

Notes on Contributors

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Samir Amin is Director of the *Forum du Tiers-Monde* in Dakar, Senegal. He has published dozens of books and is internationally known for his path-breaking work, especially sustained critiques of capitalism in African countries. I first came across his work in 1972 when I was the Guest Editor of *Manpower(sic) and Unemployment Research in Africa*, the precursor to our journal, *Labour, Capital and Society (LCS/TCS)*. I published his important article “Underpopulated Africa” in that issue (5:2, 1972) and tried to keep abreast of his work ever since. In 1987, he reviewed the book *African Population and Capitalism: Historical Perspectives* (Westview, 1987) co-edited by Joel Gregory and Dennis Cordell in *LCS* (20:2, 1987). The review called the book “*un excellent livre ... qui a l’avantage de porter le débat sur la démographie à un niveau élevé de la réflexion théorique*”. It appeared just before the death of Joel Gregory, a long-time supporter of our journal, and was a source of great joy to him.

Nirmala Banerjee is an economist who until her retirement in 2001 worked at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences in Kolkata (Calcutta), India. She published her article “Indian Women and the Urban Labour Market” in *LCS*’s inaugural issue in 1979 and also attended the International Conference on Labour Issues in 1980 here in Montreal. She currently works with the women’s organization called Sachetana, also in Kolkata.

Pierre Beaucage is Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at the Université de Montréal where he taught for over 25 years. He served on the Editorial Committee of *LCS* for many years and regarded the former CDAS as an intellectual home during the

challenging decades of the 1980s and 1990s. His support for the journal's work as well as the many progressive activities at CDAS involving his students also contributed to the founding of the *Montreal Inter-university Initiative on International Development* funded by the International Development Research Centre from 2000-2006 and now located at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). He has published extensively on peasant movements in Mexico, including the seminal book *La Décomposition de la paysannerie au Mexique*, and Central America while also investigating native identity and indigenous organizations in Mexico.

Sharit K. Bhowmik is Professor of Sociology at the University of Mumbai (Bombay), Vidyanagari, Santa Cruz (East), India. For many years, he has specialized in the study of labour, especially migrant plantation labour. At present, he is engaged in studies on the urban informal sector. Sharit published an important and timely article entitled "Worker Cooperatives in the Plantation System: A Study of Tribal Tea Plantation Workers in Eastern India" in *LCS* (25:2, 1992, 180-97).

Bonnie Campbell is Professor of Political Science in the Faculty of Political Science and Law at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). She has been involved with research activities at CDAS since the mid-1970s and was an early supporter of the *Montreal Inter-university Initiative on International Development* which I launched at CDAS in 2000, after years of inter-university collaborative research activities among researchers at the four Montreal universities. Many of her students from UQAM regarded the former CDAS as an enlightened intellectual community that contributed to their scholarly activities. She is also the Director of the *Groupe de recherche sur les activités minières en Afrique* which is a part of UQAM's new Institut d'études internationales de Montréal, also now the home of the *Montreal Inter-university Initiative*. Bonnie is also the President of the Board of the North-South Institute in Ottawa and is a member of the *Conseil scientifique of CIRAD, Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement*, France. She is the author of over sixty journal articles, and author, editor or co-editor of six volumes including *Structural Adjustment in Africa* and *Political Dimensions of the International Debt Crisis*.

Robin Cohen is Professor of Sociology at the University of Warwick, UK. He is the author or co-author of seven books and editor or co-editor of 18 further titles. His books include *Global Diasporas: an Introduction* (1997, 2001, 2004) and, with Paul Kennedy, *Global Sociology* (2001). He has held appointments in Africa, the Caribbean, Europe and North America. He has been associated with *LCS* from its earliest days, attended our International Conference in 1980 and helped define the new international labour studies (NILS) during these early years. He is also the ESRC Professorial Research Fellow for a three-year research program on “Mixed identities: a comparative and historical sociology of *creolization* and *hybridity*” to commence in January 2006.

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Myron Frankman is Associate Professor of Economics at McGill University and is the recent author of *World Democratic Federalism: Peace and Justice Indivisible* (2004). He has been involved with *LCS* as an Editorial Committee member, Book Review Editor and author since its founding. He was also active with its precursor *Manpower (sic) and Unemployment Research*. Myron is also the founding Director of McGill's International Development Studies Program which is the largest-growing undergraduate program in the Faculty of Arts; it was established in 1992. His labour research publications focus on employment and urbanization; he has also published scores of articles on what he calls the “global order”.

