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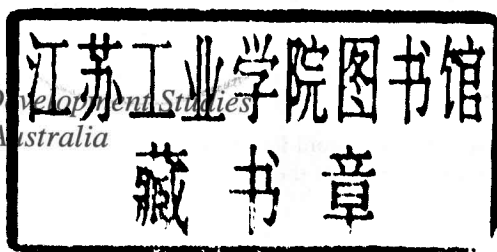
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## Preface

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This book contains the papers prepared for a conference on 'International Migration into the 21st Century' held at the University of Western Australia during November/December 1999. The conference was organised to honour the contribution of Professor Reginald Appleyard to the field of migration in Australia and internationally. The papers were prepared by Professor Appleyard's friends and colleagues who attended the conference to celebrate his contribution to the field. They are distinguished scholars of international migration whose main research was undertaken during the last quarter of the 20th century. Each had prepared a paper that attempted to evaluate the nature and significance of change in migration from his/her own research interest and perspective, and to foreshadow emerging trends (from that perspective) into the early twenty-first century. The conference focused on the following five major issues:

1. The role and impact of changing economic trends on the volume, direction and composition of international migration. Particular attention was given to ageing trends and implications.
2. The causes of, and trends in, illegal migration and trafficking.
3. The politics of selection and restriction, including the social and economic opportunities of diversity.
4. Changing determinants of return migration.
5. Refugee migration.

The conference agenda was less formal than usual, particularly because participants had been drawn from a range of social sciences. It was structured to address the above issues and each participant had opportunity to contribute to discussion on each issue from his/her own research perspective and experience. There was no formal presentation of papers by participants.

During the concluding session of the conference, participants agreed that while the format of the conference—to discuss the five issues but not specifically the contributed papers—was appropriate, there was need for the papers to be assessed prior to publication. Accordingly, each author was asked to assess two papers. Their reports were then sent to the authors who made changes on the basis of those comments as well on their own 'second thoughts'.

As editor, I wish like to express my sincere gratitude to all the contributors whose prompt response to my frequent requests made it possible to publish

this important volume on international migration within a tight schedule. I am also indebted to a number of colleagues and friends who have directly and indirectly helped me organise the Conference and edit the book. I owe a special debt of gratitude to Professor Paul Miller, Head, Department of Economics, the University of Western Australia, for his constant encouragement and inspiration. He also played a significant role in raising funds for the conference from both internal and external sources. Organisation of the Conference and publication of this volume would not have been possible without his direct help. I also wish to thank my senior colleague, Dr R.N. Ghosh, for taking the initial step to celebrate Professor Appleyard's contribution to the field of migration by his friends and colleagues. Mr Ratan Kumar Ghosh, Ms Helen Reidy and Ms Victoria Karagiannis provided excellent assistance with the organisation of the Conference.

Mrs Glenys Walter undertook the painstaking task of preparing the manuscript and I wish to thank her for completing it with her usual efficiency and cooperation.

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## In Honour of Reginald Appleyard

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Reginald Thomas Appleyard occupies an eminent position in the field of migration and development studies in Australia and internationally. The present volume of essays in his honour brings together contributions by a group of scholars who have known him for many years and hold him in high esteem. Each contributor has written an essay on the theme of international migration into the twenty-first century. The fact that they belong to many disciplines is an indication of the position which Reginald Appleyard enjoys not only in the field of migration and development but also in the social sciences as a whole.

The editor of this volume does not pretend to present a comprehensive story of Appleyard's thought and action extending over half a century. Rather, it is a modest attempt to sketch a broad account of the activities of this eminent scholar who has contributed significantly in the fields of international migration theory and policy, Australian immigration and economic issues, and economic history.

Reginald Appleyard was born at Claremont, Western Australia on 16 September 1927. In 1950, he entered The University of Western Australia (UWA) where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts (1st Class Honours) degree in Economics. He was awarded a Population Council Fellowship for further study at Duke University where he obtained the MA and PhD degrees. While studying at UWA, Appleyard developed a close academic relationship with Dr Merab Tauman (née Harris), Senior Lecturer in Economic History; and at Duke University with Professor Joseph Spengler. Both had a significant influence on his scholarly works in economic history and migration.

Appleyard's formal academic career began in 1958 when he was appointed Research Fellow in Demography at the Australian National University (ANU). He was highly regarded by the Department and during the 10 years at ANU (1958–1967), his position was elevated to Fellow in Demography in 1962 and to Senior Fellow in 1965. During this decade, he became actively involved in applying migration theories into practice in the context of Australia. This is reflected in his empirical works on *British Emigration to Australia* (1964), 'Determinants of Return Migration - A Socio-Economic Study of United Kingdom Migrants Who Returned from Australia' (1962), 'The Return Movement of United Kingdom Migrants from Australia' (1962) and 'The Great Migration—Australia' (1966).

