

British Society for Social Responsibility in Science  
Annual Conference



## **HUMAN VALUES, HUMAN SCIENCE**

A weekend conference towards the demystification  
and reorientation of science

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th November 1983  
(9.00 am registration for 9.30 start)

Sessions to include:

The science of sickness and the politics of health  
Radical science in the workplace  
Scientists are workers too

Speakers to include:

Mike Hales (G.L.C. Economic Policy Group)  
Dot Griffiths (Imperial College, Dept of Social and Economic  
Studies)  
Peter Smith (Glasgow College of Technology, Trade Union  
Research Unit)  
Kathy Tait (Birmingham Health and Safety Advice Centre)  
Members of the Scottish Politics of Health Group

Venue: Scottish Health Service Centre, Crewe Road South,  
Edinburgh

Fee: £6 BSSRS members, £8 non-members, £2 unwaged

For further details and booking forms, contact:

Steve Sturdy, Science Studies Unit, 34 Buccleuch Place,  
Edinburgh EH8 9JT

B.S.S.R.S.  
9 Poland Street,  
London W1V 30Q

Conference booking form

Please return as soon as possible so that we can meet all your requirements

ACCOMODATION

Will you require a bed ? Yes / No  
 sleeping bag space ? Yes / No  
 for how many ? ( ) adults, ( ) children  
 information about Bed & Breakfast ? Yes / No  
 ( B&B from £5.50 )

CRECHE

Will you require creche facilities ? Yes / No  
 for how many ? .....  
 of what ages ? .....  
 any special requirements ?

FOOD

Cheap wholefood lunches will be available at the venue, and a buffet supper at the Saturday evening social.  
 Will you require lunch ( ) Sat, ( ) Sun  
 supper ( ) Sat evening ?

Will you require wheelchair access to the venue ? Yes / No

I enclose £6 ( ) BSSRS member, £8 ( ) non-member, £2 ( ) unwaged

Cheques / POs payable to: Edinburgh Science for People Group  
 Please send this form and money ( as soon as possible ) to:  
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**HUMAN VALUES —  
 HUMAN SCIENCE  
 BSSRS CONFERENCE 1983**

A Conference aimed  
 at exposing  
 Discrimin-  
 atory Science



Workshops  
 on  
 the science of  
 exploitation

Radical Science and the Labour  
 Movement — including discussion  
 on the Science of Sickness, how  
 illness is both manufactured and  
 manipulated.

26th-27th November, Edinburgh.

Details: British Society for Social  
 Responsibility in Science, 9 Poland  
 Street, London W1V 3DG. 01-437 2728

If you have not renewed your  
 BSSRS membership remember  
 to do so when you book for the  
 conference.

BSSRS Sub.

£7 member. £3.50 unwaged

Conference Fee.

£8  
 £6 BSSRS member  
 £2 unwaged, OAP etc.

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**PROFESSIONS  
FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT  
AND  
DEVELOPMENT**

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**INVITES MEMBERS  
AND SUPPORTERS OF THE  
PEACE MOVEMENT TO**

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**THE U N COMES TO LONDON  
Sunday 13 November 1983  
County Hall London SE1**

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2 pm Welcome from Rt Hon Harvey Hinds Chairman of GLC

2:15 Replica of U N meeting for non-governmental organisations held in New York during Disarmament Week 1983

4:30 (following tea) the Speech and Debate scenes from David Hare's National Theatre play about the U N 'A Map of the World'

5:00 Open Discussion

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**ASSOCIATED MEETINGS**

Call for a UN Second (We the Peoples) Assembly  
12 noon to 1 pm Sunday 13 November

All Welcome

Professions Conference on Disarmament, Development and Security

Saturday 12 November (see over)

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*For applications to attend on BOTH DAYS or on Saturday only see over.*

*Please complete form below to attend on SUNDAY ONLY*

Send with £1.00 Fee to:

*Oliver Campbell Leith 117 Watling Street Gillingham Kent*

*make cheques payable to*

*Lionel Penrose Trust (Professions Conference)*

*Enclose SAE if immediate acknowledgement is required*

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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PROFESSION and /or PEACE ORGANISATION \_\_\_\_\_

(Sunday only) Buffet lunch at County Hall to be ordered in advance \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick

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**SECOND CONFERENCE OF PROFESSIONS FOR  
WORLD DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

**12-13 November 1983 County Hall London SE1**

**SPONSORING ORGANISATIONS**

**World Disarmament Campaign**

**United Nations Association**

**National Union of Teachers**

**2 Day Registration Fee: £5.00 (£2.50 unwaged)**

The fee is inclusive of Saturday conference papers and postage and attendance at the Sunday event.

