry no. 519 below)** of the Center for Global History at the Freie Universität, Berlin, has contributed a 29-page paper entitled "'A Pretty Kettle of Fish': United Nations Assistance in the Mass Dismissal of Labor in the Iranian Oil Industry, 1959-1960'. The paper, given to a workshop on 'Labor Politics in the Oil Industry' at the University of Padua in 2014, is based on the UNCRP papers of Alexander-Sinclair, who was despatched as a UN 'Social Welfare Expert' to Iran from 1959 until the end of 1960 to advise on the issue of "redundant labor". In 1958, the foreign Operating Companies in Iran (OPCOs), run by a consortium of European and American oil companies that *de facto* controlled Iran's petroleum industry, approached the government-owned National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), nominally in charge of the country's industry. The OPCOs suggested to the NIOC that they shared a common problem of "redundant" labor on an estimated scale of 20,000 workers.

Reconciling the differing approaches of the two sides proved elusive, so that Alexander-Sinclair, writing from his subsequent assignment in Morocco, felt that no real progress had been achieved in a task with obvious political and dangerous overtones. Nevertheless, official Iranian statistics suggest that following Alexander-Sinclair's "redeployment" assignment, the workforce in the oil industry was indeed reduced by 19,000 workers in the following decade. In the view of Ms Muschik, securing comparatively generous severance benefits for retirees, however, did not protect the NIOC – and the regime at large – from becoming the target of workers' grievances. These grievances would come to play a key role in the Iranian Revolution of 1979, as oil strikes paralyzed the state and paved the way for the Shah's downfall.

CMD 15320/2 see also MS. Eng. c. 4655-4663.

**105 Nicholas Morris, b. 1941, (1973-2001).** Six of his reflections, written in 2015-2016, have been brought together in hard copy by the UN High Commission for Refugees under the title *The Collected Memoirs of Nicholas Morris - Reflections from 1973 – 2001*, and he has kindly contributed a set to the UNCRP. They may also be accessed on the UNHCR archives at <http://www.unhcr.org/adlib-docs/UNHCR-36-1-0-Nicholas-MORRIS-Preface.pdf> The 'Preface' gives a short description of each:



Nicholas Morris

- <http://www.unhcr.org/adlib-docs/UNHCR-36-1-1-Nicholas-MORRIS-Sub-Continent-Repatriation.pdf> (the 1973-4 Sub-Continent Repatriation Operation, Bangladesh/Pakistan)
- <http://www.unhcr.org/adlib-docs/UNHCR-36-1-2-Nicholas-MORRIS-Cyprus.pdf> (Cyprus 1974-1975 and 1977-1978)
- <http://www.unhcr.org/adlib-docs/UNHCR-36-1-3-Nicholas-MORRIS-Namibia.pdf> (Namibia 1978-1979)
- <http://www.unhcr.org/adlib-docs/UNHCR-36-1-4-Nicholas-MORRIS-Southern-Rhodesia.pdf> (Southern Rhodesia 1979-1980)
- <http://www.unhcr.org/adlib-docs/UNHCR-36-1-5-Nicholas-MORRIS-UNHCR-in-Crisis.pdf> (UNHCR in 1989-1990)
- <http://www.unhcr.org/adlib-docs/UNHCR-36-1-6-Nicholas-MORRIS-Gulf-war.pdf> (The aftermath of the 1991 Gulf War).

CMD 12075/23

## United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)

**109 Kul Chandra Gautam, b. 1949, (1973-2007).** His autobiography, referred to in the original Guide, has now been published in both English and Nepali, with the title *Global Citizen from Gulmi* (Nepa-laya.com, 2018, ISBN 9789937921251) and he has kindly presented a copy of the English version. Apart from recounting much of the history and policy evolution of UNICEF, there are particularly useful chapters on Burma/Myanmar and the DPRK. The book has been very fully and sympathetically reviewed in a blog by David Bull - see <https://whhttps://worldtorights.org/2018/09/09/wisdom-history-and-a-remarkable-life/>  
CMD 15901

**116 Stanislaw ‘Stanley’ Sroka, 1898-1981, (1950s-1966).** With the death of his widow Beryl Sroka née Mills (1919-2017), further information has come to hand about both their careers. From 1942 to 1946 Beryl was Chief Petty Officer, Special Duties in the Women’s Royal Naval Service, employed as a linguist (she spoke German and French). Her excellent command of German grammar was used to decode German radio messages. These were then passed to the Admiralty and used to great effect to locate U-boats.

From 1946-1947 she worked at the Board of Trade, London. She had met Stanislaw in London in 1943: as a Flight Lieutenant in the RAF he was a liaison officer with Polish and Dutch aviation (he spoke Polish, English, French, Russian and German). After the war, he went to New York and in 1947 became the Chief Finance Officer for UNICEF. Beryl followed him later that year and began work at UNICEF as an Administrative Assistant. They married in 1951 and Beryl then left the organization. After Stanislaw retired in 1965, they returned to England and Beryl worked until 1970 at the World Association of the Girl Guides in London.

