



# Guide to the Gerald M. Meier Papers, 1928-2003, bulk 1941-2001

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Gerald M. Meier papers, 1928-2003, bulk dates 1941-2001

**Source:**

Economists' Papers Archive

**Creator:**

Meier, Gerald M.

**Abstract:**

Gerald M. Meier (1923-2011) was the Konosuke Matsushita Professor of International Economics and Policy Analysis, Emeritus at Stanford University. This collection documents his professional life through his correspondence, writings and speeches, and research. It forms parts of the Economists' Papers Archive.

**Extent:**

7.75 Linear Feet (Seven boxes and one oversize folder.)

**Language:**

Material in English.

**Collection ID:**

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

This collection documents the growth of Meier's career from a student of economics to an academic economist. It personal and professional correspondence; lectures; course notes taken as a student or developed for his lectures on international economic relations; syllabi, reading lists, exams, and

other course materials; material relating to conferences attended; published writings; and audiotapes of interviews relating to the evolution of development economics.

The Correspondence series is largely of a professional nature, and is chiefly concerned with international and development economics. Prominent among Meier's correspondents were Peter Bauer, Gottfried Haberler, W. A. Lewis, Hla Myint, Paul Rosenstein-Rodan, W. W. Rostow, Dudley Seers, H. W. Singer, and Paul Streeten.

Many of Meier's major publications are represented in the Writings and Speeches series. These include *Economic Development, Emerging from Poverty, The International Economics of Development, International Trade and Development, Leading Issues in Development Economics, Pioneers in Development*, and the *Problems* series of books.

Though there are more than a few folders containing materials on conferences attended by Meier, by and large the Subject Files series contains a great deal of course material. From his days as a student, there are notes, exams, syllabi, reading lists, and bibliographies from Reed College, Harvard University, and University of Oxford concerning courses taken under Edward Chamberlin, Gottfried Haberler, John Hicks, Wassily Leontief, and others. Also, there is material representing the several law courses Meier enrolled in at Yale University and Stanford University. Among the lecture notes from Williams College, Wesleyan University, Yale University, and Stanford University, there are also syllabi, exams, and reading lists representing his tenure as a professor. Of particular note are the several folders concerning Meier's role in the genesis and growth of the College of Social Studies at Wesleyan University.

Accession 2010-0211 contains reprints of his articles (1949-1984) and material from his lectures and presentations on development economics (1986-2002). It also includes some miscellaneous correspondence, grant proposals, and book reviews. A large portion of the accession relates to Meier's writings, including his drafts and correspondence from several books, especially *Frontiers of Development Economics* (2001) and *Development: Biography of a Subject* (2004). Another section of interest is Meier's collection of materials on the career of John Hicks, a 1972 Nobel Prize-winning economist. The collection includes article reprints written by Hicks, some clippings about his life, and an undated, unpublished manuscript titled "The Theory of Demand and the Theory of Welfare."

### **Biographical/Historical**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
1923, Feb. 9	Born, Tacoma, WA

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
1947	BA, Social Science, Reed College Phi Beta Kappa
1948-1950, 1951-1952	Rhodes Scholar
1952	B. Litt., Economics, University of Oxford
1953	PhD, Economics, Harvard University
1954, Oct. 23	Married Gilda Slote; four children: David, Daniel, Jeremy, and Andrew
1954-1959	Assistant Professor and Professor of Economics, Wesleyan University
1957	Economic Development
1957-1958	Guggenheim Fellow
1959-1963	Chester D. Hubbard Professor of Economics, Wesleyan University
1961-1962	Brookings National Research Professorship
1963	International Trade and Development
1963-1992	Konosuke Matsushita Professor of International Economics and Policy Analysis, Stanford University
1964	Leading Issues in Development Economics
1968	The International Economics of Development

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
1970	Leading Issues In Economic Development; Studies In International Poverty
1973	Problems of a Trade Policy
1974	Problems of Cooperation for Development
1974	Problems of a World Monetary Order
1974-1975	Rockefeller Foundation Research Grant
1977	Employment, Trade, and Development
1980	International Economics: Theory of Policy
1983	Pricing Policy for Development Management
1984	Emerging from Poverty: The Economics that Really Matters
1985	Coeditor, Pioneers in Development
1986	Financing Asian Development: Performance and Prospects
1989	Asian Development: Economic Success And Policy Lessons
1992	Retired from Stanford University
1998	The International Environment of Business: Competition and Governance in the Global Economy

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
2011, June 21	Died in Stanford, CA

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## Arrangement

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The Gerald M. Meier papers are arranged into three series: Correspondence, Writings and Speeches, and Subject Files.

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## Administrative Information

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Access note. Some materials are fragile audiovisual/photographic formats that may need to be reformatted before use. Contact Research Services for access.

