



Ford Foundation records, Developing Countries Program, Latin America and the Caribbean, Office Files of Joan R. Dassin

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Joan Dassin is an educator, scholar, and former foundation executive who worked for a number of years at the Ford Foundation. Dassin originally worked in the Ford Foundation's program for Latin America before becoming Director of its International Fellowships Program.

Dassin's career at the Ford Foundation began in its program for Brazil where she worked as a Program Officer before becoming the Foundation's Representative for Brazil. In 1992, she was appointed Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean. She later worked as a Consultant to the Ford Foundation Office for the Andean Region and the Southern Cone. From 2000 to 2013, she directed the Foundation's International Fellowships Program.

After leaving the Ford Foundation, Dassin became a professor of international education and development at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management. Dassin earned a B.A. in English

and American literature from Brandeis University and a Ph.D. in modern thought and literature from Stanford University.

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Scope and Contents

Primarily contains program reviews and program history materials.

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Arrangement

Arranged in 4 series:

1. Field Offices and Regional Meeting.
2. Program Reviews.
3. Program History and Background.
4. Cuba.

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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, RAC beginning in 2011. Accessions continue as necessary.

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Records are open for research with select materials restricted as noted. Brittle or damaged items are available at the discretion of RAC. Researchers interested in accessing digital media (floppy disks, CDs, DVDs, etc.) or audiovisual material (audio cassettes, VHS, etc.) in this collection must use an access surrogate. The original items may not be accessed because of preservation concerns. To request an access surrogate be made, or if you are unsure if there is an access surrogate, please contact an archivist.

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Andean Region Southern Cone, 1990 April 4	box 1
Brazil Field Office, 1990-1991	box 1
Future of Lima, 1990	box 1
Lima Office Closing, 1991-1993	box 1
Mexico Field Office, 1990-1992	box 1
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Developing Country Programs -- Andean Region and Southern Cone Program Review FY 1986, 1985	box 2
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Developing Country Programs -- Latin America and the Caribbean Program Review FY 1988, 1987	box 2
Developing Country Programs -- Andean Region and the Southern Cone Program Review FY 1989, 1988	box 2
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Mexico City -- FY 1990-1991 Biennial Budget Program Review, 1989 April	box 2
Rio de Janiero -- FY 1990-1991 Biennial Budget Program Review, 1989 April	box 2
Haiti Democratic Needs Assessment, 1989 May	box 2
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Caribbean -- Latin American Regional -- FY 1990 Program Review, 1990 April	box 2
Overview of Program -- Brazil, 1990 September	box 2
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International Directory of Foundations with Grant Programs in Latin America, 1991	box 2

Overview of Program -- Mexico and Central America, 1992 March	box 2
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