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INDEPENDENT WOMEN

The story of women's activism in East Timor

By Irena Cristalis and Catherine Scott

This book tells the story of how East Timorese women activists mobilised against a patriarchal society and claimed their right to participate in their new independent and democratic nation.

Drawing on personal research and extensive interviews with women activists in

East Timor, the authors explore the history and contribution of the East Timorese
women's movement during and after the Indonesian occupation. They examine the growing influence of
the women's movement as the country moved into independence, and analyse the key challenges facing
East Timorese women in their ongoing quest for rights and greater political participation.

The book includes comparative chapters by expert guest authors on the lessons to be drawn from women's experiences in Cambodia, Mozambique and Namibia – countries which have also experienced the transition from an extended period of conflict to eventual independence.

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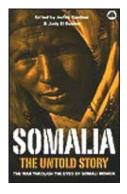
November 2005 ISBN 1 85287 317 5 198 pp 215x135mm

SOMALIA - THE UNTOLD STORY The war through the eyes of Somali women

Edited by Judith Gardner & Judy El Bushra

Somalia came to the world's attention in 1992 when television and newspapers began to report on the terrifyingly violent war and the famine that resulted. Half a million Somalis died that year, and over a million fled the country. Cameras followed US troops as they landed on the beaches at Mogadishu to lead what became an ill-fated UN intervention to end hunger and restore peace.

In this book, women from Somalia write and talk about the war, their experiences and the unacceptable choices they often faced. They explain clearly, in their own words, the changes – and sometimes the opportunities – that war brought, and how they coped with them.



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Key themes include the slaughter and loss of men, who were the prime target for killings; rape and sexual violence as a weapon of war; changing roles in the family; women mobilising for peace; and women and leadership. Carefully selected case studies show that experiences of war have been remarkably similar for different cultural groups in different regions of Somalia.

This book is not only an important record of women's experience of conflict, but also highlights the impact of war on gender relations, and women's growing participation in the political arena.

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Co-published with Pluto Press 2004 ISBN 0 7453 2208 5 257pp 225x135mm

PROPERTY FOR PEOPLE, NOT FOR PROFIT Alternatives to the global tyranny of capital

By Ulrich Duchrow & Franz J Hinkelammert

The global economic system currently being imposed on the world is geared to maximising profit regardless of the human impact. In this powerful and thought-provoking book, the authors – one a theologian and the other an economist – argue that the issue of private property lies at the heart of globalisation and free market economics.

In a wide-ranging and fascinating analysis, Duchrow and Hinkelammert trace the history of private property from its earliest beginnings to its nemesis in neoliberalism and globalisation. Combining a theological, philosophical and political perspective, they argue that the only hope of overcoming the destructiveness of our current way of living is to reshape our notions of private property. They conclude by looking ahead to the potential for social and ecumenical movements to campaign for alternatives. Described by the campaigner and author Susan George as 'penetrating and crucial', this pioneering book promotes a wider vision for globalisation that includes people's real lives and a concern for the common good.

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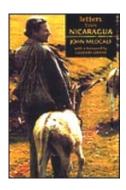
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LETTERS FROM NICARAGUA

By John Medcalf

John Medcalf's letters are a vivid portrait of life in rural Nicaragua during the civil conflict in the 1980s. He conveys to the reader the warmth and generosity of the people and their stoicism in the face of repeated attacks by the 'contras' supported by the US. He also shares with great openness his own response as a priest as he works alongside his parishioners to tend to the wounded after a raid, bury the dead and comfort the bereaved. He also celebrates Christmas, starts a library in the parish and encourages music-playing during Mass.

This new edition includes the original foreword by Graham Greene, as well as an additional introduction by Tim McConville, a long-time friend of the writer, an outline of events in Nicaragua and a short biography of Father Medcalf.



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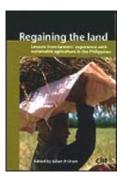
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REGAINING THE LAND

Lessons from farmers' experience with sustainable agriculture in the Philippines

Edited by Julian Oram

Rice cultivation in Asia has become increasingly dependent on a narrow range of hybrid seeds, to which farmers must apply ever greater quantities of chemical fertilisers and pesticides. As a result there is severe land degradation and many small farmers are alienated from the land. This book documents the efforts of resource-poor farmers in the Philippines to regain control over the land by converting to organic agriculture.