Two sheets from the Special 50th Anniversary Issue of the *UNICEF Staff News*, including a photograph of Beryl, have been added to CMD 6626.

## United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

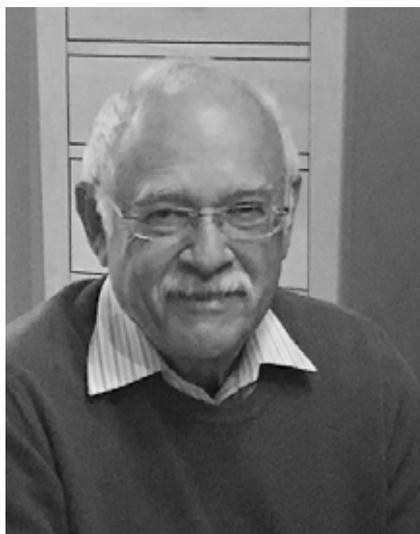
**118 \*\*\* Shahen Abrahamian, 1946-1995 (1970s-1995), John Burley (qv, entry 119)** has kindly contributed a number of electronic documents to the Project. These include a communication from Carlos Fortin, Officer-in-Charge at UNCTAD at the time of Abrahamian’s death; Burley’s own tribute at his colleague’s funeral; an UNCTAD press release; and related articles from the *South-North Development Monitor* and *UN Special*.

CMD 15320/3

## United Nations Volunteers (UNV)

**162 Robert Leigh, b. 1949, (1971-2008),** has additionally contributed a link to the first *State of the World Volunteerism Report – Universal Values for Global Well-being*, published in 2011, for which he was the lead writer and presenter to the General Assembly. The link is: <https://www.unv.org/publications/2011-state-world%E2%80%99s-volunteerism-report-universal-values-global-well-being>

He has also contributed the link to a document which he prepared for the Executive Board of UNDP in 2013, on the evolution of the role and function of UNV. It is:

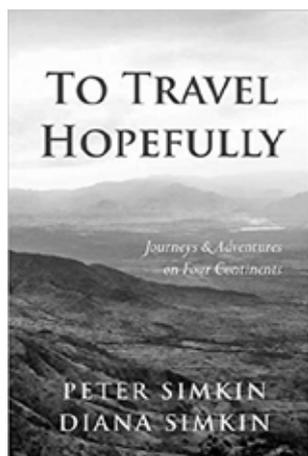


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CMD 15901

## United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)

**181 Peter Lewis Simkin, b. 1934, (1971-2004).** He has additionally contributed a copy of the 380-page memoir which he and his wife **Diana Simkin** have had published (Old Africa Books, 2018, ISBN 9789966757449). It is entitled *To Travel Hopefully—Journeys & Adventures on Four Continents*. Ranging over most of the countries and assignments itemised in his entry in the original Guide, and well illustrated with photos, it consists of excerpts from his wife's weekly letters to her parents and of his 'laconic diary notes'. It is wonderfully anecdotal, by turns serious and funny – the book that everyone who has lived in various places abroad would like to have compiled, but didn't.

CMD 15901



## International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

**230 A. Colin J. Everard, b. 1930, (1971-1992).** He has now completed and contributed to the UNCRP what he states is to be his last book, entitled *Desert Locust Plagues - Controlling The Ancient Scourge* (I. B. Tauris, London, 2018, ISBN 9781788314350). Some fifty countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia have been ravaged at one time or another by huge, devouring swarms of locusts. With the consequent, often total, destruction of crops and grazing, widespread hunger and starvation ensued. The book takes as its geographical focus the Horn of Africa. When Everard made a fact-finding reconnaissance to Cape Guardafui in 1957, **Reginald Rainey** (*qv*, entry 213 in the original Guide) analysed his report. Based on his own extensive experience in the continent, he describes one of the greatest, albeit unsung, triumphs of the twentieth century, namely how the desert locust scourge has at last been virtually brought under control. It makes for an enthralling read.

See Library Catalogues



## United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

**427 Cyril E. H. Saunders, c. 1892-1967, (1952-corrigendum 1960).** His nephew Cyril Newton has supplied some additional information in the shape of a brief CV and account of his life, written by his widow **Edith M. Saunders**. From 1907 Cyril Ernest Edward Henry Hartt Saunders worked in the Public Libraries of Manchester City Council. In August 1914, at the age of 22, he joined the Army, serving throughout the First World War in the Lancashire Fusiliers and rising to the rank of Captain. In April 1919 he received two Belgian awards: the Croix de Guerre, and

Chevalier of the Ordre de Léopold (avec Palme). He appears to have returned to work in Manchester Public Libraries, but in 1945 joined the British Council in Prague as Books Officer, leaving the country in June 1950 when the Council was forced to close in the wake of the Communist coup.

