

**Christopher Colclough 1946 - 2017**

**An Appreciation by Colleagues**



## **A selection of appreciations from colleagues and friends in IDS and Sussex University**

### **Intellectual distinction with a human face**

My first meeting as a newly arrived fellow in 1985 with you in your then role as deputy director made me even happier that I had come to IDS (and eased some concerns about how I would fit in). Here at the apex of the organisation was an extremely smart man, with the same balance of interests as me between academic rigour and policy relevance, and extremely nice into the bargain. Over the next 15 years, I learned just how accurate this first impression had been.

Though not a specialist, I share with you a strong interest in education and development, and particularly in primary education, since the difference within the 'unskilled' category between what I came to call BAS-EDs and NO-EDs is an important part of the explanation of why some developing countries have become exporters of labour-intensive manufactures and others not. I was lucky in that pre-internet and pre-email era to have direct access to your cutting-edge research on the expansion of primary schooling, and to you yourself. I remember poring over some of your country-by-country tables and being able to ask you questions (which I hope were useful to you too). I was delighted, but not surprised, when your academic achievements in your field earned you a chair at Cambridge.

You also proved to be a generous and effective supporter of other people's research. Most obviously with your students, both MPhils and DPhils, but also with colleagues of all generations (including valuable comments on a draft of my long 1994 book). In this dimension, I was also most impressed by your contributions as an editor – above all of the JDS, where your judgement and care were hugely beneficial both to the journal and to its contributors, but also of books. The States or Markets volume, with an outstandingly good introductory chapter by you, was a rare example of a whole that was much more than the sum of its parts.

That book, like your other research at IDS, had important policy messages, and it is fortunate for the world that the workpoint system obliged you to engage frequently with institutions that were responsible for formulating and implementing education policies in developing countries. Your knowledge and experience were later put to excellent use as Director of UNESCO's Global Monitoring Report. I remember having the pleasure after I had left IDS of meeting you by chance on one of your countless Eurostar journeys to Paris.

As I saw you operating in various spheres of IDS activity over the next few years, I came to realise that your personal skills go way beyond being friendly and welcoming to new arrivals. For a start, that the niceness is not just an act. But also that you are extraordinarily calm, composed and reasonable, even in the face of severe provocation. IDS had its fair share of difficulties and conflicts. Your contribution was invariably to make them less stressful and easier to resolve. I remember being enormously grateful and wishing that I could do the same.

Adrian Wood

Dearest Chris,

Our personal and professional paths have been intertwined since our first meeting in the 1970s. You arrived on the IDS scene as Humpag embarked on its education research programme led by Ron Dore and John Oxenham and which created the opportunity for us both to join IDS. Your work on manpower planning in Botswana was already known and appreciated by many. In those early days we enjoyed lunches in Kingston, dinners in your seafront apartment in Hove (always impressed by the fondues and fondue set!), parties in Bloomsbury Place and get-togethers in Swanborough Manor. In those early days you even helped us paint the bedroom of our first house in Hartington Road with mushroom coloured paint (as was the fashion in the 1970s).

In 1983 the three of us published two jointly authored articles on the 'Effects of education on development objectives' in UNESCO's 'Prospects': a quarterly review of education, translated into multiple languages, including French, Spanish, Chinese, Russian and Arabic. How little did any of us realise then just how much the complexity of the relationships between education and development would pervade (and at times dominate completely!) our lives and careers subsequently. You became a very effective Deputy Director of IDS. You cared deeply for the institution and were supportive of staff. You were very generous to Angela in announcing her appointment to the London Chair at an IDS staff meeting held in June 1986, an announcement that prompted Michael Lipton to jest that IDS might like to take its '10%!'

