

*Human Development in the Era of Globalization**Essays in Honor of Keith B. Griffin*

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This volume is in honor of Professor Keith B. Griffin, a well known economist with important contributions to economics for a time period of almost half a century. It includes sixteen papers and in addition a substantive and lengthy introduction by the Editors and an autobiographical paper by Griffin, where he gives an account of how he saw and judged the economic affairs of the world after the Second World War.

The presentation of the papers is organized in five parts. The first part, *Perspectives on Chinese Development*, includes a paper by C. Riskin on Chinese poverty, a paper by J. Knight, L. Shi and L. Song on the rural-urban divide in China, and a paper by M.D. Brenner on land tenure and growth in rural China. The second part, *Agriculture and Rural Poverty*, includes a paper by J.K. Boyce on biodiversity and sustainable agriculture, a paper by St.M. Helfand and E.D. Levine on policy reforms on rural poverty in Brazil and a paper by A. Berry on agrarian reform in Colombia. The third part, *Dimensions of Human Development*, includes a paper by Bob Sutcliffe on death and Development, a paper by Pr. Pattanaik on Functioning Bundles and Capability Sets and a paper by Ch. Perrings on environment, poverty and development. The fourth part, *Globalization and Inequality*, includes a paper by R. Pollin on egalitarian development, a paper by D. Elson on gender equality, a paper by A. Chakrabarti, St. Cullenberg and M. wa Githinji on class transition and a paper by V.D. Lippit on the welfare state. The last fifth part includes a paper by A. Rahmanand and B. Sen on personal income and poverty, a paper by R. Sobhan on poverty as injustice and a paper by T. McKinley on poverty reduction in Asia and the Pacific.

As the editors note in their introduction, there are four basic themes that recur in the papers of this volume. First, the need to eradicate poverty and also to reduce inequality in income and wealth within as well as among countries. Second, the relationship between growth and distribution as a two-way relationship. Third, the rec-

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ognition that policies are not formulated on the basis of an optimizing procedure for the economy as a whole, but rather on the basis of specific interests of social classes. Fourth, the heterogeneity among various economies and the implication it has for economic development strategies.

Some of the papers in this volume are highly technical, some contain econometric analyses, some are based on descriptive statistics, some analyze problems of specific countries etc. But to the extent one can make a general judgment on such a diverse collection, it is this reviewer's opinion that the papers in this volume are of a very high scientific standard. Those professionals and graduate students who want to enter the area of economic development in a serious way will find this volume extremely useful.