In December 1952 he arrived in Iraq as a UNESCO Library Development consultant, tasked primarily with modernising the Library at the then Higher Teachers Training College. He remained in Iraq for three years, developing the libraries of several of the Colleges that later became the University of Baghdad, and also training staff of the local public library services. Subsequently, he apparently undertook a further extended library development mission for UNESCO, based at Gadjah Mada University, Jogjakarta in Indonesia: this commenced in March 1956 and was completed in May 1960. His widow contributed a brief anecdotal account entitled *Reminiscences of Baghdad in Peaceful Days*.

## The International Civil Service Commission (ICSC)

**287** Under the section of the original Guide devoted to **The World Bank/International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Michael Davies (see entry 287, p. 101)** contributed a number of items to the UNCRP. He has now added the first 25 sessional reports for the **International Civil Service Commission (1975-87)**. These had been restricted UN documents under the series ICSC/R/xx (or later ICSC/session number/R/xx). The Bodleian has accepted them for its UN official papers collection, stored in the Law Library, rather than for the UNCRP as such.

# New contributors

## United Nations Secretariat

**507 Frederic Eckhard b. 1943, (1985-2005).** An American, he began his career in New York as a writer and editor with *Africa Report* and *Atlas* (later *World Press Review*). From 1973 to 1985 he was Editor of the UN Association of the USA's annual volumes of *Issues before the General Assembly* and of its membership publication *The Inter Dependent*.



*Fred Eckhard en route to Sweden with Secretary-General, Kofi Annan in 1997. Evan Schneider/UN Photo*

He first joined the UN in 1985, given a special assignment as information officer on the UN financial crisis. He joined the UN Spokesman's Office in 1988 under SG Javier Perez de Cuellar and was Spokesman for the President of the General Assembly in 1990-1991. He fulfilled the same role for two peacekeeping operations, in Namibia in 1989-1990 and in the Former Yugoslavia. As the first Spokesman for the UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR), he was based in Sarajevo when the war broke out in the spring of 1992. Kofi Annan, as head of the peacekeeping department, assigned him to Sarajevo again in 1995 to set up the press office; in that year, he also temporarily headed the UN Information Office in Zagreb, Croatia. Back at UN Headquarters, he was named Associate Spokesman for peacekeeping under SG Boutros Boutros-Ghali. In 1996, he joined Mr. Annan's peacekeeping department as chief liaison officer with the delegations of some 70 nations that provided troops and other personnel to UN peacekeeping missions. When Annan became SG in January 1997, he named Eckhard his spokesman. He served in that capacity for eight

and a half years until his retirement in 2005. During that time, he travelled with the SG to some 100 countries. He presented the UN's face to the press through the highs (the Nobel Peace Prize) and the lows (the Oil for Food "scandal").

In retirement he has been a consultant for the Council of Europe, taught courses at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China, and was called back into service during the Kenya peace talks, which Mr. Annan conducted as envoy of the African Union. (His book on Annan was also published in Chinese by Zhejiang University Press.)

To the UNCRP he has contributed a CV and transcripts, audio cassettes and CDs of 86 interviews of the great and the good which he conducted in preparing his book *Kofi Annan, A Spokesperson's Memoir* (Ruder Finn Press, New York, 2013, ISBN 9781932646566), also published in a Chinese translation by Zhejiang University Press; and of a further eight interviews carried out for his UN course in Zhejiang; and a copy of the English version of the book. Those interviewed include Martti Ahtisaari, Hans Blix, Lakhdar Brahimi, Jean-Marie Guehenno, Denis Halliday, Richard Holbrooke, Stephen Lewis, General Philippe Morillon, Iqbal Riza, Mary Robinson, Jeffery Sachs, Shashi Tharoor and **Sir Brian Urquhart** (qv, entry 90 on p. 41 of the Guide).  
CMD 13093

**508 Arif Mohammad Farazi, b. in Pakistan 1949, (1982-2013),** holds an M.A. in International Economics from the University of Sussex. He began his career in the UK with ten years in statistics-related posts in St. Thomas's Hospital, the Commission on Industrial Relations and the University Computing Company (GB) Ltd. He then spent two years in Ethiopia, assigned by the UK Department for International Development as Adviser to the Ethiopian Food & Nutrition Surveillance Programme.

In 1982 his UN work commenced with assignment to Kampala, Uganda as a consultant for the UN Economic Commission for Africa to the Institute of Statistics & Applied Economics at Makerere University. Some eleven postings ensued over thirty years, including in data analysis support; monitoring and evaluation (Nigeria); design and processing of population and housing, agricultural and industrial censuses (Libya); demographic & health surveys; household economic and demographic survey (Jordan); assembling and finalization of the Commission's work-programme and servicing of its Conference of Ministers (Addis Ababa); and poverty

monitoring & vulnerability assessment (Kabul, Afghanistan). He retired from the position of Chief of the ECA's Programme Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Section.

He has contributed a detailed CV and list of papers and reports which he has had published. Most of these tackled highly relevant issues relating to data sources, information gaps, harmonization, and data-sharing (processing, dissemination & distribution of surveys & censuses) etc., as well as "common databases" and reporting mechanisms and indicator needs at appropriate levels (macro, meso and micro) to meet sub-national, national and regional comparison requirements of projects, governments and donors.  
CMD 15320/4 and CMD 15901

**509 John Loftus, b. 1943, (1980-present).** Of dual American and Irish nationality, he has worked on various activities of the UN family, always based in Bangkok. Following years as a journalist for *The Bangkok Post*, *ABC News (radio)* and others, he joined ESCAP's Agriculture Division in 1980 as Information Expert, moving in 1985 to a similar post in its Population Division.

