

RICHARD JOLLY: BIOGRAPHY

Sir Richard Jolly is Honorary Professor and Research Associate of the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex. As co-director of the UN Intellectual History Project, he is currently overseeing and working on a 14 volume history of the UN's contributions to economic and social development since its beginning in 1945, of which five volumes have been completed and the first recognized as one of the outstanding academic books of 2002. As recipient of a Carnegie Scholarship in 2000, he is also undertaking a study of the trends in global inequality since 1820 and what can be done to narrow global gaps over the next 50 years.

Richard Jolly is a Trustee of OXFAM, a Director of the Overseas Development Institute and Chairman of the UN Association of the United Kingdom. He was made a Knight of the Order of St. Michael and St George in the New Years Honours of 2001 for his contributions to international development.

Before returning to England in 2000, Richard Jolly was an Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations holding senior positions in UNICEF and UNDP for nearly 20 years. He was from 1996 to 2000 Special Adviser to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and architect of the widely-acclaimed Human Development Report. Before this, he was, for 14 1/2 years, Deputy Executive Director in UNICEF, with responsibilities for UNICEF's programmes in over 130 countries of the world, including UNICEF's strategy for support to countries in reducing child mortality and implementing the goals agreed at the 1990 World Summit for Children. In UNICEF, he also led the agency's efforts to ensure more attention to the needs of children and women in the making of economic adjustment policies, and co-authored the book *Adjustment with a Human Face*.

As a senior UN official, Richard Jolly was much concerned with reform and collaboration among the operational agencies. From 1996 to 2000 he chaired the system-wide UN Sub-Committee on Nutrition (SCN) and from 1997-2004 the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC), both of which have recently prepared major reports setting out global goals and strategies for reducing malnutrition and ensuring access to hygiene, sanitation and water on a world-wide basis.

Before joining the UN, Richard Jolly was from 1972 to 1981 Director of the Institute of Development Studies. During this period, he acted as Special Consultant on North-South issues to the Secretary-General of the OECD in 1978, and from 1978-1981 was a member and for three years rapporteur of the United Nations Committee on Development Planning. From 1982-1985, Richard Jolly was Vice President of the Society for International Development and from 1987-1996, Chairman of SID's North/South Roundtable.

Richard Jolly's career as a development economist has combined planning and operational involvements with research and teaching in a wide range of countries and situations. He graduated with first class honours in economics from the University of Cambridge in 1956, and in 1966 gained his doctorate from Yale University. He holds honorary degrees from the University of East Anglia (1988) and Sussex (1991) On the lighter side, he was in 1959 Secretary of the British Alpine Hannibal Expedition, which investigated Hannibal's route across the Alps with the aid of Jumbo, a 1-1/2 ton elephant, and raised funds for World Refugee Year.

Publications to which he has contributed include two of the volumes on UN history, *UN Contributions to Development Thinking and Practice* (2004) *Ahead of the Curve* (1992), five Human Development Reports (1996 to 2000), and a number of other books including Jim Grant: UNICEF Visionary (2002), *Development with a Human Face* (1998); *Adjustment with a Human Face* (1987); *The Bretton Woods Institutions and the United Nations; Challenges for the 21st Century* (1995); *Disarmament and World Development* (1984); *Planning Education for African Development* (1969) and numerous scholarly articles.

Richard Jolly is married to Dr. Alison Jolly, a primatologist specializing in lemurs and author of several books on primate social behaviour, including most recently *Lucy's Legacy* and *Lords & Lemurs*. She is presently visiting scientist in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Sussex. They have four children.

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