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Workshops Saturday 12 November starts 10 am

**1 Nuclear Weapons**

*chaired by Prof Frank Barnaby (Director W D C)*

**2 Disarmament Programme**

*chaired by Frank Field (Sec Gen IPB)*

**3 Peace Education**

*chair Nigel Young (Bradford School of Peace Studies)*

**4 Investing in Development**

*chaired by Alex Poteliakhoff (Gen Sec MAPWU)*

**5 A Peaceful World Order**

*chaired by Malcolm Harper (Director U N A)*

**6 Roles of the Professions**

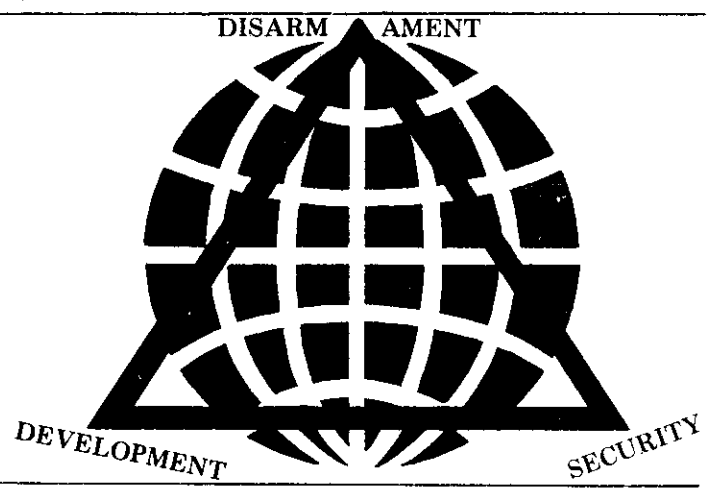
*chaired by Sean MacBride S C (Nobel Peace Laureate)*

Followed by **PLENARY SESSION**

*Prof James O'Connell (Bradford School of Peace Studies)*

**SUNDAY 13 November**

**THE U N COMES TO LONDON (See over)**



**PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS**

- Architects for Peace**
- Civil Engineers for Nuclear Disarmament**
- Electronics for Peace**
- Journalists Against Nuclear Extermination**
- Lawyers for Nuclear Disarmament**
- Medical Association for Prevention of War**
- Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons**
- Musicians Against Nuclear Arms**
- Members of Equity for Nuclear Disarmament**
- Psychologists for Peace**
- Scientists Against Nuclear Arms**
- Teachers for Peace**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSION and /or PEACE ORGANISATION \_\_\_\_\_

WORKSHOP Please Tick First Choice No \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice No \_\_\_\_\_

Expected attendance Please Tick Saturday Only \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday and Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Buffet lunch at County Hall to be ordered in advance Saturday Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please Tick Sunday Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

State if help with overnight accommodation is required Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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# RADICAL PHILOSOPHY

RADICAL PHILOSOPHY SPECIAL ISSUE

ON THE

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE SCIENCES

RADICAL PHILOSOPHY is the magazine of the Radical Philosophy Group, and has come out three times a year since January 1972. It aims to critically discuss the current state of philosophy and to encourage philosophical discussion on the left. It has for ten years concerned itself with developments in the history and philosophy of the sciences and plans to devote a special issue to this topic in Summer 1984.

Contributions are invited, whether full-length articles (max. 9,000 words), review-articles, reviews, notes, comments, or correspondence. An idea of the range of issues covered by Radical Philosophy is provided by the Cumulative Index (RP 1 to 30), available free of charge from the address below.

Please send contributions by DECEMBER 1983. Further information on request.

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A guide to survey methods for the non-academic - does one exist?

'So you're a statistician! Did you see that write-up in "Southern Rag" of the survey they did? Some things didn't make sense. How can you say that people go to folk clubs about once every 10 days when most of the clubs meet at regular weekly intervals? But it's a good idea that people are doing surveys. You ought to write an article explaining how to do it properly.'

