



Ford Foundation records, International Division, International Urbanization Survey Records

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

In 1970, the Ford Foundation initiated an International Urbanization Survey designed to review and assess the effects of urbanization in the developing world. The Survey staff travelled to countries where the Foundation maintained field offices to observe urbanization issues for themselves. In addition, the Survey drew upon the experiences of Foundation personnel assigned to field offices in developing countries. The Survey was based in Athens, Greece and conducted by John P. Robin, Colin Rosser, and Frederick C. Terzo. The Survey covered select countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America and consisted of three basic questions:

1. How are the developing countries themselves responding to rapid urbanization and its consequences?
2. What are international aid agencies doing to advise and assist them?
3. What would be the most useful and effective contribution of the Ford Foundation's international program in the field?

At the conclusion of the Survey, Foundation staff's field notes on phases of urbanization in specific countries were expanded into working papers (see related materials). Additional working papers were provided by Foundation personnel with a depth of field knowledge, and by consultants' expertise either in specific countries or in topics of special interest. The working papers resulting from the International Urbanization Study were originally created by Ford Foundation staff to guide the Foundation in making informed judgments on future programs related to urban conditions in developing countries, but they were ultimately shared widely in the development field. The work of the Survey was completed with the publishing of a final report in 1972.

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Scope and Contents

The collection primarily contains correspondence related to the logistics and findings of the Ford Foundation's International Urbanization Survey. The Survey was conducted between 1970-1972 to review and assess the effects of urbanization in the developing world. The Foundation used their findings to plan international programming related to urbanization and publish working papers based on their observations.

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Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series:

Series 1: Correspondence and Research Materials

The purpose of the numbering system present in the collection could not be determined at the time of processing. The original order of the material was maintained.

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Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Ford Foundation archive was deposited at the 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. This material was transferred to the RAC in 2019 and was ingested by the RAC as part of Program Strategy records, Accession 2019:012.

Conditions Governing Access

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Related Materials

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Working papers associated with the International Urbanization Survey can be found in [Ford Foundation records, Catalogued Reports, Reports 1-3254](#)

Urbanization in Colombia (Reports 002008-001), 1972

Urbanization in Colombia (Reports 002008-002), 1972

Urbanization in Brazil (Reports 002009), 1972

Urbanization in Jamaica (Reports 002010), 1972

Urbanization in Peru (Reports 002011), 1972

Urbanization in Venezuela (Reports 002012), 1972

Urbanization in Chile (Reports 002013), 1972

Urbanization in Tropical Africa: A demographic introduction (Reports 002014), 1972

Urbanization in Nigeria: A planning commentary (Reports 002015), 1972

Urbanization in Zambia (Reports 002016), 1972

Urbanization trends and prospects (Reports 002017), 1972

Urbanization and government policy in Morocco (Reports 002018), 1972

Urbanization in Turkey (Reports 002019), 1972

Urbanization in India (Reports 002020), 1972

Urbanization in Thailand 1973? (Reports 002021), 1972-1973

Urbanization in the developing countries: the response of international assistance (Reports 002022), 1972

Infrastructure problems of the cities of developing countries (Reports 002023), 1972

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Controlled Access Headings

- Developing Countries
- Ford Foundation
- International affairs
- Urbanization
- Urbanization -- Africa
- Urbanization -- Latin America
- Urbanization -- Asia -- Congresses.

Collection Inventory

Correspondence and Research Materials, 1970-1973

Title/Description	Instances	
John P. Robin - Urbanization Project and Related Correspondence, 1970	box 1	folder 1-2
John P. Robin - Delhi Conference, 1971	box 1	folder 3
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102 - International Urbanization Survey Plan of Operation - Pre-history, 1970	box 1	folder 9
105 - Administrative Correspondence with New York, 1970-1971	box 2	folder 10-11
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108 - Administrative Correspondence with Athens Center of Ekistics, 1971	box 2	folder 14
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203 - Ford Foundation - New York - Middle East and Africa Division, 1971-1972	box 2	folder 17
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Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia, Lebanon		
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Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico		
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213 - Research Assistants, 1970-1971	box 3	folder 27
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216 - Beverley Bernstein, 1971	box 3	folder 29
217a - Survey Reports (General - Latin America - Special Studies), 1971-1972	box 3	folder 30-31

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Sections include: Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Venezuela, O.H. Koenigsberger, Hugh Tinker, General, Latin America, Argentina, Brazil, Chile

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Sections include: Africa, Ghana, Kenya, Asia, India, Malaysia, Turkey

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Architectural Association, England

Centre for Environmental Studies, England

Centre d'Etudes de Geographic Tropical, Talence, France

Organisation de Cooperation et de Developpement
Economiques (OCDE), France

Secretariat des Missions d'urbanisme et d'Habitat, France
(SMUH)

Institute of Race Relations, England

ACCION, New York

Department of State

American Institute of Architects, Washington, DC

Institute of Public Administration, New York

Planning and Development Collaborative International
(PADCO), New York

I. M. Pei and Partners, New York

Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies of
Developing Areas (SPURS), Mass.

Canadian centers

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815 - Resources for the Future, Inc., Washington, D.C., 1970-1971

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816 - Colin Buchanan and Partners, 1970-1972

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817 - Meetings with International Agencies - Minutes, 1970

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818 - Inter-agency Group in Urban Development, 1972

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