

Reviews

Martin Kaiser/Norbert Wagner, *Entwicklungspolitik. Grundlagen – Probleme – Aufgaben*. Heidelberg/Vienna: Physica-Verlag, 1986. 392 pages, DM 34,80.

Since 1985, after a few years of relative neglect, German Third-World research has returned to the basics of development policy. The work of Kaiser and Wagner, two economists at the Südasiens Institut in Heidelberg, is one of many recent introductions to the subject, and – to come straight to the point – a welcome one.

The study is divided into five sections: I. the problems of developing countries; II. causes of underdevelopment; III. developing countries' own efforts; IV. development aid; and V. international economic relationships. The publication reflects throughout the current state of development studies, treating, besides economic aspects, social and psychological dimensions of development problems. The argumentation is carefully developed in lucid, precise language and generously illustrated. Unfortunately, there is no glossary.

The choice of problems is, of course, subjective. However, I find the almost total absence of theoretical considerations (theories of underdevelopment, strategies of development policy, etc.) a weakness. Certain discussions, e.g. 'market v. planning' can be understood only against the background of the peculiarly German controversy over the merits of various 'ideal' politico-economic systems. The 'debate on development policy' (and in particular the 'development project from A to Z') describes the ideal case; greater reference to problems in practice would have been useful.

However, the above reservations do not greatly detract from the favourable general impression. I recommend it as a text book.

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Harry Falk (ed.), *Hinduismus und Buddhismus*. Festschrift für Ulrich Schneider. Freiburg: Falk, 1987. 411 pages, 9 plates, DM 84,-

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