Appleyard returned to his natural home—Western Australia—in 1967, having been enticed by UWA to the Foundation Chair of Economic History.

He retained this position for 25 years until his formal retirement in 1992. While at UWA, he firmly established himself as a dynamic academic leader and international scholar in the area of migration and development. He was the Head of the Department of Economics for 17 out of his 25 years at UWA. In 1987, he founded the Centre for Migration and Development Studies. As foundation Director, he formed a research team from amongst interested colleagues to conduct research on theoretical aspects of the migration-development process, the impact of permanent migration on Australia's socio-economic development, and the impact of migration in general on processes of socio-economic change in developing countries. Academic and research staff associated with CMDS have published extensively in refereed journals and authored numerous books dealing with immigration and development issues. He also attracted funds from national and international sources for the Centre to conduct its research activities and to organise numerous international seminars and conferences on contemporary problems in immigration and development.

The year 1967 was the turning point in Appleyard's career. The dimension of his research was now extended beyond Australia. His years at ANU had equipped him with the skills and self-confidence necessary to firmly set his research agenda in international migration and development. In the next 35 years, his scholarly activities placed him so permanently in this field that it is almost impossible to write a paper on any aspect of Australian and international migration without citing Appleyard's work. Since 1967 he has authored, co-authored, edited and co-edited 19 scholarly books and over 60 journal articles and chapters in books dealing mostly with theories and policies of Australian and international migration. His books include *The Beginning: European Discovery and Early Settlement of Western Australia* (1980), *International Migration Today: Trends and Prospects* (1988), *The Impact of Migration on Developing Countries* (1989), and *International Migration: Challenge for the Nineties* (1991). His scholarly papers include 'International Migration in the Third World' (1981), 'International Migration in the ESCAP Region' (1982), 'International Migration in a Changing World' (1984), 'Migration and Development: Myths and Reality' (1989), and 'Immigration and Demographic Change in Australia' (1991).

In 1992, Appleyard was appointed Coordinator of a project funded by UNFPA and IOM to research emigration dynamics in developing countries. He recommended the appointment of research teams in four regions of the developing world and helped develop an appropriate research model for studies that extended over five years, culminating in the publication in 1998 and 1999 of four volumes, which he edited, titled *Emigration Dynamics in Developing Countries*.

An important contribution by Appleyard in the field of migration was his coining the term *professional transient*—a new class of migrant who emigrates to host countries through transnational corporations (TNCs) for a

short period. Since the end of World War II, TNCs have played an increasingly vital role promoting economic development in many developing countries through direct foreign investment. Due to a very low level of human resources development, many of these countries did not have necessary skills to use the technologies transferred by TNCs for engaging in various production processes. This 'skill gap' was filled temporarily by the technical staff supplied by the TNCs whom Appleyard had identified as professional transients.

He has also made significant contributions as a demographer and economic historian. His chapter titled, 'Economic Demography of the Twentieth Century' (1980) is considered a classic. His papers on 'Western Australia: Economic and Demographic Growth' (1981), and 'Population' (1991) deal with the historical patterns of population growth in Western Australia. Spengler's influence is clearly evident from his writings in this area. As an economic historian, Appleyard's interests centre mainly around his home state (WA). His writings deal with such important issues as the State's resources boom and problems associated with it, the financing of goldmining, WA's economic relationship with Japan and so on.

Appleyard's contributions to the Australian and international communities cannot be judged only through his scholarly works in the three areas outlined above. His services to the Australian and international communities are reflected through his involvement in numerous boards and committees established by the United Nations, International Organisation for Migration (IOM), and the government of Australia in various capacities. In 1992, he was appointed Editor of *International Migration*, a position he still holds, having been responsible, with an Editorial Board, for raising the journal's standard to a very high level. In 1999, he was appointed member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his 'service to education through the research and teaching of economic history, migration and population studies, and economics'.

The volume, direction and composition of international migration changed significantly during the second half of the twentieth century. In 1988, the Centre for Migration and Development Studies, which he founded, and UNESCO (Paris), jointly published a volume titled, *International Migration Today: Trends and Prospects*. In his general introduction, R.T. Appleyard, the Editor, referred to a symposium that had been sponsored by UNESCO in 1955 on *The Positive Contribution of Immigrants*. He noted that all the papers presented at the 1955 symposium had been written by European scholars on the settlement of European migrants in predominantly European receiving countries, and concluded that it was perhaps the last occasion on which discussions on international migration would be confined to impacts on 'traditional' sending and receiving countries.

