



Ford Foundation records, Human Rights and Governance Program (HRG), Office Files of Stephen P. Marks

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Summary Information

Repository:	Rockefeller Archive Center
Creator - aut:	Marks, Stephen P., 1943-
Creator:	Ford Foundation
Title:	Ford Foundation records, Human Rights and Governance Program (HRG), Office Files of Stephen P. Marks
ID:	FA1452
Date [inclusive]:	1983-1988
Physical Description:	1.52 Cubic Feet 4 LTR size Hollinger boxes
Language of the Material:	Materials predominately in English, but there are many files throughout the collection that have one or a few documents in another language such as French or Spanish. Materials in any language other than English is noted at the file level.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

The Ford Foundation was chartered by Henry and Edsel Ford in 1936 "to receive and administer funds for scientific, educational and charitable purposes, all for the public welfare", and initially served the Ford family's charitable interests in the Detroit area. Following the deaths of Edsel Ford (1943) and Henry Ford (1947), the Foundation was propelled to the forefront of philanthropy as the largest American foundation in terms of both endowment and yearly expenditures, and with an international scope to its major program areas.

During the Foundation's first twenty years its major programs were in international economic development, primary and higher education, educational and public broadcasting, behavioral sciences, civil liberties, urban development, fine arts and the humanities. The Ford Foundation also partnered with the Rockefeller Foundation in supporting agricultural development in South America, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Since the 1970s, the Foundation has also pioneered programs in women's rights, energy

policy, micro-financing in under-developed countries, establishing human rights groups, and improving international HIV/AIDS education.

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Biographical / Historical

Stephen P. Marks worked as a Program Officer in the Ford Foundation's Human Rights and Governance Program (HRG) between 1984 and 1989. He was responsible for grant-making decisions in the area of international human rights.

Marks received his BA from Stanford University in 1964 and a Masters degree from the Institute of Advanced International Studies of the University of Law, Economics, and Social Sciences of Paris in 1971. Prior to joining the Ford Foundation, he worked at the International Institute of Human Rights from between 1969 and 1973 and the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) from between 1973 and 1984. After he left Ford in 1989, he continued to pursue a career in international human rights philanthropy and research with positions at the United Nations, Princeton University, and Columbia University among other institutions, and then in 2000, he became the Director of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Program on Human Rights in Development

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Scope and Contents

Collection holds the office files of Ford Foundation Program Officer Stephen P. Marks. The files were created during Marks' time in the Human Rights and Governance Program (HRG) at Ford where he was responsible for grant-making decisions related to international human rights.

The collection consists of only two series. The first series contains the chronological files Marks maintained to organize his correspondence and other documents, and the second series contains Marks' subject files. Common types of material found within the collection include correspondence, memoranda, drafts, notes, reports, newspaper clippings, schedules, agendas, and speech transcripts.

The collection is comprised of more than one accession of material. The chronological files in Series 1 originated from the first set of material that was transferred to the Rockefeller Archive Center in 2018 (Accession 2018:034). A later set of material was transferred to the RAC in 2019 (Accession 2019:054). The subject files in Series 2 originate from this accession.

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Arrangement

Collection consists of two series. The series are based on file type.

Original order was maintained during processing.

Collection arrangement is as follows:

Series 1. Chronological files, 1987

Series 2. Subject files, 1983-1988

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Ford Foundation archive was deposited at RAC in 2011. Ford Foundation records, correspondence, reports, program files, and officers' papers were transferred to, and accessioned by the RAC beginning in 2011. Accessions continue as necessary.

The first set of Stephen P. Marks Office Files was transferred to the RAC in 2018 by the Ford Foundation and was ingested by the RAC as Accession 2018:034. A later set of material was transferred to the RAC in 2019 and ingested as Accession 2019:054.

Processing Information

Processing Level 3: Standard Processing

Accession 2018:034 processed by Darren Young, September 2018

Accession 2019:054 processed by Darren Young, June 2019

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Controlled Access Headings

- Ford Foundation
- Human rights
- Human rights -- Africa
- Human rights -- Middle East
- Human rights -- South America
- Human rights -- Asia

Other Finding Aids

Finding aids concerning the office files of other Ford Foundation officers in the Human Rights and Governance Program (HRG) include:

[FA717 Ford Foundation records, Human Rights and Governance Program, Program Director, Office Files of Shepard Forman](#)

[FA1443 Ford Foundation records, Peace and Social Justice, Human Rights and Governance, Office Files of Sara Rios](#)

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Collection Inventory

Chronological files, 1987

Physical Description: .38 Cubic Feet 1 LTR size Hollinger box

Scope and Contents

Series contains the chronological files Stephen P. Marks maintained when he worked as a Program Officer in the Ford Foundation's Human Rights and Governance Program (HRG). It currently consists of only one file that was created in 1987, but it may expand if the RAC receives more accessions of Marks' Ford records.

