

Gustav F. Papanek

Gustav F. Papanek is President of the Boston Institute for Developing Economies (BIDE) and Professor of Economics Emeritus at Boston University. In 50 years of work on the economics of development, he has directed 16 major policy advisory and research teams, most on aspects of development strategy and on poverty. He has written or edited 8 books, 50 articles, and 52 other publications.

For the last three decades, he has been considered one of the outstanding development economists, as exemplified by his leadership of the Harvard University Development Advisory Service (then the HIID); the Boston University Economics Department; BIDE; and several AID, World Bank, ADB and Harvard University advisory and research teams. He has been working on development strategy in five southern Asian countries, especially on the transition from a controlled to a market economy, and on the impact of strategy and crises on the poor.

In the last decade he concentrated on methods for tracking short- and medium-term changes in the income of the poor and on designing action programs and policies to improve their situation. He has provided economic advice to prime ministers, presidents, ministers, and senior officials in: Indonesia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Micronesia, Malaysia, Egypt, Korea, Nepal, Iran, Ghana, Greece, Colombia, Liberia, Guinea, Ethiopia, Venezuela, and Argentina.

Education

Ph.D., Economics, Harvard University, 1951

MA, Economics, Harvard University

1949, B.A., Agricultural Economics, Cornell University, 1947

Regional Experience

Asia, [Africa, Latin America]

Languages

English, German: Excellent; French: Good; Indonesian/Malay: Limited

Employment

1987-President, Boston Institute for Developing Economies (BIDE) [average 20 professional employees; budget \$ 2.5-3.5 million]

1992- Professor of Economics, Emeritus, Boston University

1995-00 Director, Policy Advisory Team, Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (for BIDE)

1983-92 Professor of Economics and Director, Center for Asian Development Studies/ Asian Program, Boston University
1987-89 Director, Consultants Team for the Development Studies Project, Indonesian Planning Commission (for BIDE) [10 professional economists]
1974-83 Professor and Chairman, Department of Economics, Boston University [faculty of 40; 200 graduate students]
1977-80 Interim Director, Center for Asian Development Studies, Boston University
1971-73 Director, Harvard Advisory Group to the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance, Government of Indonesia [10-15 economic advisers]
1958-70 Director (1965-66 Acting; 58-65: Deputy), Development Advisory Service and faculty, 1958-70 Department of Economics; Harvard University
1957-58 Project Field Director (Acting), Harvard Advisory Group, to the Planning Commission of Pakistan
1954-57 Economic Adviser, Harvard Advisory Group, to the Planning Commission of Pakistan
1953-54 Consultant, Taxation and Development, Harvard University Law School
1951-53 Deputy Chief, Program Planning for South & Southeast Asia, Technical Cooperation Administration, U.S. Department of State
1951 Agricultural Economist, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture
1949-51 Research Associate and Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics, Harvard University
1944-46 United States Army

Selected Consulting Experience

U.S. Agency for International Development
Coordinating Minister for the Economy, Indonesia
Government of Pakistan
Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Government of the Marshall Islands.
World Bank
Sri Lankan Government
Ford Foundation
BAPPENAS (the Indonesian planning agency)
Urban Foundation (of South Africa)
Ministry of Finance of Malaysia