

## **Devaki Jain**

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### **1. Bio note of Devaki Jain Development Economist and writer**

Devaki Jain, ( born 1933) graduated in Economics from Oxford University and Joined Delhi University as a Lecturer, later senior fellow at the Delhi School of Economics . In 1976 she founded a research centre the Institute of Social Studies Trust, ISST which focussed on issues of poverty and gender, with special interest in “work”.

In 1984, as Director of ISST she convened a meeting of women from the South, one per continent to consider developing a feminist perspective on development from the South – leading to the founding of DAWN, Development Alternatives for a new Era. DAWN is to day a visible actress in the global stage

She has held **Fellowships** at various Universities, notably at Harvard and Boston (1984) as a Senior Fulbright Scholar; at Institute of Development Studies , Sussex University as a Visiting Fellow and at the Scandinavian Institute of South Asian Studies in Denmark .

She was one of two women, the other being the Late Bella Abzug, to receive recognition at Beijing 1995, the Bradford Morse award as Founder of DAWN. She received an Honorary Doctorate for her contribution to international development from the University of Westville, Durban Republic of South Africa

#### **National level:**

Served on the official National Preparatory Committees set up by the Government of India to prepare for the UN World Conferences, notably, **Nairobi** (women) 1985; **Cairo** (population) 1995; and **Beijing (women)** 1995. Participated in Mid decade Conference in 1980 in Copenhagen, and as representative of DAWN in prep coms and conference Social Summit 1995 .

Member of the Karnataka State Planning Board (1993-1999)

Member of many policy and programme designing task forces and working groups set up, with special reference to women's economic empowerment, by the Government of India

Active member of several women's public action groups as well as organisations .

Founder Member of the Indian Association of Women's Studies (IAWS), President of the IAWS for two years, Founder member of Kali, a feminist Publishing House .

**Current Organisational affiliations:**

1. Member, Expert Committee on Economic Empowerment of Women, National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi
2. Member, Council of Management, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore
3. Member Editorial Board "World Development", USA
4. Member, Research Advisory Committee, Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IAMR), New Delhi
5. Advisory Committee, SAHDR, Mehboob Ul Haq Centre for Human Development, Islamabad
6. Trustee, Institute of Social Studies Trust, Delhi
7. Trustee, Singamma Sreenivasan Foundation, Bangalore
8. Member of the Southern Area Local Board of the Reserve Bank of India

**International participation:**

Member of the erstwhile (1987-90) **South Commission** headed by Dr. Julius Nyerere - one of the Twenty-Six economists who were invited by Dr. Nyerere to develop an analysis and an action agenda for South - South economic co-operation. Dr Manmohan Singh was the Secretary General of the Commission.

Member of the Eminent Persons Group of the Graca Machel Study Group appointed by the UN to study the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children. 1993-94.

Member of several UN agency advisory and expert committees, national regional and international over 25 years , notably the Advisory Committee of **UNFPA** in 1993 to give shape to UNFPA approach to ICPD, Cairo as well as Eminent Persons Group of UNFPA, to draft Tokyo Declaration prior to ICPD, 1994:

**UNDP**, a member of the Advisory Panel set up by UNDP to advise on the preparation of the Human Development Report 1997 on Poverty and for the 2002 on Governance: as well as a member of the three member review team set up by the S-G to assess the implementation of the UNDAF,- the UN Development Assistance Framework (1998-2000)

**UNIFEM** –regional and international consultations from its inception

Founder member of International Network for Engineers and Scientists-**INES** -an outcome of the Scientists for Peace Initiatives of Bertrand Russell. The Association works for the transformation of Science and Technology for Peace Development - not war.

### **Selected distinguished lectures:**

1. ***How women's leadership can transform the nation :Durgabai showed the way*** : the Dr Durgabai Memorial Lecture 2004,. Hyderabad.
2. Keynote: ***Women's Rights between the UN-Human Rights Regime and Free Trade Agreements***, Paper prepared for Globalising Women's Rights: Confronting unequal development between the UN rights framework and WTO-trade agreements, Bonn, 19-22 May 2004
3. ***Are we Knowledge Proof? Development as Waste***, Lovraj Kumar Memorial Lecture, Society for Promotion of Wastelands Development (SPWD), New Delhi, 2003
4. ***Women's Participation in the History of Ideas: The Importance of Reconstructing Knowledge***, for National Institute for Advanced Studies, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 2002
5. ***Globalism and Localism: Negotiating Feminist Space***, Paper prepared at a conference on - Rethinking Gender, Democracy and Development – Is Decentralisation a tool for local effective political voice? –UNIFEM , New York and Ferrara University and Modena University, 20-22 May 2002, Italy
6. ***Children's Rights and Women's Rights***: Some connections and disconnections (presentation made at UNICEF –UNIFEM conference 2000 New York,) and published in *Development* 44(2): Gender Equality and Child Rights, The Society for International Development, (London, SAGE, 2001)
7. ***Through the looking glass of poverty***, New Hall, Cambridge, UK October 19<sup>th</sup> 2001
8. ***Nuancing globalisation or Mainstreaming the downstream or Reforming Reform***, Nita Barrow Memorial Lecture, Centre for gender and development studies, University of the West Indies, Working Paper Series (Cave Hill), Working Paper No. 3, May 2000
9. ***Minds not Bodies*** the Bradford Morse Memorial lecture given at Beijing 95, official Conference opening plenary. Published by UNDP December 1996 as Women's Leadership And the Ethics of Development, Bella Abzug and Devaki Jain, in Gender in Development series, August 1996 as well as by British Council as Minds Bodies and Exemplars , British Council India 1996.
10. ***The Torture of Women: Some Dimensions***', Paper presented at VII International Symposium on Torture, September 1999, New Delhi.
11. ***Development as if Women Mattered - Can Women Build a new Paradigm?*** OECD, Paris, 1983