We were all privileged to be at the World Conference on Education for All held in Jomtien in 1990. The work you did with Keith for UNICEF on Education for All with Richard Jolly's support changed the direction of travel of aid to education and has resonances that extent to today and the SDGs. The timing was perfect and the messages clear and enduring. It led amongst many other things to the founding of the Global Monitoring Report on Education for All based in UNESCO in Paris under your direction. This is now an institution with widespread influence which continues to evolve. After moving to Cambridge you developed the Research Consortium for Educational Outcomes and Poverty (RECOUP) and consolidated its extensive portfolio of high quality research that continues to provide a springboard for future work at Cambridge and elsewhere. We shared the trials and tribulations of running sister DFID research centres with myriad partners and overlapping interests. We benefitted much from your well considered advice and valued the times we organised joint conferences which have had an enduring impact. The many contributions you have made to the UK Forum for International Education and Training have helped secure its future and embed its conferences not only in the academic calendar but also in that of policymakers and practitioners. That momentum will continue.

We share many warm memories of times we spent together with you and Sara - the dinners in Powis Square, Little Hallands, Hartington Road and Vallance Road; the golf, the trip to Rouen and the music. We have trodden parallel pathways through the education and development landscape, your contributions to which have been seminal. We are privileged to share many moments in space and time with you.

Fondest love,  
Angela and Keith

Chris, when you were at the IDS, I loved the way you always greeted me with a genial smile. And then in conversation, your soft-spoken voice gave you great authority. I have always admired the way in which you spent your professional life working on education and development. I can't think of a more transformative topic across low income countries. And you approached your topic with an easy command of both empirical and analytical issues –in short, I always think of you as a complete development research man!

Chris, I am sure you remember well one of the most cherished moments at the IDS when you edited "States or Markets, 1991" We were all chomping at the bit to write our papers, but you had the last laugh. It was always difficult to chain IDS fellows to their chairs, and get them to stop interrupting each other. But you had the master stroke of the day at our conference-in-preparation of the volume. You just kept us in order with your quiet voice and soon an excellent volume emerged!

For all of the time you were at the IDS, you had a presence in whatever you did. My strongest memory of you at the IDS was a rare glimpse of you through the glass door of a teaching room with your MPhil students in quiet rapt attention.

Chris, your next journey will be a big one, but memories of you and what you did in your life will always be remembered.

David Evans

Dear Chris,

Over the years, since the early days at IDS (you may remember that I had something to do with bringing you into the place), Pola and I have become increasingly close to you and to Sarah, finding that we shared so much.

The many occasions at your hospitable table, meeting old friends and making new ones, were memorable. You and Sarah have had such an amazing relationship. We hardly ever talked 'shop' – instead, the focus may have been the general state of the world, something happy or unhappy that recently happened, music, the welcome of your home, or the excellence of Sarah's dinner. To be with you has always been such a pleasure, always something to look forward to and to remember afterwards.

We were so pleased to see you at that concert, recently, in Hove, and have been very saddened by the turn for the worse of your health. We are thinking of you a great deal.

And here are a couple of reminders of happy times.

Much love,

Emanuel and Pola



Christopher Colclough

I began working with you when I first came to the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex in the fall of 1989. As a supervisor, you guided me and helped me progress very quickly with my Thesis. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity you gave me to obtain my DPhil in 1992. I can still recall sitting with you after my thesis defence going over my arguments.

I was fortunate to be trusted to work with you on your major UNESCO-sponsored estimation of the costs of achieving primary schooling for all children while still a student at IDS. The publication of your book, *Educating All the Children: Strategies for Primary Schooling in the South*, is a landmark. It set you as the leading voice for education for all, a theme you continue to champion, and a movement that continues to this day.

Years later, I was honored again to be asked by you to collaborate on your Research Consortium on Educational Outcomes and Poverty (RECOUP) project, *The Pattern of Returns to Education and its Implications*, which led to a publication in *Development Policy Review* (with Geeta Kingdon) in 2010.

Chris, you excel as a development economist, education expert, and global advocate for schooling for all children. You are also a great mentor and friend.