Uli Locher is Associate Professor of Sociology and currently Associate Dean of Arts at McGill University. He has been a regular subscriber and contributor of articles and book reviews in recent years to *LCS*, most notably on questions of poverty struggles in the Caribbean. When the CDAS was transferred from the Vice-Principal (Research) to the Faculty of Arts in June 2004, Uli was for six months the Interim Director of CDAS. His publications have dealt with the minority situation of Quebec Anglophones, migration and urbanization in the Caribbean, in Costa Rica and in Mexico, and the marketing of agricultural produce in Haiti. His current research deals with internal migration in Costa Rica.

Alain Morice is based at the *Centre national de la recherche scientifique* as part of the *Unité de recherches Migrations et société* in France. He too published an article entitled “La théorie de la ‘marginalité’: les limites d’un concept de bon sens” in the inaugural issue of *LCS* and attended our International Conference on Labour in 1980. He was also instrumental with Bernard Schlemmer in the publication of our Special Issue on “Child Labour within the Globalizing Economy” (27:2, 1994), following the major international conference on child labour which I attended in Paris. Later, in 1997 at our “Workers and Borders” Conference held at CDAS in Montreal, Alain presented his research on the “immigrants without papers” movement in France and published his article “Le débat sur l’ouverture des frontières extérieures de l’Union européenne: exemple des mouvements d’immigrés sans papiers en France” in the special issue (*LCS* 31:1&2, 1998) resulting from that conference.

Ronaldo Munck is the Theme Leader of Internationalisation, Interculturalism & Social Development in the President’s Office of Dublin City University, Ireland. He was previously Professor of Political Sociology at the University of Liverpool where he headed up the Globalisation and Social Exclusion Unit. He remains a Visiting Professor at Liverpool University. He has written extensively on labour issues, published many book reviews in *LCS* and is the author of numerous books, most notably *Labour and Globalisation* (2002). He participated in our year-long seminar series in 1979 here in Montreal and first published in *LCS* in 1980

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Jane Parpart is Professor of History, International Development Studies and Women’s Studies at Dalhousie University in Halifax. She published her first academic article “Corporate and Black Labour Strategies on the Northern Rhodesian Copperbelt 1926-1933” in *LCS* (13:1, 1980, 55-75). Since then she has authored and edited scores of books and articles, mostly around issues of gender and development, feminism and women in Africa. She participated in our seminal Conference on International Labour Issues in 1980 and then again, in 2000, she participated in our Conference “Development: The Need for Reflection”. Her presentation “Rethinking Participatory Empowerment, Gender and Development in a Global/Local World” was published in the collected papers from that event. My favourite article of hers is “Deconstructing the Development ‘Expert’” which appeared in *Feminism/Postmodernism/Development* (1995).

Victor Piché is Professor of Demography at the Université de Montréal and the Centre Interuniversitaire d’Études Démographiques (CIED) in Canada. Having been active for many years in the area of HIV/AIDS, Victor is also Project Director of the Population and Health Program in Africa, generously funded by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for a ten-year period (2003-2013). He is also Senior Advisor on International Migration for Action Canada for Population and Development, an Ottawa-based NGO. He participated in research activities around the journal since its beginning. Together with the late Joel Gregory and Sidiki Coulibaly, Victor published one of their first articles on migration theory “Vers une explication des courants migratoires voltaïques” in an early issue of *LCS* (13:1, 1980, 76-103). Victor was also Co-Editor of *LCS* with Greg Teal for a three-year period (1989-1991) basing the journal at the Université de Montréal which consolidated more of our Francophone contributions. Victor, like most of the contributors in this special 25th anniversary issue, is the author of many books and articles, most notably *Hoe & Wage: A Social History of a Circular Migration System in West Africa* (1996) written with Dennis D. Cordell and Joel W. Gregory.

Edward Webster is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Sociology of Work Unit (SWOP) at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. He is a founder of the *South African Labour Bulletin*, and attended the International Conference on Labour Issues in 1980 here in Montreal which he discusses in his article in this issue. Eddie published his first article “‘Stay-aways’ and the Black Working Class: Evaluating a Strategy” in *LCS* in 1981(14:1). That article contained an extremely important insight that is with me till today. What I recall (without rereading the article) was that he recognized the importance of ‘stay-aways’ as *demonstrations* but they were far too limited to be effective; what was needed was more *organized* worker action. Eddie has also authored and edited several books related to labour struggles in South Africa, most notably *Cast in a Racial Mold: Labour Process and Trade Unionism in the Foundries* (1985) He has also been instrumental in promoting *LCS* as an international forum for publishing labour research on South Africa. When I made my first visit to South Africa in 1991 to attend a conference in Durban, Eddie later took me to Soweto to see the workers’ hostels and to the Alexandria township in Johannesburg, experiences that brought to life the reasons why, since the early 1960s, I had been active in the anti-apartheid movement.



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