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Foreword and Acknowledgements

Like any other textbook this one is, characteristically, a book about other books. At the present time, when financial resources are pulled out of higher education and stuffed into nuclear warheads, those few of us who (still) work in academic institutions are privileged to have access to the world of ideas. But even this privilege is a blessing increasingly mixed with frustration.

Gone are the days when new acquisitions were as common to a university library as newspapers to a breakfast table. With pin-money for a book grant our reading material has become strictly rationed: some eight books per course per year if we are lucky. New journals are no longer purchased, existing subscriptions are terminated. So how do we keep up with new developments in our respective academic fields? How did I, for example, manage to write a book about books? Somewhat unconventionally I should like to acknowledge two sources of help without which this book would never have been written. One is the documentation department of the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague, Netherlands. Although I ended my employment for that (richly financed) institute some twelve years ago, the department has continued to send me their valuable catalogues and abstracts, regularly and free of charge. The other source of assistance has come from the staff of the inter-library loan section of the library of my own university, at Sheffield. I especially wish to thank Ms Julia Dagg, who has always promptly and cheerfully processed my numerous requests for books, relentlessly chasing after works which I had often badly referenced and which sometimes did not even exist!

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List of Abbreviations

DAC	Development Assistance Committee (of the OECD)
DC	Developed Countries
ECLA	(UN) Economic Commission for Latin America
ECOSOC	(UN) Economic and Social Committee
ECSIM	European Centre for Study and Information on Multinational Corporations
EEC	European Economic Community
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNP	Gross National Product
GSP	General System of Preferences
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank)
ICP	International Commodity Program
IDA	International Development Association (of the IBRD)
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMF	International Monetary Fund
LDCs	Less Developed Countries

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MNC	Multinational Company (Corporation) (<i>Note:</i> this abbreviation is also sometimes used to describe Most Needy Countries. The latter is a classificatory term used in UN documents to refer to those countries which are believed to be most in need of development assistance.)
MOP	Mode of Production
MSA	Most Seriously Affected (official UN classification of those countries most seriously affected by the oil price hikes)
NIC	Newly Industrialising Country
NIEO	New International Economic Order
ODA	Official Development Assistance (from OECD member countries)
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OPEC	Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries
SDR	Special Drawing Rights
UDC	Under-Developed Countries
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organisation

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