Retiring from the latter in 2001, he has since undertaken consultancies for the UN Secretariat, UNDP, UNFPA and ESCAP among others, involving writing and editing reports, books, documents, studies, press and promotional materials. His publications include *The Rural Poor: Human Capital for Nation Building* (editor); *Agropesticides: Their Management and Application* (editor); *Agropesticides: Properties and Functions in Integrated Crop Protection* (editor); *Networking and Partnership between Young People and Governments on HIV/AIDS Prevention for East and South-East Asian Countries* (writer); and *Sustainable Social Development in a Period of Rapid Globalization: Challenges, Opportunities and Policy Options* (editor).

To the UNCRP he has contributed electronically a copy of the comprehensive history which he has written, of the New International School of Thailand, *NIST Celebrates Twenty Years of Excellence in Education*. Playing a major part in establishing the school were BAFUNCS members Nikki Feim and her husband **Andrew Flatt** (*qv*, entry 349).  
CMD 12627

## United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

**510** A book has come to hand – *The Locust Years – Annals of a UN Wife*, by **Maureen McBain**, (The Book Guild Ltd, Sussex, 2002, ISBN 1 85776 641 5). It details her experiences as wife of **Alan E. McBain** over forty itinerant years. These began with his assignments in 1946-1947 with the International Refugee Organisation (IRO) based on Shanghai, China and then in Austria. He moved to be Programme Officer with UNICEF's Asia Regional Office in Bangkok in 1950; he was then asked to establish a UNICEF office in Rangoon, Burma. Eleven

years in India followed, punctuated by accompanying in 1955 the delivery of 100 tons of rice and clothing to the Maldives, in the aftermath of a cyclone. In 1961 he took up a posting at headquarters in New York as Chief of the Asia Desk. In 1963 he became UNICEF's first resident country Representative in Seoul, Korea. Four years in Ethiopia followed, and then it was back to Korea for his final stint before retirement, making seven years there in all.

In describing with warmth and affection the ups and downs of finding accommodation, educating the children and accustoming oneself to the cultures and foods of these varied duty stations, Maureen McBain fills a gap all too often overlooked in chronicling the UN, the perspective of 'the distaff side'.

See Library Catalogues

## United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**511 Bernt Albert Bernander, 1929-2018, (1962-1991).** Swedish, he graduated from the University of Gothenburg, following postgraduate courses in 1956 at the Sorbonne and finishing with a doctorate in Romance languages. He was active in journalism as foreign editor of a Gothenburg daily newspaper from 1958 to 1962. He joined the United Nations in 1962 as political affairs officer with the UN operations in the Congo and later in Cyprus.

In a long career with UNDP he advanced to the position of Assistant Administrator in 1988, having been during the 1970s its field representative in West New Guinea, Zaire, Ethiopia and South-east Asia. In 1980-1983 he headed the secretariat of the Mekong Committee, an inter-governmental body dedicated to the harmonization of development policies and activities of the



*On retiring from UNDP, Bernt Bernander UNDP's then Administrator, Bill Draper (right)*

riparian countries of the river. From 1983 he was Director of the Office for Project Services, UNDP's project-implementing arm, which grew under his tenure into a major facility for carrying out development projects: over a five-year period, programme disbursements grew from US\$ 70 million per year to over \$300 million.

The UNCRP has received a copy of his memoir entitled “ironically and self-deprecatingly” *Keeping the Peace and Changing the World – Forty years with the United Nations* (Outskirts Press, 2014, ISBN 978-1478703693). In it he tells of his boyhood in Zimbabwe, student years in Gothenburg, of people he has met and of his experiences in the service of the UN. After retiring with the rank of Assistant Secretary-General he served as Special Representative of the UN in Iraq and Coordinator of the humanitarian programme carried out in the aftermath of the Gulf war, from April 1991 to January 1992. Later in 1992 he was Director for Rehabilitation in Cambodia. Subsequently he was Humanitarian Coordinator in Mozambique in 1993-1994 and from 1996 to 1997 a member of OECD/DAC's Task Force on Conflict, Peace and Development.

His accounts, controversial at times, are particularly valuable where concerns the Congo of the 1960s, Cambodia, Cyprus, Georgia/Abkhazia, Mozambique and Palestine/Israel. As a young man he had spent time on a kibbutz in Israel: “Fifty years on,” he says, “it is not as easy to be a friend of Israel or to empathise with its foreign or domestic policies”. He is trenchant, too, on the evolution of development aid and on the role of UNDP therein.