12. Devaki Jain, Padmaja Naidu Memorial Lecture, *Indian Women; Today and Tomorrow*. Published by Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 1982

**Books – written, or edited, or including an essay:**

1. *Narratives from the Women's Studies Family – Recreating Knowledge*, ed., Devaki Jain and Pam Rajput, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2003`
2. *Vocabulary of Women's Politics - Seventeen Essays and Articles* published by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 2001
3. *Renaissance as Reconstruction - and other essays and lectures given in South Africa 1998*, published by SANGOCO - South Africa Network of NGOs
4. *"Minds, Bodies and Exemplars - Reflections at Beijing and Beyond"* – A collection of essays published by the British Council, December 1996.
5. *'Sustainable Development and Environmental Changes.'* Challenges : Science and Peace in a Rapidly Changing Environment. Edited by Rilling and others, 1992. Volume I.
6. *'Perspective Emerging from Women's Experience.'* Peace and Conflict Resolution in the World Community. Edited by Anima Bose, New Delhi, Vikas Pub. House, 1991.
7. *'Women Religion and Social Change'* Women, Politics and Religion. Edited by Hemlata Swarup and Sarojini Bisaria, Etawah, AC Brothers, 1991.
8. *'The Culture of the Poor - Is Equitable Development Possible.'* Cultural Forces Shaping India, Edited by Karuna Mary Branganza and Saleem Peeradina, New Delhi, Macmillan India, 1989.
9. *Power: Through the looking glass of feminism'.* The Gender of Power. Edited by Monique Leijenaar and others, Leiden, VENA, 1987.
10. Women in Poverty, *'Tyranny of The Household – Investigative Essays on Women's Work,'* (ed.) Devaki Jain and Nirmala Banerjee, Shakti Books, New Delhi, 1985
11. *'Domestic Work: Its Implication for Enumeration on Women's Work and Employment'.* Women, Work and Society. Edited by Saradmoni, K., Calcutta, Indian Statistical Institute, 1985.
12. *The Natural Power of Women'.* Sarla Behn Smriti Granth. Edited by Shanti Lal Trived and Radha Bhatt, New Delhi, Himalaya Sewa Sangh, 1984.
13. *'A Condition across Caste and Class'* Sisterhood is Global. Edited by Robin Morgan, Garden City, Anchor Books, 1984.

14. *Women's Quest for Power – Five Indian Case Studies*, ed. Devaki Jain with Nalini Singh and Malini Chand, Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd., Ghaziabad, U.P, 1980
15. *'Measuring Women's Work : Some Methodological Issues'*. Women and Development : Perspectives from South and South East Asia. Edited by Raunaq Jahan and Hanna Pappanek, DACCA, Bangladesh, Institute of Law and International Affairs, 1979.
16. *Contemporary Writings* - Eleven Essays related to women and their quest for recognition.
17. *INDIAN WOMEN*, ed. Devaki Jain, Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, New Delhi, January 1975

### **Association with UN and other international Agencies**

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| 1978-98   | Member of several Panels / Expert groups of UN and UN related agencies such as FAO, WHO, UNESCO, UN Statistical Office, UNDP                      |
| 1987-90   | Member of South Commission, Commission of 26 eminent Economists, Chaired by Dr. Julius Nyerere  |
| 1993-1994 | Member, UN Committee - Eminent persons group of Graca Machel Committee on Children in Armed Conflict.   |
| 1993      | UNFPA: Advisory Committee UNFPA, to give shape to UNFPA approach to ICPD, Cairo as well as EPG of UNFPA, to draft Tokyo Declaration prior to ICPD |
| 1994      | Member - Eminent Person's group UNFPA   |
| 1997      | UNDP, a member of the Advisory Panel set up by UNDP to advise on the preparation of the Human Development Report 1997 on Poverty                  |
| 1998-2001 | Member - 3 member high powered committee set up by the UN Secretary General to Review UNDP's development framework (UNDAF)                        |
| 2002      | UNDP, a member of the Eminent Resource Panel set up by UNDP to advise on the preparation of the Human Development Report 2002, on Governance      |

One of the ten women, who promoted and helped to set up IWY tribune in New York after the Mexico Conference

Member of Government of India's National Committee set up in preparation for five of the UN World Conferences

Copenhagen (1980)  
Nairobi (1985)  
Cairo (1994)  
Social Summit (1994)  
WCAR in Durban (2001)

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