### Acquisition Information

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## **Processing Information**

Processed by John Bauman, July 2001.

Encoded by Michael Shumate.

Accessions described in this collection guide: 1999-0410, 2003-0027, 2004-0001, 2005-0070, and 2010-0211.

The vast majority of Meier's papers came to the library in their original folders. Their labels, however, were often informal in their syntax. In order to file folders in an orderly manner, some labels were altered, but with the topical sense retained. In a few cases, folder titles were supplied because no title existed or else the notations were insufficient.

The order of the folders was random throughout the cartons. While folders were rearranged, original order was preserved within each folder. Thus, the inter-relations between items within individual folders may be tenuous (e.g., Harvard University syllabi concerning a course on International Economics in a folder titled "Wesleyan Courses" which has lecture notes on International Economics).

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Developing countries -- Economic conditions
- Economic development
- Economics -- Study and teaching -- United States
- Economists -- United States -- Correspondence
- International economic relations
- Economists' Papers Archive
- Hicks, John, 1904-1989
- Meier, Gerald M.
- Stanford University. Department of Economics -- Faculty

## Collection Inventory

### Correspondence, 1949-1988

#### Scope and Contents

Letters written to Meier by economists, educators, businessmen, and officials of governments and organizations. The collection is primarily professional, with few instances of communications with personal friends and family. Organized into two subseries: Alphabetical and Chronological Correspondence.

#### Alphabetical Correspondence, 1953-1988

##### Box C1

Asian Development Bank, 1981	Box C1
Bauer, Peter, 1983-1984	Box C1
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Law and Economics, 1964-1975	Box C1
Lewis, W.A., 1983	Box C1
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Rosenstein-Rodan, Paul, 1982-1983	Box C1
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Singer, H.W., 1983	Box C1
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## **Writings and Speeches, 1949-1987**

### **Access Restrictions:**

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### **Scope and Contents**

Meier's writings and speeches focus on international economics and the economics of development. The material, consisting mainly of offprints and

reprints, is arranged into alphabetical groups by title of publication. There is also supporting material (correspondence, notes, drafts, referee letters, reviews, and audiotapes) concerning several of his major publications.

"Accelerating Development in Poor Countries," 1956	Box WS1
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"Export Stimulation, Import Substitution and Latin American Development," 1961	Box WS1
"Foreign Aid: Economic Aspects," 1968	Box WS1
"Free Trade and Development Economics," 1968	Box WS1
International Economic Reform: Collected Papers of Emile Despres, Correspondence and Reviews, 1974-1975	Box WS1
International Economics of Development, Correspondence and Reviews, 1966-1970	Box WS1
International Economics Law and Development, Chapter 1, miscellaneous notes, undated	Box WS1
International Trade and Development, Correspondence and Reviews, 1961-1963	Box WS1
"International Trade and International Inequality," 1958	Box WS1
"The 'Jamaica Agreement,' International Monetary Reform, and the Developing Countries," 1976	Box WS1
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"Some Questions about Growth Economics: Comment," 1954	Box WS1
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"Symposium on the Report of the Trade and Tariffs Commission," 1960	Box WS1
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## Subjects, 1941-1998

### Scope and Contents

The bulk of this series consists of files relating to conferences attended and to course materials. The latter files contain bibliographies, syllabi, reading lists, exams, and notes, both for undergraduate and graduate courses and, likewise, for both courses attended as a student and courses taught as a professor. The schools represented in the collection are Harvard, Oxford, Reed, Stanford, Wesleyan, Williams, and Yale. Arranged alphabetically.

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**Processing Information:**

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### **Oversize Material, 1962**

#### Subjects

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#### **Processing Information:**

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### **Accession 2010-0211, 1928-2003**

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#### **Scope and Contents**

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written by Hicks, some clippings about his life, and an undated, unpublished manuscript titled "The Theory of Demand and the Theory of Welfare."

Public speaking, 1986-2002 and undated Box A1

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Materials from Meier's talks, lectures, and presentations throughout the world on social capital, developing countries, and development economics.

Miscellaneous publications by Meier, 1949-1984 and undated Box A1

**Physical Description:** 6 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Arranged chronologically by year. Includes offprint journal articles and book reviews. Several have duplicates.

Book manuscripts Box A1

Pioneers in Development, vols. 1 and 2, 1982-1985 Box A1

The World Beyond the Firm, 1992-1996 Box A1

Frontiers of Development Economics, 1999-2001 Box A1

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence, notes, and chapter drafts.

Leading Issues in Economic Development, 1996-1998 Box A1

Development: Biography of a Subject, 2001 and undated Box A1

**Physical Description:** 6 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Proposals, pre-reviews, notes, drafts of chapters.

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