CMD 15901

**512, Cherie Hart, b. 1957, (1984-2015)**, is a Yale University graduate who worked for thirty years for UNDP. She began her career with five years successively with *The National Enquirer*, KGMH-TV and *Women's World* magazine as reporter, writer, and field producer for television. Joining the UN Population Fund in 1984, she researched, wrote and edited news stories following the World Population Conference in Mexico City in 1984. She also edited a monthly newsletter on maternal and child health care issues and sub-edited UNFPA's annual report.

From 1987 onward she worked for eight years with UNDP at headquarters, first as Information and Media Affairs Officer. This involved editing *Update*, a newsletter on development, environment, business and political issues; writing and broadcasting a bi-weekly radio show on UN headlines for Netherlands Radio; researching and writing high-level speeches with a team of writers, and providing on-the-spot reporting from more than three dozen developing countries on post-conflict efforts, natural disaster assistance, health issues and business topics. She then became Chief of UNDP's Audio-Visual and Broadcast Branch, managing electronic media coverage and advising field offices on events and news stories for dissemination to radio and television stations around the world. From 1998 to 2001, still in New York, she was Chief of



Cherie Hart

UNDP's Media Section, creating, directing and carrying out global media strategies and developing strategic partnerships with international media. She was involved in media outreach for *The Human Development Report* for more than twenty years in all.

She then moved to the field for fifteen years, the first fourteen in Bangkok and finally one year in Istanbul. These included guidance of national communications officers to coordinate extensive media coverage; support for UNDP country offices during high-level visits, launches and events; production of documentaries and public service announcements, and management of training for a network of national officers in communications skills.

She resigned in 2015 in Istanbul, feeling that ‘process had taken over substance’ in UNDP and that ‘workflows’ and similar management and project jargon were increasingly distracting staff from ‘dialogue about the world outside of ourselves, our office, our work-life balance’. She continues in Istanbul as a consultant in development communications. Among other things, she has edited a Sustainable Development book for UNDP Belarus; written editorials on the Zika virus and on HIV for the UN Global Fund; edited web stories for UN Women, and written a communications plan for the UN Staff College.

To the UNCRP she has contributed a detailed CV and a copy of her memoir *From Hollywood to Holy Wars – hounding celebs, dodging bullets, raising a family abroad* (Jalan Publications, 2018, ASIN B07JNZWVQ). A reviewer has described it as ‘frank and often hilarious, ... one woman's poignant tale of chasing a globe-trotting career, juggling life's absurdities, insecurities and heartbreaks, with a husband, kids and two cats in tow.’ It is also critical of the UN system's failure to address sexual harassment among staff.

CMD 15901

**513 Francis Martin O'Donnell, b. 1954, (1976-2009).**

Irish and a graduate of the National University of Ireland, he later added post-graduate certificates in International Law & Diplomacy, and in Disaster Management, to his qualifications. He initiated the former Irish-Arab Society in 1968: in the 1970s it played a key role in promoting trade and diplomatic relations with twelve states in the Middle East. A Programme Assistant for the UN Volunteers programme in Sudan from 1976 to 1978, he joined UNDP in Lesotho in 1979 and remained in the country until 1983. Thereafter he served as ARR in Mauritania and Niger. From 1988 to 1994 he joined the UN Volunteers' then Geneva headquarters as Programme Development and Evaluation Officer. Later, as Chief of the programme's Humanitarian Relief Unit, he pioneered rapid deployment of volunteer expertise to emergency operations in forty war-torn countries.

He went on to be DRR in Turkey (1994-1996), and Deputy Director of UNDP's Emergency Response Division in New York (1996-1999). He was Principal Advisor and Team Leader on Systemic Governance in Crisis Counties from 1999 to 2000, when he led missions to East Timor that made for a re-design of the UN peacekeeping mission there. That was followed by four years (2000-2004) as Officer in charge of UNDP and subsequently RR and RC of the UN system in Belgrade, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the later State Union of Serbia and Montenegro. He retired following a further five years as RR and RC, in Kiev, Ukraine. In Belgrade he had rebuilt UNDP's profile after a freeze of seven years, restoring relationships at the highest national levels following the overthrow of the Milosevic regime. He had initiated policy dialogue on institutional reforms with the new leadership and civil society, launched the first Government-NGO-donor consultations in the country and set in train new programme initiatives in capacity-building, judicial reform and ecological conservation. In Ukraine the key concentration was on high-level policy dialogue on civil service reform, civic empowerment, and social and economic reforms.

He subsequently served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta to the Slovak Republic (2009-2013), where a primary focus was on integration of Roma children, and palliative care for the elderly. In recent years he has been called-on to participate in an advisory role or moderate panel discussions on global policy issues at conferences of current/former heads of state/government, in Andorra, Baku, Brussels, Dublin, and Sarajevo. To the UNCRP he has contributed an extensive bibliography of numerous articles he has written on subjects such as The Church and the United Nations; Macroeconomic stabilization in economies in transition; and Global Stability through Multilateralism. He initiated, co-reviewed, and was cited in *Volunteers Against Conflict* (ISBN 92-808-0923-7), published in 1996 by United Nations University and United Nations Volunteers, a collaborative effort with the Humanitarianism and War Project of the Thomas J. Watson Jr. Institute for International Studies, Brown University, USA.