It is chiefly comprised of correspondence and internal Ford memos that Marks sent to human rights organizations and Ford staff members. However, it also contains some correspondence that was addressed to Marks by the aforementioned entities as well as other kinds of documents such as meeting agendas and project proposals. Marks frequently corresponded with Human Rights and Governance Program Director Shepard Forman as well as with organizations like the International League for Human Rights, the International Human Rights Law Group, and the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights. Correspondence discusses subjects like measures against torture, the rights of minorities, women and indigenous peoples, democracy, and international human rights law.

Original order was maintained and files represent how Marks compiled the materials. Researchers will therefore see the majority of correspondence in reverse chronological order of creation date.

Title/Description	Instances	
Chronological file, 1987	box 1	folder 1-8

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Subject files, 1983-1988

Physical Description: 1.14 Cubic Feet 3 LTR size Hollinger boxes

Scope and Contents

Series contains the subject files Stephen P. Marks maintained when he worked as a Program Officer in the Ford Foundation's Human Rights and Governance Program (HRG). Files document the Human Rights and Governance Program's collaboration with and grant support to human rights organizations and projects in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and South America during the 1980s. These organizations and projects focused on issues such as the development of human rights law, protections, education, and resources in countries undergoing development, rights protections for different types of groups such as indigenous peoples and returning exiles, research on human rights issues in different countries, and the role of lawyers and judiciaries in the adoption and application of human rights law. Several of the files regard Marks' trips abroad to countries like Israel, Egypt, Chile, and Uruguay where he met with local and regional human rights organizations and institutions. Documents show that Marks worked with the Ford Foundation Field Offices in Cairo, Lima, and Nairobi to set up these trips as well as on other matters.

Title/Description	Instances	
Africa, 1983-1988	box 2	folder 9-10
Africa, 1983-1984	box 2	folder 11
African Jurists Association (AJA), 1987 December 21	box 2	folder 12

African Seminar on Law and Human Rights in Development, undated	box 2	folder 13
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File only contains a cross-reference note.

Asia, 1984-1986	box 2	folder 14
Bangalore, India - Judicial Colloquium on the Domestic Application of International Human Rights, 1986-1988	box 2	folder 15-16
Barsalou, Judy - Cairo, Egypt Office, 1988	box 2	folder 17
Barsalou, Judy, 1986-1987	box 2	folder 18
Environmental Policy Institute (EPI), 1983-1984	box 2	folder 19
Frankel, Marvin/Kirschner, Robert incident, 1987-1988	box 3	folder 20
Geneva, Switzerland human rights liaison office, 1984	box 3	folder 21
Hawk, David - Cambodia Documentation Commission (Khmer Rouge Genocide: Accountability and Response), 1982-1987	box 3	folder 22-23
Harvard University Law School Human Rights Program (HRP), 1985-1987	box 3	folder 24
Human Rights and Governance Program (HRG) Meeting, London, England, 1986-1987	box 3	folder 25
Human Rights and Governance Program (HRG) Meeting, Lima, Peru, 1984-1985	box 3	folder 26
Human rights - Sudan, 1984	box 3	folder 27
Indigenous peoples, 1984-1987	box 3	folder 28
Inter-African Union of Lawyers (IAUL), undated	box 3	folder 29
Inter-American foundation (IAF), 1985-1986	box 3	folder 30
University of Koln - Etienne R. Mbaya, 1984-1986	box 3	folder 31
Law in the Service of Man/al-Haq (LSM) Conference on the Administration of Occupied Territories, 1987-1988	box 3	folder 32
Livezey, Lowell - Non-Governmental Organizations and the Ideas of Human Rights, 1985 November	box 4	folder 33

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File only contains the title page for this report.

MacGregor, Felipe projects, 1984-1985	box 4	folder 34
Middle East trip file, 1984-1986	box 4	folder 35
Middle East, 1984-1988	box 4	folder 36-37
Morris, Diana - Nairobi, Kenya Office, 1987	box 4	folder 38

Southern Cone trip file - Notes, 1984	box 4	folder 39
Southern Cone trip file, 1984	box 4	folder 40
Southern Cone trip file, 1984	box 4	folder 41
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