Harry Anthony Patrinos  
DPhil Sussex 1992 (IDS)  
Manager, Education  
World Bank  
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Chris, you have long been a civilising presence in my life and my imagination. My most vivid early recollection of you is in a pantomime. You played an ever-so-slightly (and deliciously) sleazy owner of a cheap night club. You used a phoney American accent to introduce a star performer whom you said you had recruited “at great expense”. The performer was Carlos Fortin who stopped the show with a trumpet solo.

But there was plenty of substance in my encounters with you as well. You patiently guided me – as the naïve, non-economist co-editor of the IDS collection *States or Markets* – into the culture of IDS and the mysteries of economics.

It also swiftly became apparent that your work on education was of the first importance. I found, for example, that “Colclough” was a name to conjure with at the Institute of Education in London. But it was only when I got deep into Commonwealth matters in the mid-1990s that I realised that you were held in sky-high esteem beyond academe - in the Commonwealth Secretariat and associated organisations. Your work introduced much needed sophistication – and common sense – into their policy initiatives. And you dealt with them so diplomatically and agreeably – as you had done with me in our co-editing adventure – that famously touchy people in their ranks became eager even for your criticisms of their work.

You were also widely admired for the forbearance that you showed at Cambridge while waiting for legal cases over the old Commonwealth Institute in Kensington to be resolved so that your education programme could be fully funded. I recall Lalage Bown from Scotland empathising vociferously with you (in your absence) at a meeting of Commonwealth worthies. But she and others were mightily impressed by what you managed to achieve at Cambridge despite that.

For years, you and I maintained what Gordon White called a “running gag” about your purchase of furniture in Bangkok during a stay at the ultra-posh Oriental Hotel. Readers other than you would find it a bit tedious, but it ran and ran, and I think we have both grooved on it. Or maybe you have been too polite to tell me that you tired of it.

Not long ago, I stopped by an elegant guest house in Delhi to leave a book for a friend and as I walked away, I heard someone shouting my name. It was you. You had, unerringly, found the best place in town to stay. I told you that you were on the wrong continent. This wasn't Nairobi. But the Indians had also taken an interest in your work. An uproarious dinner ensued, brightening my evening after a long spell of hard scrabble field research.

Jim Manor

Spring 1974, if my memory serves me correctly: the octagonal new wing of IDS had just been opened. I, a Fellow appointed only in the preceding autumn, was moved to my new office no. 148 there and you, Chris, a new Research Officer, just 26 years old and just back from Botswana, were installed next door. From the outset you struck me as understated, solidly grounded and really worth listening to. At the informal seminars on various aspects of socioeconomic development, your interventions were carefully constructed and mildly delivered. You posed very incisive questions that often quite flummoxed the speaker.

Thirteen years later, you took over the IDS Deputy Director's office and we were again next door neighbours, for I had become an adviser to the Director. Again, with your quiet, determined competence and clarity you helped steer the IDS through what seemed the unendingly choppy waters of Mrs - later Lady- Thatcher's reforms, the sometimes fraught negotiations with DFID and the shift to greater and greater self-reliance for financing.

I left IDS in late 1988, before you took off into your real glory days directing the Global Education Monitoring Report and then your professorship at Cambridge. Those glories struck me as totally earned, totally warranted.

Chris, you are forever fixed in my Margaret's mind and heart as one of her rescuers. You may not know that she left school at the age of 14 and, though a superbly competent secretary to ambassadors and their entourages, always felt very insecure in British academic company. On one occasion, when I was away, she arrived at an IDS party, feeling very uncertain of herself and hesitating to move into the crowd. Suddenly, you were beside her, greeted her, put your hand on her shoulder and amiably steered her over to some familiar folk. Margaret was so impressed by and grateful for your empathy and skill that, as I say, you are forever fixed in her heart.