*Francis Martin O'Donnell*

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**514 Sam Oglesby, b. 1939, (1969-1999).** He was educated at the University of Virginia and the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies. After serving in the US Army in the Kingdom of Libya (1963-1964) and teaching high school at the American School in Leysin, Switzerland (1964-1965), he worked with USAID in Vietnam (1966-1968). He spent thirty years of his professional career working for UNDP in a series of assignments, mostly in Southeast and South Asia. This spanned being Assistant RR successively in Thailand, Myanmar and Indonesia, Deputy RR in Bhutan, and then, as his final post, Senior Officer at headquarters in the Office for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (UN TCDC). He has also taught International Relations and Asian Studies at Fordham University and New York University. He now focuses on free-lance journalism and has contributed to the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post* and other periodicals. He has published four books – two memoirs and two books of

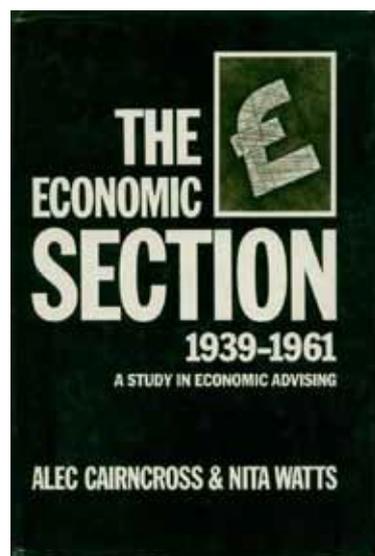


essays and opinion. To the UNCRP he has contributed a copy of one of the former – *Encounters: A Memoir – Relationship Journeys from around the World* (2009, ISBN9781439264614). As ‘an American, Southern by birth and early upbringing and old enough to remember the surreal days of racial segregation’, he believes that we must remember the bad days along with the good. In devoting several chapters to his early life but touching also on most of those UN assignments, he does exactly that. If Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh stand out well for him, he is trenchantly critical of some fellow UN staffers on the take, or seeking to apply concepts of aid and development as foreign to the host cultures as they were ineffective. The memoir is rendered all the more empathetic and convincing by being written by an avowedly gay man.

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**515 \*\*\* Nita G. M. Watts, 1921-2018, (1955-1965): the UN Economic Commission for Europe.** She graduated with a BSc in Economics from the LSE. From 1941 she became an Economic Assistant and Adviser at the Offices of the War Cabinet, and was at HM Treasury until 1955. From there she went to the Research Division of the UN Economic Commission for Europe, becoming its Deputy Director. From 1965 she was Senior Research Officer at the Oxford University Institute of Economics and Statistics. She held this position throughout the time she was a Tutorial Fellow at St Hilda’s College. She was a Supernumerary Fellow there from 1981 and served as Vice-Principal of the College from 1969 to 1981. She died in 2018.

Her publications included contributions to *The European Economy – Growth and Crisis*, ed. Andrea Boltho (Oxford University Press, 1982, ISBN 978-0198771197); and *Controlling Industrial Economies* ed. Stephen F. Frowen (Macmillan, 1983, ISBN 978 0312169138), which consisted of essays in honour of **Christopher T. Saunders** – see entry



76 in the UNCRP Guide, p. 35. She was editor of *Economic Relations between East and West: Proceedings of a Conference held by the International Economic Association at Dresden, GDR* (Macmillan, 1978, ISBN 978-1-349-16002-0); joint author, with Sir Alec Cairncross, of *The Economic Section: A study in economic advising* (Routledge, 1989, ISBN 978-0415031738; and, with others, author of *Market Economy and Planned Economy: an encyclopaedic dictionary* (Swan), 1992.

## World Food Programme (WFP)

**516 Allen Jones, b. 1943, (1970-2000).** Trained at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, he was a Relief Officer for the Save the Children Fund and the International Committee of the Red Cross during the Biafran War 1968-1970, based on Enugu and Lagos, Nigeria. He joined WFP there in 1970, moving to Enugu and remaining until 1973 when he was assigned briefly to Bangladesh before being seconded to the Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission in Addis Ababa. 1976 found him undertaking relief planning briefly in Luanda, Angola. He then became Director of Operations for WFP in Lesotho. From that he went on in 1986 to a series of similar postings successively in Nairobi, Khartoum, Islamabad, Mogadishu (1992 as Liaison with US military forces), Addis Ababa and Kampala.