Appleyard wrote:

For the seeds of change had already been sown which during the ensuing thirty years [to 1988], would create a phenomenon so different in type, composition and direction as to be unrecognisable from the phenomenon studied by [Oscar] Handlin [convenor of the 1955 symposium] and his colleagues.

The chapters in the CMDS/UNESCO volume confirmed that migration had indeed become a complex and pervasive phenomenon. No region of the world had remained untouched by what one contributor, Demetrios Papademetriou, called 'the widening and deepening of the reach of the migration process'.

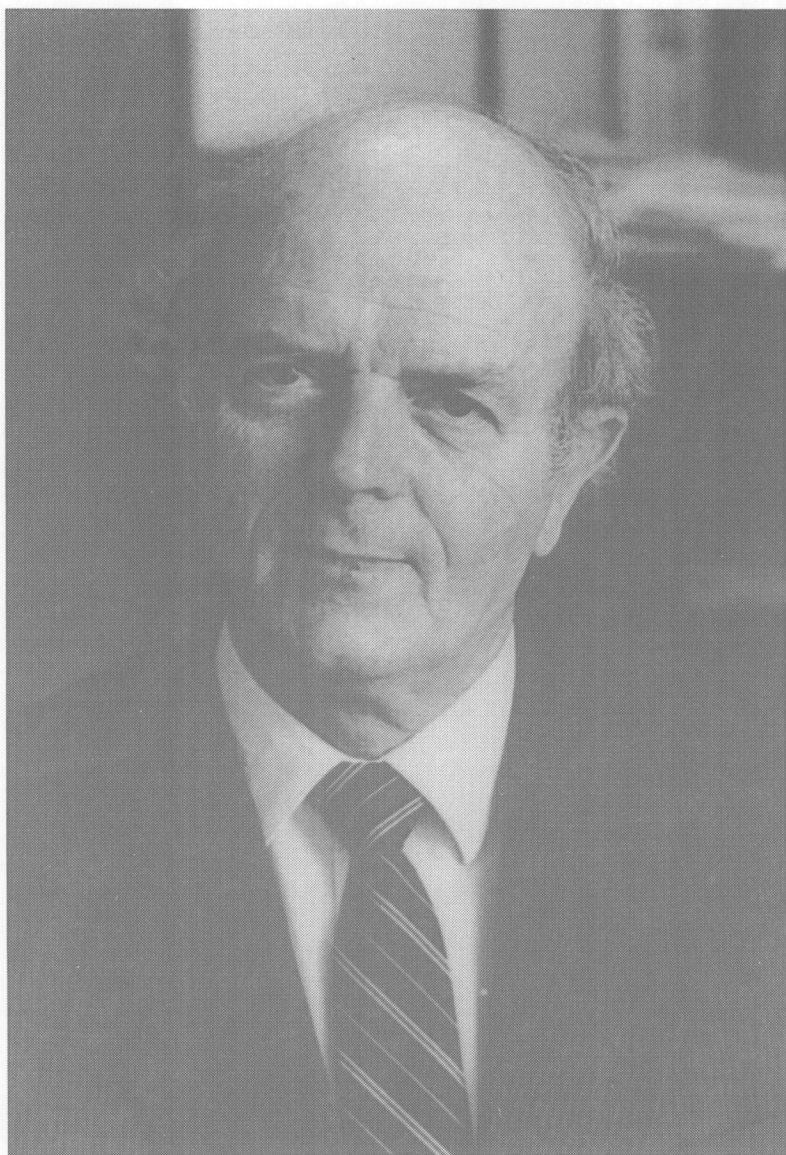
Since the publication of the CMDS/UNESCO volume in 1988, international migration has continued to play an important role in socio-economic change and development. The year 1999 was therefore an appropriate time to assemble scholars of the experience and calibre of those who had contributed to the 1955 and 1988 volumes to evaluate the nature and significance of migration during the 1990s, and also to try and project likely changes during the early twenty-first century.

Appleyard's mission to disseminate wisdom and knowledge amongst the younger generation and to serve mankind is an on-going process. At 72, he is maintaining his energy and vigour to pursue this mission. As one of his great admirers I take this opportunity to honour him and his outstanding contribution to the field of international migration and development.

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