

## MICHAEL LIPTON

### Personal information:

Date of Birth: 13 February 1937.  
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### Education and Awards:

Domus Scholar, Balliol College, Oxford, 1957-60  
Jenkyns Prize, 1958  
George Webb Medley Prize in Economics, 1960  
BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics, 1st Class, 1960 (MA 1979)  
Fellowship by Examination, All Souls College, Oxford, 1961  
Rockefeller Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1963-4  
D.Litt., Sussex University, 1982.  
Dudley Seers Prize (jointly with Robert Eastwood), 1999-2000.

### Main current research interests:

Economics of poverty reduction as affected by agricultural technology and science; nutrition; land distribution and reform; the balance between states and markets; urban-rural linkages and biases; and economic demography.

### Posts:

1998-2005+:	Research Professor, Poverty Research Unit at Sussex, School of African and Asian Studies, University of Sussex.
1999-2001	Lead Scholar, International Fund for Agricultural Development, <u>Rural Poverty Report 2001</u> .
1997-2003	Director, EU distribution-demographics project (4 <sup>th</sup> Framework grant): impact of land and asset size and distribution on fertility and migration in three rural drylands [supervising and co-ordinating fieldwork and analysis at universities of Jaipur, Rajasthan, India; Botswana; Pretoria, S Africa; Florence, Italy (Dept. of Demographics and Statistics); and Sussex, UK].
1995-97	Senior Adviser and Theme Leader, 'Quality of Life' section, Asian Development Bank study of 'Emerging Asia'.
1994-97	University of Sussex: Professor of Development Economics and founding Director, Poverty Research Unit.

- 1971-94 Fellow of the Institute of Development Studies and Professorial Fellow, University of Sussex.
- [I supervised 21 Ph. D. theses to graduation in 1975-2003, and taught many graduate, undergraduate and in-service courses in Sussex, Oxford, Cambridge, Mussoorie, Adelaide, etc..]
- 1987-1990 Programme Director, Food Consumption and Nutrition Programme, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington D.C.
- 1982-84, 1961-68 Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.
- 1981-82 Senior Policy Adviser, World Bank, working in (among other things) the Task Force on the impact of Bank activities on poverty groups.
- 1977-79 Employment Development Adviser, Government of Botswana.

### Country Experience:

**Bangladesh:** 1972-73: World Bank/Planning Commission Team to assist with work for Agricultural Plan. Many short visits (e.g. member of post-harvest loss study team, 1978-81).

**Botswana:** 1977-79: Manpower and employment adviser, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning. 1997-2002: research visits as director of EU research project. Several shorter visits.

**Ethiopia:** 1972: Visit to Ministry of Land Reform to assess technical assistance. 1998: evaluation of Govt. Of Ethiopia/Dfid Rural Livelihoods project.

**India:** 1965: Eight months' fieldwork in Kawathe village, Maharashtra. 1970: Visits to 47 research institutions to retrieve and analyse village studies. 1973-7: Director, Indo-British on-farm grain storage project. 1986: Assessment of Ford Foundation proposal for NGO-'professional' linkage. 1992: NABARD seminar on rural nonfarm sector. 1996-7-8: managed and presented poverty analysis component of in-service training programme for National Academy of Public Administration, Mussoorie. 1999, 2001: IDS Jaipur, EU distribution-demographics project. Frequent shorter research visits.

**Kenya:** To prepare EEC report on food strategy, 1985.

**Pakistan:** 1970: Assessing village studies research

**Sierra Leone:** To analyse impact of rice research, 1988

**South Africa:** 1994-7, frequent research visits to analyse agricultural research reform and land policy; 1997 to date, research planning visits for EU project on distribution and demographics.

**Sri Lanka:** 1971, 1972: ILO Employment Mission and Editorial Group on agriculture, trade, aid (see ILO, Matching Employment Opportunities and Expectations, Geneva, 1971). 1978: Consultancy for Ministry of Planning (rice statistics; agricultural projections; plantation policy). 1979: Visit to study rice research. Frequent shorter advisory and research visits.

**Sudan:** 1962 (Summer): Visiting Lecturer, Khartoum U. June 1968: UK Technical Assistance Planning (ODM Advisory Mission with Dudley Seers).