Following retirement in 2000 he has undertaken some fifteen consultancy missions in association with the Programme: in Malawi, Iraq (as liaison to the Coalition Provisional Authority), at headquarters in Rome, Nepal, Zambia, Palestine, Sudan and the Philippines. Most involved evaluating the logistical aspects of emergency and developmental operations. A further two missions related to the Southern African and Southeast Asian regions as a whole, the latter following the 2004 tsunami. He has contributed, first, a detailed CV, together with four pages of personal reflections. ‘The career path remained largely in humanitarian operations, often set off by military conflict and often in a military, sometimes dangerous environment, spending in total twenty-three years in Africa and four in Asia. A mid-career change to work for an agribusiness multinational demonstrated that it was not only the UN that struggled with internal politics and that the simplicity of a clear focus on one objective – the bottom line – did not provide the kind of compass I had hoped for.’ ‘WFP’s early delegation of authority to the field made a career in the field very challenging and rewarding with the downside of managing huge resources with limited staffing.’ He has also contributed both digital and hard copies of eighteen publications and reports addressing a wide range of topics such as food shortages, food security reserves, bulk grain handling, the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami and evaluations related to Palestine and Nepal.

His wife **Myra Jones** was not employed at any stage by the UN system, but, as her husband states, ‘neither I nor the family



could have stayed the course without her.’ She has contributed ten pages of ‘Personal memories of a UN spouse’, covering most of the above-mentioned assignments. She thoroughly enjoyed expatriate life, but it was not without significant trials and tribulations for both the couple and their children. Not the least of these was the fact that their daughter Caroline suffered in secret from bulimia for fully fourteen years – something which she has described in detail in her own book, also contributed, *The Spaces in Between* (Constable, 2017, ISBN 978-1472121653), reviewed by A.A. Gill as “beautiful and heart-rending”.

Also donated by Allen Jones is a copy of *Lifelines – For Africa still in Peril and Distress*, by Colin Fraser (Hutchinson, London, 1988, ISBN 0 09 173232 8), based on the author’s visits to the African countries devastated by famine in the wake of the Sahel drought of the time.

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**517 Anthony Mornement, b. 1935, (1985-1997)**, trained at the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst and joined the Royal Engineers as an officer. Over 31 years in the Army he acquired some very relevant skills and experience which he could afterwards apply for WFP. His military service had taken him to Kenya, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Thailand, Germany and Northern Ireland. He commanded an engineer regiment as well as working in the Ministry of Defence with a particular focus on operational planning and execution for several major international operations. His final role for the UK government was an appointment as a defence attaché with the rank of Brigadier-General.

He joined WFP in 1985. Assigned initially to Chad in 1985 as Director of Operations, he was declared *persona non grata* by the Government, which was unhappy at his exposure of corruption of various kinds – although he was supported by several donor countries. Next stop was Pakistan where he was

assigned as deputy country director of an operation designed to care for over a million refugees from Afghanistan. For Pakistan itself, another project, a tree-planting programme, employed some twelve thousand men on a food for work basis, in the season when they couldn’t do other work; and, all year round, some eight to nine hundred people were employed in thirty nurseries growing trees from seed.

The post of Programme Director in Zambia was next, from 1989. At the outset there was a negative outlook to food aid, despite the challenges of government losses on maize sales, a devaluing currency and a distorted food market. A crucial answer was to encourage local growing of soya, and blending it with corn and milk to make a high energy protein supplement, or ‘HEPS’ – subsequently sold widely in the country. Another sizeable food-for-work undertaking involved mobilising women to drain a large, flat residential area of Lusaka which was subject to unhealthy flooding. Droughts in Zambia and neighbouring Zimbabwe also required securing five million tonnes of food.

He moved on to Namibia after its independence. Here food aid was one means of facilitating reopening of the schools, burnt down during the emergency. His final role, from 1995 to 1997, was as Inspector General for the Programme based on its HQ in Rome, where he took a very practical approach to helping teams at the sharp end succeed in often difficult environments, rather than a policing role, albeit combined with a robust approach to recovering funds misappropriated by third parties.

He undertook several consultancy missions in early retirement. The UNCRP recorded an interview with him which has resulted in an eight-page electronic transcript. Each of the above stages in his career is described, and reflections are added. He stresses the importance for the UN of recruiting people with solid field experience, and getting the balance right between doing what is required to achieve the objectives of

the WFP in a country, without adversely affecting local market conditions. He concludes that, with the backing of donor countries and the moral position the Programme holds, comes useful leverage which can be used judiciously. He also admits very candidly that, having joined the UN at the age of fifty and with a solid Army pension behind him, he had the advantage of feeling free to take an independent line even when host governments and/or UN superiors did not agree with it.

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## United Nations Specialized Agencies

### International Maritime Organization

**518 John S. Seaman, b. 1941, (between 1981 and 1994).**

Leaving school at 16 in 1957, he joined the BP Oil Tanker Company as a Marine Engineering Cadet. An Ordinary National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering followed, together with several other specialist courses and industrial and seagoing experience. Between 1968 and 1972 he served as a marine engineer with the Blue Funnel Line, and then with China Navigation of Hong Kong, based in Sydney, Australia. During further seagoing in services between Australia, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands he sat the examination for Chief Engineer Officer, and, promoted to that rank, served on a dry cargo vessel operating between Australia, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and Hong Kong. Back in England he lectured in Marine Engineering at Plymouth School of Maritime Studies, and then, for the Commonwealth Secretariat Fund for Technical Cooperation, fulfilled the same function for three years at the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology. Throughout these years he maintained close contact with the Institute of Marine Engineers, becoming a Fellow.

