



Guide to the Evsey D. Domar Papers, 1939-1995, bulk 1957-1989

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Summary

Collection Title:

Evsey D. Domar papers, 1939-1995, bulk dates 1957-1989

Creator:

Domar, Evsey D.

Source:

Economists' Papers Archive

Abstract:

Evsey Domar (1914-1997) was the Ford International Professor of Economics, Emeritus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This collection documents his professional life through his correspondence, research, writings, and teaching. It forms part of the Economists' Papers Archive.

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27.5 Linear Feet (19 boxes and one oversize folder.)

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Material in English.

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Background

Scope and Content

This collection consists chiefly of professional correspondence between Domar and his colleagues, with smaller groups of materials consisting of writings; research materials; printed materials; speeches and lectures; and course materials relating to Domar's teaching career. Although Domar was interested

in a wide range of subjects in the fields of economics and political science, the papers in this collection chiefly address his work on serfdom and slavery, particularly in Russia; the economics of socialist systems of government; the economics of agriculture; and theories of productivity and efficiency. Other minor topics include macroeconomics; the economies of Yugoslavia and Lithuania; value-added tax systems; economic development, and growth in general, and the American economy.

The Correspondence series consists of professional correspondence concerning recommendations, papers, publishing, trip planning and reports, invitation responses, and other academic affairs. Frequently Domar exchanged comments on papers and other writings with fellow colleagues and former students. Important correspondents include Don Patinkin, Mark Perlman, Allan Brown, Alexander Gerschenkron, Lauchlin Currie, Alvin Hansen, Joan Robinson, and many others.

The Research series contains papers documenting Domar's research on serfdom and slavery (particularly in Russia); productivity and efficiency; value-added taxes; and other topics. Several papers discuss the economies of Yugoslavia and Lithuania. Includes many graphs and tables relating to Domar's published and unpublished work. There are very few papers by other individuals.

The Printed Material series is made up of mostly hardcover books from Domar's personal library. Most are editions or translations of his own published works, but there are several works by other authors. Includes microfilm of 1904 Russian work on unknown subject matter, and 1980 translation of 1861 Russian work on serfdom in Russia.

The Teaching series contains lecture notes and other materials related to Domar's extensive teaching career in economics. Two notebooks from 1939 and 1940 reveal aspects of his student years

Biographical/Historical

Date	Description
1914, Apr. 16	Born in Lodz, Russia (now Poland) as Joshua Domashevitsky
1939	BA, University of California, Los Angeles
1941	MA, Mathematical Statistics, University of Michigan

Date	Description
1943	MA, Economics, Harvard University
1943-1946	Economist, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
1944	(with R. A. Musgrave) "Proportional income taxation and risk-taking," Quarterly Journal of Economics
1946	Married Carola Rosenthal
1946-1947	Assistant Professor of Economics, Carnegie Institute of Technology
1947	PhD, Economics, Harvard University
1947-1948	Assistant Professor, University of Chicago and Research Associate, Cowles Commission
1948-1955	Associate Professor of Political Economy, Johns Hopkins University
1949-1951	Director of Russian Studies, Operations Research Office, Johns Hopkins University
1951-1981	Consultant, Rand Corporation
1954-1958	Consultant of Foreign Studies, Research Fellowship Program, The Ford Foundation
1955-1958	Professor of Political Economy, Johns Hopkins University
1956-1959	Consultant, Brookings Institute

Date	Description
1957	Published essays in Theory of Economic Growth
1958-1972	Professor of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
1963-	Editorial Board, American Economist
1961-1962	Consultant, Institute of Defense Analysis
1966	"The Soviet collective farm as a producer cooperative," American Economic Review
1967-1969	Consultant, National Science Foundation
1970	"The causes of slavery or serfdom: a hypothesis," Journal of Economic History
1972-1984	Ford International Professor of Economics, MIT
1976-1982	Editorial Board, Journal of Comparative Economics
1984	Retired from MIT
1989	Capitalism, Socialism, and Serfdom
1997, Apr. 1	Died in Concord, MA

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Arrangement

The Evsey D. Domar papers are arranged into four series: Correspondence, Research, Printed Material, and Teaching.

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Processing Information

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Correspondence, 1940s-1990s

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Chiefly professional correspondence covering a wide array of topics, including recommendations, discussions of papers, publishing, trip planning and reports, invitation responses, and other academic affairs. Arranged in alphabetical order. Folders with a single letter as a heading (e.g., A-General) contain general correspondence separately filed by Domar, possibly in his home files.

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