John Oxenham



My dear Chris,

Having just been deeply saddened by Robin Murray's death I was further distressed to hear of your present situation from Raphie. It has been many years since I left IDS but, in retrospect, my fifteen years of fighting the windmills of neoliberal globalization in the company of so many brilliant, caring and engaged colleagues have turned out to be the most rewarding, the most enjoyable and the most collegial years of my career. It was a time of optimism, of commitment and of vigorous debate; a time when the shared teaching in the M.Phil. allowed directors, lecturers and students to deepen their thinking together; and a time when a diverse, international staff managed to build sufficiently strong networks of trust to allow us to deal with the many challenges facing the institution in the Thatcher era with remarkable ease and equanimity. Indeed, to this day I am amazed at the fact that the work points system that we invented at the time could be implemented so effectively - and with so little conflict or rancour.

And when I conjure up these memories, they come alive only through the people with whom I shared my professional life over those many years and, in that context, you are always first remembered as a close, trusted and admired friend of Martin Godfrey's, and second as a congenial, trusted and admired colleague and friend of my own since I soon learned that I could always rely on you to do a great job addressing an MPhil class, a study seminar or a conference. But I will always be especially grateful for your marvellous contribution to the education section of my Fiji project after Dudley's tragic and unexpected death left me to bring that project to an end without his wise counsel.

Chris, my heart goes out to you in this difficult hour. As time passes and as the shadows of my own life lengthen, I am increasingly aware that the final challenge facing each of us is to come to terms with our own mortality, ultimately by accepting that death is also a part of life. And judging by the strength and dignity with which you are apparently dealing with your present illness it seems that you will be an example to me and to others even in this respect.

Our thoughts are with you. Stay strong. Hopefully you will still have time – maybe even a lot of time – when you can enjoy and savour the most beautiful memories of a well lived life. It has been a pleasure – and a privilege – to know you.

Manfred Bienefeld

Astounding! The word that slipped out of my mouth on entering the mansion in Powis Square in Brighton. The Colclough mansion. Rachel and I trod warily up the magnificent staircase to dinner with Sarah and yourself. As a relative newbie to IDS at the time, you appeared to me as a remote, authoritative figure, standing tall in the ranks of venerable senior fellows. And yet a warm reception greeted us at Colclough mansion, the grandeur hiding the approachable and affable man within. We ate magnificently and talked for hours. A delightful evening, a great ice breaker and an abiding memory of our early days together.

Warmest regards,

Mark

## **Christopher Colclough – IDS, and setting the terms of the ‘states and markets’ debate**

Your tenure as a Fellow and Professorial Fellow of IDS from 1975 to 2005, when you moved on to the University of Cambridge, marks you out as one of the Institute’s longest-serving Fellows, and certainly one of its most influential, amongst a highly prestigious crew. You and I overlapped as IDS colleagues for fifteen years, and although we never actually worked together – you were awe-inspiringly senior to me, and our fields of research were different – Education and Development Economics being quite distinct from the Environment, Health and Anthropology that preoccupied me over this period – your intellectual and collegial influence on IDS life was deep and palpable. It was therefore with delight that we were able to welcome you back into an engagement with the Institute as an Emeritus Fellow when we created this role soon after I assumed Directorship in 2014. And it was an even greater privilege and pleasure to have you give one of the opening plenary talks at the IDS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference last year, on ‘States, Markets and Society’, and to reproduce your excellent talk in the special issue of the IDS Bulletin which followed.

For many, your prime intellectual contribution over many decades is as one of the world’s foremost experts on education in developing countries. Your leadership and contribution to international debates and policy in this field is probably unrivalled. But to me, and many others at IDS and beyond whose main field isn’t education, it is your seminal contribution to the ‘states or markets’ debate that stands out even more. In 1991, together with James Manor you edited the book *States or Markets? Neoliberalism and the Development Policy Debate*. Bringing together contributions from many IDS Fellows, this exemplified your intellectual leadership within the Institute while providing a landmark, brave yet rigorous critique of the free market orthodoxy in development at the time. It was largely this book that inspired the theme we chose for *IDS at 50*, twenty five years later – in what feels like a very different global development era in some respects, though not others. Invited to reflect, you were true to form, delivering a short, brilliant, incisive speech that successfully captured the new moment and the flaws of an unreconstructed paradigm. Its conclusion is worth quoting here:

‘..... the macro strategy of neoliberals is: let the market do its work; remove tariffs and let comparative advantage hold sway; trade imbalances should be settled by domestic adjustment rather than by international concessionary finance but where there is reason to provide finance, the private banks will do so.....Meanwhile, inequality has risen enormously over the past two generations. Its consequences are patent everywhere from the ballot boxes of the rich industrialised nations to the migrant boats from Africa and Asia. Its impact is felt in the rise of nationalism in countries of both the South and the North and even, partly, in the growth of terrorism. These matters would, I think, be a closer focus for a new ‘States or Markets’ volume – a continued critique of sectoral strategy, but a new and much sharper focus on the macro consequences of a theory and policy set which assumes that those outside the reach of the market are there mainly because of their own lack of effort, and thus deserve neither rights nor viable opportunities to contribute to it.’

Precisely – and put with your unrivalled brand of precise insight, rigorous understanding, clear sightedness and economy of expression. The audience applauded vigorously, just as I and many others applaud a long and rich career. The world’s predicaments require more with your unique combination of analytical acuity

and humanity. Luckily many of us have had the privilege to learn something from it, and now we all bear the responsibility to continue its legacy.

Thank you Chris.

Melissa Leach

Dear Chris,

It is a while since we all worked together on GAPS – over 20 years... But the memories of our experiences remain with us, and have certainly shaped all of our lives in varied and important ways. Mercy and Samer are now both at the World Bank, Mercy currently Regional Director for the South Caucasus; and Samer a lead author of the upcoming World Development Report on education. Pauline is Professor of International Education at the University of Cambridge, and Tessa a health economist at the University of Sheffield - working on ways of measuring and valuing health and wellbeing.

There is no doubt that we all learnt a tremendous amount from working with you on the project, and from our experience of working together as a team. It is great to know that GAPS has had a lasting effect, with the research still often referred to and continuing to shape debates on gender and education (even if it is unfortunate that those debates still have resonance). And working at IDS holds many fond memories.

While we have all gone different ways and are now living in different parts of the globe, we treasure the opportunity that working together with you gave us.

We want to thank you collectively for all the support and encouragement that you provided us with over the years.

Mercy, Pauline, Samer and Tessa

Chris,

You have an international reputation for your research on education and labour markets, as the founding Director of UNESCO's *Global Monitoring Report on Education for All*, and as principal editor of IDS's flagship response to neo-liberalism – *States or Markets?* I doubt that I can say anything about those more public activities that other colleagues cannot say better. But I have some insight into your quieter contributions, that probably were never very visible to the outside world, to institutions that have been central to my professional life: the Institute of Development Studies and the *Journal of Development Studies*. I cannot remember exactly when and for how long you were Deputy Director of the IDS. And I should probably be a little discreet and not say too much about the problems you dealt with. I know that position was not always easy, and, as Deputy Director, you played a very important role in trying to ensure that some prominent people took their fair share of the burden. The fact that you went about your task very discreetly and the fact that you were very much trusted on all sides no doubt went very much together. I hope your contributions were as appreciated by my colleagues as by me. They are not the kind of things that generally make headlines.

I know that there is a rather smaller group of people around the *Journal of Development Studies* who are very aware of your management and leadership contributions. This goes back to the time when the journal began to expand and to publish much more frequently. What had been a rather small craft operation needed a bit more management and professionalism. As lead Managing Editor, you provided that. Once you ceased to be a Managing Editor, you were by consensus and acclaim nominated every year to chair the meeting of the Editorial Board. In that role, it is only very recently that you quietly dealt with a sensitive problem that is best left unnamed.

I hope you get a great deal of satisfaction from knowing that you have been widely respected and trusted by your colleagues. There are many ways to judge a professional career. Thank you for your contributions to mine – and of course for driving me, Zoe Mars and one or two others to Birling Gap on a dark and cold November night for skinny dipping.