**Zaire:** To prepare EEC report on food strategy, 1985.

### **Major Research Teams directed:**

**Lead Scholar, 1999-2001, Rural Poverty Report 2001, International Fund for Agricultural Development:** led a five-person research team at the Poverty Research Unit, Sussex University, working in close consultation with numerous members of IFAD and with other outside experts to produce this report. (Main author of chapters on assets and technology).

**Project director, EU-supported comparative study of impact of land and asset size and distribution on fertility and migration in three drylands areas, 1998-2003:** see above. Several publications.

**Founder and first Director, Poverty Research unit, Sussex University, 1994-97:** responsible for recruitment, workplan and fundraising for a 3-7-person group of researchers and support staff. Unit outputs include substantial drafting for the 1999, 2000 and 2001 UN Human Development Reports; the World Bank's 2000-2001 World Development Report on poverty (chapter on risk and vulnerability); the Asian Development Bank's 'Emerging Asia' reports, 1997; and IFAD's 2001 Rural Poverty Report. Original research on poverty-related aspects of economic demography, agricultural development, and economic growth.

**Director, 1987-1990 Consumption and Nutrition Research Programme: (International Food Policy Research Institute):** Six senior researchers, working with colleagues on the economic and nutritional effects of commercialisation and new technology in eight developing countries. I advised on numerous issues of funding, staffing, fieldwork and publication. A comparison of the rice research systems of Sierra Leone and Sri Lanka, involving an anthropologist, an agricultural scientist, and myself.

**Director, Grain Storage Project: (Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, and Indian Grain Storage Inst. 1973-77; IDS and Govt. of Bangladesh, 1977-81):** This project analysed size and distribution of costs and benefits from alternative farm-level grain storage systems and improvements in Andhra Pradesh State, India, and Chandina and Comilla, Bangladesh. As Director I raised funds & supervised pilot and main project (4 economists, 1 entomologist, 6 fieldworkers, in 18 villages of Andhra Pradesh). Publications include a research report, a book - Food Grain Storage Losses in India: A Social Cost-Benefit Analysis, and several papers.

**Director, 1969 -78, Village Studies Programme: (IDS)**

Examined how types of village affected socio-economic outcomes. As Director I raised funds and supervised five senior staff (from four disciplines) to produce five books - on migration, village labour and employment, nutrition, methodology, and bibliography - and many papers.

### **Consultancies:**

Asian Development Bank: Theme Leader, 'Quality of Life' section, 'Emerging Asia' study, 1995-97; Advisory panel on Second Asian Agricultural Survey, ADB, 1986; Consultative Committee, Asian Agricultural Resurvey, Manila, 1975, 1976.

Bangladesh Planning Commission: Agricultural Development Adviser, 1973-74.

Commonwealth Secretariat: Also study on 'Reducing Dependence of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland on the Republic of South Africa', 1978.

Consultative Group on International Economic Research: Review Panel to evaluate International Food Policy Research Institute, 1984. Modern Varieties impact study, 1985 (led to book with Richard Loinghurst, **New Seeds and Poor People**, Unwin, 1989).

Department for International development, UK: numerous, including an evaluation of prospects for CGAP (World bank-led consortium for microfinance), 1996; and of South Africa's agricultural research system and possible reforms to improve its poverty impact, 1997.

EU/EEC: Study of employment and labour use, to prepare recommendations for Govt. of Botswana, 1977-9; studies of food strategy, especially in Kenya and Zaire, 1985.

FAO: Coffee study, 1967; contribution to the State of Food and Agriculture Report 2000 ('Food and nutrition security: food production matters after all', pp. 199-242); other short consultancies.

Ford Foundation, New Delhi: Report on 'Linking Voluntary and Professional Skills in Rural Poverty Reduction', India, 1986.

IBRD/IMF Finance Ministers' Task Force on Concessional Flows - Aid-Effectiveness study: see Does Aid Work in India?, with John Toye, Routledge, 1991.

ILO: Core team, Sri Lanka employment 'mission', 1970-72; Member, Research Advisory Cttee., World Employment Programme, 1973-84; Consultant, poverty analysis (International Inst. of Labour Studies, ILO), 1994-96.