Even if I was the right person to write an article on how to do and analyse simple surveys (fortunately for me I'm not!), it is scarcely likely that the readers of "Southern Rag", a lively magazine for folk music enthusiasts, would find it very enthralling. All the same this challenge did make me wonder if anyone anywhere had written a tract along these lines for special interest, political and community groups. I should be interested to here of anything. Judging by some of the surveys I've seen, including CND's peace canvass, if such a work exists, no one else knows about it either.

Alison Macfarlane

PS. I suspect that someone will tell me that what is needed instead is a stern warning to turn people off the pitfalls and perils of positivism. It wouldn't have been very helpful to "Southern Rag" as the suggestion that they did the survey came from the Arts Council, from whom they get a grant!

#### READERSHIP SURVEY

All the British distributed copies of S.R.17 contained a readership survey form. At press date, nearly four hundred of you had sent them back to us, for which we are extremely grateful. We're now able to give you a picture of the average Southern Rag reader, who in all likelihood is your average British folkie. Given that our survey showed that only 45% of our nearly 10,000 readers live in the South of England (another 45% are spread evenly over mainland Britain - the remaining 10% are abroad), we think that's a pretty reasonable assumption.

Rounding things up to the nearest whole number we find that our average reader is 32 years old (the oldest we found was 63, the youngest 17) and has been interested in folk music for around 12 years. Disturbingly, only 13% had been interested for less than 5 years, but on the other hand, the commonly held belief that a great majority were hooked by the "folk boom" of the mid '60s doesn't seem to be true now.

A full 60% of you participate in some way, either as home, amateur, semi-pro or pro performers, display dancers or organisers (10% of our respondents have organised something at some time!). Or to put it another way, only 40% of you are passive consumers.

97% of you go to a folk club at some time. The average is about once every 10 days, but there is a sizeable number (35%) who go to clubs rarely or never. 85% of you go to folk festivals, an average of 3 a year, and 70% of you go to barn dances or ceilidhs, an average of 6 a year.

Many of you said that you'd probably go to more events if money wasn't so tight. You also said that you'd certainly buy more folk records. At the moment, 99% of you buy folk albums, an average of 12 each per year. That's already a lot more than you spend on going to folk clubs nowadays - maybe some comment on standards and entertainment value for money? Gratiifyingly, only three of you thought Southern Rag too expensive, whilst a third thought we should charge more, and another third were happy with the current price but would be willing to pay more. We're still thinking about our 1984 prices.

Of the features in the magazine, record reviews, trailed by major interviews, led the rest of the field by miles. Letters came third, Ragbag fourth, and then features on new artists, Sounding Off, the editorial, features on traditions in a close bunch. After this came Press Gang and Borfolk (though the latter is definitely in the love-it-or-hate-it category - in fact it got more first choices than many

features higher placed in the final list), and then another big gap before the Club Check List and then instrument tutors way down the bottom. We're thinking about those two items as well.

Finally, we drew a winner out of the pile for the £25 Projection Records album token with which we bribed you to send the forms in. Our winner is most definitely not a typical Southern Rag reader (but then nobody would be exactly that). She's 21 year old Michele Visocchi from Angus, Scotland, who we're sure won't mind us telling you goes to a lot more events and buys many more records than the average! Sometimes luck strikes the deserving!

Oh yes, and an afterthought. If we add up the average spending by Southern Rag readers alone on folk clubs, festivals, dances, records and this magazine, it comes to nearly one and a half million pounds a year! Directly on folk music! That's forgetting non-S.R. readers, and the money we all spend on drink, petrol etc. while doing it. What an industry!

From "Southern Rag" No. 18, October - December 1983

# ' THE FACT ABOUT WOMEN IS. '

1983 Edition

5 pages of statistics about women (and men) available from

EOC, Overseas House, Quay St., MANCHESTER M3 3HN

## AN ATLAS OF ECOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

Gaia Books is a publishing company actively engaged in the preparation of a radical and unconventional book, which deals with humanity's troubled relationship with the biosphere. Its publication in 1984 is scheduled to celebrate (or mourn?) George Orwell's 1984 and its visually hard-hitting maps and diagrams present statistical information in a form which up until now has been largely inaccessible to the layperson.

It is for this reason that Gaia Books would like to invite anyone who has been working on interesting global statistical projections, analyses or causative comparisons (dealing with ecological or developmental issues with a North/South emphasis) to contact Joss Pearson at Gaia Books, 12 Trundle Street, London SE1, tel. 01-403 5124.