Regards,  
Mick Moore

You has been a good friend and colleague for four decades. Whether on serious matters or in fraught committees, you were invariably the voice of reason and measure. At a time when development studies were being humanised, and economics seemed too often to be moving the opposite way, you fought the good fight, kept your temper and humour, and helped others to keep theirs. And we enjoy the same good music.

Michael Lipton

Comrade, colleague and close-friend Chris,

Like many others I salute your contribution to Development and to our discipline. Like others, I know that you have not just been the global specialist in education, but that you analysed these and related issues in a wider appreciation of the importance of development context and political economy. Like others, I know how much our community has benefitted from your rigorous stewardship of the Journal of Development Studies. Like others, I know that the publications attributed to you capture only a small part of your written output. And, like others, I benefitted directly and indirectly from your support to teaching and your institutional stewardship when you were the Deputy Director.

But you have been much more important in my life than that, and I doubt that you sufficiently realise this. I arrived in the UK as an undereducated, mildly traumatised refugee and one of my first “grown-up” dinners was your marriage party at the Jollys. I vividly remember being overwhelmed by, and then envying, your easiness, charm and quiet self-confidence.

And so I attempted to keep up with and emulate your achievements – you were a Fellow before me, a Professor before me, a respected global scholar, and most of all, at ease with your personal and professional life. I haven't quite got there, but I will keep trying and you will be one of my lodestars.

In the process we have had fun together. Bells for calling the servants (wedding) and for summoning Giles and Mothusi (at 70); meals at your sumptuous house, in pubs and elsewhere; IDS panto's; being forced by you to sit down at a tea-room and relax in the Seychelles when all I could think about was how to make sense of an industrial policy on a small island; times together with Gordon (how we miss him) and others. I loved (but have never quite believed) your story that you could have been a professional pianist rather than a boring economist. But that would have undermined your joy of being at the piano. Then stumbling on you in Lewes post-retirement (together we were trying to make sense of what this meant) after you had just had a cello-lesson. And so very much more.

Cathy and I have been so privileged to have known you and to have been close friends for almost 50 years. We salute your achievements, admire your dignity, appreciate your relationship with Sarah, envy your closeness to Giles and Mothusi and are in awe of your garden.

What does it mean that the only photo of you that Gary could find in the IDS archives is this one?

You are in our hearts. . Thank you and very much love from us both.

Raphie and Cathy





Dear Chris,

I have probably known you longer than anyone else in IDS –indeed from the days when we first met in Cambridge before either of us came to IDS. I remember with pleasure – and dare I admit some pride – supervising you and Udi Gachaga for the Diploma in Development Economics and being impressed with your careful logic and analytic abilities. This led to me (and others) recommending you for a doctorate and later serving informally as a co-supervisor. As it turned out, this laid the basis for our partnership together when we worked, by then with me at IDS, you still in Cambridge, on our survey of Manpower Plans in Africa, a topic of considerable political and educational relevance at the time.

Of course, I now admire even more how your career has developed and has achieved world leadership and impact in many areas of the economics of education. Over five decades, the range and creativity of your contributions have established you as the leading UK economist working on education in developing countries - and arguably the leading one in the world, at least for sustained sanity and sensibility! (We can each think of one or two in the World Bank who may have put in as many years, but without the breadth of expertise let alone your sanity and good judgement!). And while focusing mostly on education you have always set this in wider context, witness the pioneering IDS book you co-edited on *States and Markets* and your elegant overview of economic development for the opening at IDS 50<sup>th</sup>.

You have made these contributions not only from the base at IDS as a Professorial Fellow but then internationally as the founding and first director of the UNESCO Education for all Global Monitoring Report and at Cambridge as the Professor of the Economics of Education and founding Director of the Centre for Commonwealth Education. And over your whole career you have been a consultant on education for many countries, perhaps most notably showing how it was financially possible to achieve education for all and gender equality within the budgets of most countries of the South.