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI): Secondary food crops and seasonal food insecurity, 1985; agricultural sustainability, 1991; 'the future of small farming', major study in progress, 2003.

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD): Joint adviser on lending and project criteria, 1977; initial document on post-evaluation procedures. Member of team to programme Sri Lankan sectoral outlays in agriculture, and to identify poverty-reducing activities, 1979. Report on 'Forces for change in dryland areas: poverty reduction, sustainability and the project cycle', 1991; lead scholar, Rural Poverty Report 2000/1.

OECD: Consultations and paper on agricultural aid to low-income countries, 1985.

Norwegian Ministry of Development Cooperation: Paper on 'Improving the Impact of Aid for Rural Development', 1986.

Nuffield Foundation, 1998-9: economist member of scientific team producing '**Genetically Modified Crops: the ethical and social consequences**' (1999) (main author of ch. 4 on impact on developing countries); member of follow-up team producing '**Impact of transgenic crops on developing countries**', 2003.

UNDP: Consultant, 5th UN Advisory Conference on Planning, Bangkok, 1970. Member of contributory team, Human Development Report 1997, 1998 and 1999.

UNICEF/WHO: Course-Reunion Meeting, New Delhi, October 1975 (contribution and lectures on rural nutrition planning). Recession and Children Project, 1982.

WHO: **Agriculture-Health Linkages** (publication with E. de Kadt, 1988).

World Bank: Numerous, including Development Research Center Workshop on Rural Development, Washington D.C., 1975; Development Research Center Working Group on Poverty Problems, Tangier, April 1975; Development Economics Department, January 1975;

Development Economics Department Conference on Rural-Urban Labour Market Interactions, Washington D.C., February 1976; Task Force on impact of Bank activities on poverty groups, 1981-82; West African agricultural statistics, 1985. Agricultural Development Policies and Theory of Rural Organisation, 1989; Agricultural Research and the International Community, 1991; Poverty Alleviation Workshop, Kuala Lumpur, 1991; Safety-nets Study, 1994-6; work on vulnerability for chapter in World Development Report on poverty, 2000-2001.

## Selected Publications

### ***Books:***

- Successes in Anti-poverty. International Institute of Labour Studies (for ILO), 1998. New edition, 2001
- Including the Poor (Editor and contributor, with J. van der Gaag). Routledge (1993)
- Does Aid Work in India? A country study of the impact of official development assistance. With John Toye. Routledge, London (1991)
- New Seeds and Poor People. With Richard Longhurst. Unwin Hyman & Johns Hopkins (1989)
- Botswana: Employment and Labour Use (2 vols.). European Economic Commission and Ministry of Finance and development Planning, Botswana. Gaborone, 1979.
- Why Poor People Stay Poor: Urban Bias and World Development. Temple Smith, London and Harvard University Press (1977; 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Avebury, 1988).
- Migration from Rural Areas: The evidence from Village Studies. With J. Connell *et al.* Oxford University Press (1976)
- Assessing Economic Performance. Staples (1968)
- The Crisis of Indian Planning (Editor and main contributor, with Paul Streeten). (1968).

### ***Papers:***

- *Poverty and "damaging fluctuations": how do they relate?* With S. Sinha and S. Yaqub. Journal of Asian and African Studies 37, 2 (July 2002): 186-243. Also in Poverty, Growth & Safety Nets: a comparative regional study (A. Deolalikar, ed.) Willowdale, Ontario: de Sitter
- *Reviving global poverty reduction: What role for genetically modified plants?* Journal of International Development, 13 (2001)
- *Challenges to meet: food and nutrition security in the new millennium*. Proceedings of the Nutrition Society, 60 (2001).
- *Pro-poor growth and pro-growth poverty reduction: meaning, evidence and policy implications*. With R. K. Eastwood. Asian Development Review, 2 (2000)
- *Rural-urban dimensions of inequality change*. With Robert Eastwood. WIDER Working Paper No. 200. World Institute for Development Economics Research: Helsinki (2000)
- *Impact of changes in human fertility on poverty*. With Robert Eastwood. Journal of Development Studies, 36 (1999). (Dudley Seers Prize, 2000-1.)
- *Reviving global poverty reduction: what role for genetically modified plants?* 1999 Sir John Crawford Memorial Lecture. Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research: Washington DC (1999)

