

*International Conference on Social Psychological Research in Developing Countries*

AN International Conference on Social Psychological Research in Developing Countries was held at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, from 29 December 1966 to 5 January 1967. More than fifty official delegates and an almost equal number of observers took part in a programme of discussions of the issues related to development and social change. The Conference was organized by the Departments of Psychiatry, Sociology and Adult Education of the University of Ibadan, and the Center for Research on Conflict Resolution at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A. The Conference Chairman was Professor Herbert Kelman of the University of Michigan. Twenty-one of the official delegates were social scientists working in various countries in Africa; ten were from Western and Eastern Europe, and the other delegates were from Latin America, the Middle East, Asia, and Australia. Most of the observers were from universities, government agencies, and research institutes in the African countries.

In its concluding sessions the Conference considered problems of supporting additional cross-cultural studies, providing more opportunities for regional teaching and research, short-term workshops, additional resources for social psychological research and teaching in universities in developing countries, directing social psychological research towards problems of international tensions and international co-operation, and encouraging trained social scientists to use their professional skills in applications to problems of the developing countries and in teaching and research in the developing countries.

To provide additional opportunities for communication and joint planning, two mechanisms were adopted by unanimous resolutions of the Conference: A. An International Committee on Social Psychological Research in Developing Countries was established to consider additional meetings, possible new organizations, clearing-house functions, and other means for furthering the international co-ordination and co-operation among social psychologists concerned with the developing countries. Correspondence about the committee may be addressed to: Dr. Charles Pidoux, c/o United Nations, BP 492, Niamey, Niger. B. A Newsletter on social psychological research in developing countries was recommended. Harry Triandis, University of Illinois, agreed to act as first editor of the Newsletter.

Conference proceedings will be published jointly by the University of Ibadan Press and the *Journal of Social Issues*.

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LE fait marquant de cette période a été l'installation du Centre de Recherches en Sciences humaines, dans un nouveau bâtiment distinct du Musée et comportant une bibliothèque, des locaux destinés aux activités audio-visuelles (cinéma, photographie, enregistrements sonores), des bureaux, des magasins et deux chambres pour les chercheurs de passage à Niamey.

Un certain nombre d'études fondamentales sur les principales ethnies du Niger ont été poursuivies:

*Songhay-Zarma.* Sous la direction de Jean Rouch, J. P. Olivier de Sardan a entrepris une étude des groupes Wogo et projette de l'étendre aux Kurtey, tandis que Diouldé Laya, sociologue nigérien, étudiait les communautés rurales de la région de Niamey.

*Hausa de l'Ouest.* M. H. Piault, anthropologue, au cours de trois missions de cinq mois, a entrepris l'étude des populations du Dallol Mawri (histoire du peuplement et de la chefferie). C. Piault, sociologue, a étudié pour sa part la vie quotidienne de la femme Mawri et doit poursuivre des études sur la condition féminine au Niger. R. Rochette, géographe, de