You can and should feel pleased and indeed proud of these enormous achievements - not too held back by your charming modesty. And I hope Sara, Giles, and now Mothusi recognise the full range of these achievements as do those of your colleagues and friends in IDS, especially myself. You have made an impact on the world in such a basic and fundamental component of education and of human development. We all treasure your contributions.

Richard Jolly

Dear Chris,

It has been a long time since we were in touch but I heard the sad news of your illness and wanted to share with you my gratitude for your friendship and support since you first hired me at IDS in 1994. I remember that it was only supposed to be a short term assignment but your passion for education and the research that you had carried out made me want to stay – that three-week job turned into a seven-year collaboration! You not only inspired me to become an education economist but provided the support and advice I needed to get going.

During my time at IDS, we worked on so many projects together and had a lot of fun along the way. I remember laughing with you about your misfortunes when running regressions in the 'old days' where one misplaced card could ruin everything. I also remember playing tennis with you in Bamako and trying to work out whether I should let you win before I realised I had a game on my hands!

I learnt a great deal from you and your work still plays a big role in what I do today. Just two weeks ago, the Education Commission came to the World Bank to discuss their latest SDG costings and traced the history of this approach back to your work with Keith on universal primary education. I have also just come back from Tanzania where the work you directed on gender and education still resonates. You also taught me how to be a good researcher and colleague; how to identify good questions, how to write proposals and how to work with other researchers however difficult they could be!

Distance has meant that we haven't been in touch for a while, which I regret. I would love to talk to you about the work I have been involved in and getting your take on the latest research in education.

Thanks Chris, you have been a great influence in my career and I am so grateful to you for all the time and effort you devoted to supporting me.

Samer Al-Samarrai

My friend and colleague, Chris Colclough

I have known you for a long time, both as a colleague and as a friend. In both, you have always been an absolute delight to interact with.

I got to know you when, together with Jim Manor, you led and co-edited the book *States or Markets?*. This was for IDS, and for me, very important, both intellectually and politically. The exciting seminars, the discussions at the IDS Retreat, the paper writing and the book itself, were really significant. They gave a common theme and framework for much of our research, as we saw commonalities and some differences in our approach to the sectors we studied. It implied a clear, though nuanced, fairly early and important critique of neo-liberal thinking, and its implications for development policy

Many years later, at the IDS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, you were one of the first speakers. So eloquently and with great insight, you revisited some of these same themes in today's world. It was a joy and so illuminating to listen to you.

Though I was not involved in your important work on education, I know you made many valuable contributions to both research and policy-making on education in developing countries, including on women's primary education, in Africa, where you led a major project, whilst at IDS.

You have always been much more than a distinguished and charming colleague. You have also been a kind and warm friend. You often invited Rob and me to the very nice lunch parties you organised together with your lovely wife, Sarah. These parties were always delightful and memorable occasions, where IDS and other friends met, in a lovely atmosphere. You and Sarah were always the perfect hosts.

Stephany Griffiths-Jones

Writing as an ex-administrator, I want to thank you for having being such a wonderful colleague when it came to dealing with the demands that admin can put on academics. You were great at chairing committees, sensible in considering the demands that have to be met when people who have pressing deadlines and somewhat competing demands on time have to work together cooperatively, and, as I remember it, you were very good at seeing people's points of view.

You were also good fun! I particularly remember, during one of those Retreats IDS used to hold at hotels in the relatively remote countryside, some of us decided to go off and bathe in the sea at rather close to midnight. It was you who volunteered to drive us to the coast - and a great plunge into the icy sea was had by that small group of us.

I know that you are also a great musician, Chris, and that you had an impressive professional musical training at the Royal Northern College. I assume at one stage you possibly envisaged becoming a professional player. I don't really know how much you continued to play once you'd decided on an academic career, but I'm sure this skill and sensitivity were somehow a part of your approach to life, and will have continued to be important. I know you've made very many contributions in many areas of life, and affecting the welfare of many, through your work and direct contacts and friendships.

Love

Zoe Mars