- *Poverty in emerging Asia: progress, setbacks and log-jams.* With Arjan de Haan. Asian Development Review, 16 (1998)
- *Poverty and Poverty. How Do They Interact?* In Population and Poverty in Developing Countries. (Massimo Livi-Bacci and Gustavo de Santis, eds.) Clarendon Press: Oxford (1998)
- *Poverty: are there holes in the consensus?* World Development, 25 (1997)
- *Accelerated Resource Degradation by Agriculture in Developing Countries? The Role of Population Change and Responses to it; and "Exogenous" Interest Rates, Technology, and Farm Prices versus "Endogenous" Conservation Incentives and Policies.* Both in Sustainability, Growth, and Poverty Alleviation: A Policy and Agroecological Perspective (S. Vosti and T. Reardon, eds.). Baltimore: Johns Hopkins (1997)
- *Growing mountain, shrinking mouse? Indian poverty and British bilateral aid.* Modern Asian Studies, 30 (1996)
- *Rural Reforms and Rural Livelihoods: The Contexts of International Experience.* In Land, Labour and Livelihoods in Rural South Africa, Vol. 1: Western Cape (Lipton, M. et al., eds.) Indicator Press, University of Natal (1996)
- *Poverty and Policy* with Martin Ravallion In Handbook of Development Economics (J. Behrman and T. Srinivasan, eds.) North Holland, Amsterdam (1995)
- *Market, redistributive, and proto-reform: can liberalisation help the poor?*, Asian Development Review, 13, (1995)
- *Liberalisation, poverty reduction and agricultural development in India: some relationships.* In India: The Future of Economic Reform (R. Cassen and V. Joshi, eds.), OUP, Delhi (1995)
- *An escape from the Malthus rectangle? Poverty and conversion efficiency.* In Pakistan Development Review 33 (4/1): 433-61 (1994)
- *How third world households adapt to dietary energy stress: the evidence and the issues.* With Philip Payne. International Food Policy Research Institute: Washington DC (1994)
- Growing points in poverty research: labour issues International Institute of Labour Studies, Geneva (1994)
- *Creating rural livelihoods: some lessons for South Africa from experience elsewhere.* With Merle Lipton. World Development, 21 (1993)
- *Urban bias: of consequences, classes and causality.* Journal of Development Studies, 29 (1993)
- *Land reform as commenced business: the evidence against stopping.* World Development, 21 (1993)
- *Market relaxation and agricultural development.* In C. Colclough and J. Manor (eds.), States or Markets?, Oxford University Press, 1991.
- *The state-market dilemma, civil society and structural adjustment.* The Round Table, 317, 1991
- *Limits of price policy for agriculture: which way for the World Bank?*, Development Policy Review, 5, 1987

- *Agriculture and central physical grid infrastructure*, in John Mellor et al. (eds.), Accelerating Food Production in sub-Saharan Africa, Johns Hopkins, 1987
- *African agricultural development: the EEC's new role*. Development Policy Review, 1, 1983
- *Poverty, Undernutrition and Hunger; Labour and Poverty; Demography and Poverty; and Land Assets and Rural Poverty*. World Bank Staff Working Papers nos. 597, 616, 623 of 1983 and 744 of 1985. Washington, DC: World Bank
- 'Perverse' responses by factor users to factor cost changes: need policy advisors worry?' Journal of Development Economics, 6, 1979
- *The theory of the optimising peasant*. Journal of Development Studies, 5, 1969
- *Balanced and unbalanced growth in less developed countries*. Economic Journal, 1962

### Selected Appointments

Managing Editor, Journal of Development Studies, 1970-75; Editorial Board, 1970-2004. Editorial Board, World Development. Other editorial board appointments in India, Pakistan, Malaysia.

Council, Overseas Development Institute, 1998-2004; Programme Advisory Committee, International Development Enterprises, 2002-5; Governing Body, Institute of Development Studies, 1984-92; evaluation panel of IFPRI, CGIAR, 1984; Nuffield Council, working party on social and ethical implications of GM plants, 1988-9, 2003 Royal Society, team to explore economic implications of genetically modified plants, 2000-01.