He undertook two assignments for the Technical Cooperation Division of IMO, the first from 1981 to 1987 as an expert, training Marine Engineers in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. Following a break of two years, the second, from 1989 to 1994, saw him as Team Leader/IMO Lecturer in Marine Engineering in Monkey Bay, Malaŵi, assisting in setting up a training college and instituting courses to train Malaŵians to staff vessels on Lake Malaŵi.

In the two years between those assignments and throughout the years since his formal retirement he has been very actively – indeed inspiringly – involved with a number of ship-based evangelical Christian medical and relief initiatives, particularly OM Ships International, for which auspices over forty years more than 150 countries and territories have welcomed the ships, from Jamaica to Jordan, Malaysia to Mozambique, Vietnam to Venezuela. Together with his late wife he has undertaken varied ocean-going and headquarters technical and administrative tasks for the movement. Much

of this work conveniently coincided with the maritime world in general preparing for the introduction of a new code of practice to come into effect in 1998 – the International Safety Management (ISM) Code, introduced by the UN through the IMO following the *M/S Herald of Free Enterprise* disaster. The Code is an international standard for the safe operation of ships and for pollution prevention. Chapter IX of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) requires compliance with it.

An ongoing offshoot of his work is a charitable development initiative based back in Monkey Bay.

He has contributed to the UNCRP an eminently readable and detailed personal history.

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### Other auspices

#### The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)

**102 \*\*\* Desmond Peart.** A Jamaican, he was author of an essay entitled ‘Caribbean Community States and the GATT’ in which he explained how GATT operated, its impact on developing countries, and their shortcomings in fully exploiting participation in the GATT system: (see B. B. Ramcharan and C. B. Francis eds., *Caribbean Perspectives on International Law and Organisations* (Dordrecht, Boston and London: Martinus Nijhoff, 1989), pp.186-187, ISBN 9780792304081). His widow **Angela Gibbs-Peart b. 1940, (1971-1991)** – (qv, entry 102 in the original Guide), has contributed a set of eleven books belonging to her late husband, who had been in charge of training at the GATT. The books are from the series *Basic Instruments and Selected Documents of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade*.

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### Ad feminam

**519 Eva-Maria Muschik** is a history graduate of the Humboldt University of Berlin who has been a pre-doctoral fellow in International Security Studies at Yale University and a post-doctoral fellow of the European University Institute. She is a visiting lecturer at the Freie Universität of Berlin. She has written many articles including ‘Managing the World: The United Nations, Decolonisation and the Strange Triumph of State Sovereignty in the 1950s and 1960s’ (*Journal of Global History* 12, no.1, March 2018, pp. 122-144); and ‘The Art of Chameleon Politics: From Colonial Servant to International Development Expert’ (*Humanity: An International Journal for Human Rights, Humanitarianism and Development* 9, no. 2, Summer 2018). To the UNCRP she has contributed



her PhD dissertation entitled ‘Building States through International Development Assistance: The United Nations between Trusteeship and Self-Determination, 1945 to 1965’. It was submitted to the Department of History of New York University in January, 2017. It “explores how United Nations officials in responding to Cold War constraints and the demands of decolonization, transformed the world organization from an intergovernmental forum to an operational agency that took an active part in the governance of its member states – despite the UN Charter’s mandate of non-interference in domestic affairs.” It “examines several UN development initiatives – in the former Italian colonies of Libya and Somaliland, in Bolivia, at the UN headquarters in New York, and in newly independent Congo – that sought to create stable, sovereign nation-states and anchor them firmly within the capitalist world.” In the case of the Congo it draws significantly on the contributions of **Anthony C. Gilpin** to the UN Career Records Project, (qv) see entry 23 on p. 21 of the original Guide, and to a lesser extent on the memoir of **Winifred Tickner**, (qv) entry 89 on p. 41.  
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## Miscellaneous

**520 The Finnish United Nations Association (Suomen YK-liitto ry)** has kindly donated a copy of *Finns in the United Nations* (ed. Kimmo Kiljunen, 1996, ISBN 952-9694-18-0), published by the Association on the occasion of the UN’s 50th anniversary. Running to some 300 pages and indexed, it consists of essays by twelve Finns who served the UN in various capacities. The best known elsewhere are Martti Ahtisaari, later his country’s President, who writes about Namibia and Bosnia; and Helvi Sipilä, whose essay is entitled ‘Women’s UN – People’s UN’. Other contributions feature:

- the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (1982 onward, Anttila and Broms)
- Disarmament Affairs (late 1970s, Hyvärinen and Pastinen)
- the UN Department of Social Policy (1960s–1980s, Jansson)
- the World Health Organization and the Health for All Programme (1970s and 1980s, Kaprio)
- UN military operations in Sinai and the Middle East (1960s and 1970s, Koho and Siilasvuo)
- the UN Centre on Transnational Corporations (late 1970s, Sahlgren)
- the UN Economic Commission for Europe (Sahlgren)
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