Julian Oram examines case study evidence from Negros and Mindanao, where rice farmers have sought to break from the treadmill of chemical dependency by adopting the MASIPAG programme of organic rice farming. It offers vital clues as to the factors that can help or hinder small farmers seeking to implement sustainable agriculture.

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THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN Development challenges in the 21st century

By Marta Colburn

In the 20th century Yemen was the first Arab state to gain its independence. It has the only permanent elected parliament in the Arab world. Its press is among the freest in the region. Yemeni women were the first women in the Arabian Peninsula to have the right to vote.

This political progress is in stark contrast to the marginal existence still facing millions of Yemenis. Isolated by the international community for refusing to oppose Iraq during the Gulf War, Yemen continues to suffer the impact of this decision. Today more than 70 per cent of Yemenis are still without adequate health services and fewer than half of rural households have access to potable drinking water. This

book traces Yemen's development from ancient times to the present and analyses the social, economic and environmental challenges facing the country.



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WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By Marigold Best and Pamela Hussey

This book offers good news, for a change, about what is happening in society. It celebrates the achievements of women who are working to overcome poverty, to achieve dignity and a feeling of self-worth, to fulfil their potential and become empowered to help change the lives of those around them.

'This is an inspiring book to read: how could it not be? Marigold and Pamela have found women...who are making a difference at every level of our national life...The book is not all earnest endeavour. There is elegance, if not exactly fragrance, there is fashion and there is humour.' From the foreword by Rowena Loverance.

women making a difference

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EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE

Environment and sustainable development in Peru

Edited by Lucien O Chauvin

Available in Spanish and English

Peru faces grave environmental challenges as a result of rapid urbanisation, poor waste management and over-exploitation of resources. In 1997 CIIR began supporting a major project in Peru which, in keeping with the principles of Local Agenda 21, aimed to strengthen the role of communities in managing and protecting their own environment.

The project involved support for five local non-governmental organisations with initiatives ranging from a weekly publication to the development of a 'green' curriculum for teachers, and an integrated waste-disposal system for a community on Lima's principal water source, the Rimac River. These case studies offer valuable lessons on the role that communities everywhere can play in improving the quality of life for future generations.



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WE WILL NOT DANCE ON OUR GRANDPARENTS' TOMBS Indigenous uprising in Ecuador

By Kintto Lucas Translated by Dinah Livingstone

In January 2000 Ecuador's indigenous people walked into the capital Quito where they demanded – and got – the resignation of the discredited president Jamil Mahuad. This was the latest in a history of levantamientos indígenas (Indigenous uprisings) going back to the early 1990s when resistance to celebrations of the 500th anniversary of Columbus' 'discovery' of the Americas had found voice in the slogan 'We will not dance on our grandparents' tombs'.

This book brings together news articles covering the levantamientos in 1999 and 2000 with background information and interviews with indigenous leaders to provide a unique insight into one the most dynamic and influential civil movements in Latin America.



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IT ALL ADDS UP

Experiences in project fundraising in Central America

By Clare Creo, Sarah Smith Pearse and Judith Turbyne

Grassroots organisations in Central America have developed many creative ways of raising funds locally. These case studies from El Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras will be of interest to any small organisations seeking to increase their financial independence.



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THE LABOUR TRADE

Filipino migrant workers around the world

The Philippines today is a leading Asian exporter of nurses, seamen and doctors, and its economy depends on the foreign exchange earnings they send home.

This book explains how Filipinos become migrant workers and reveals the exploitation to which they are exposed. It surveys the situation of Filipino migrants in the Middle East, Europe, North America and the Asia-Pacific region, and assesses the economic effects of the migrant labour system. It also tells of the hardships migrants face and the effects on the families they leave behind.

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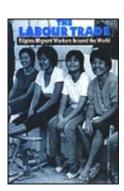
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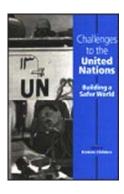
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A provocative study of the United Nations, which identifies the underlying causes of the global problems of the 1990s. International contributors, including Nassau Adams, Amir Jamal, Angela Penrose and Katrina Tomasevski, make innovative proposals for UN reform.



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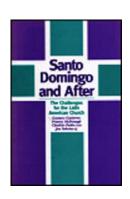
SANTO DOMINGO AND AFTER

The challenges for the Latin American Church

By Gustavo Gutierrez, Francis McDonagh, Candido Padin OSB and Jon Sobrino SJ

The fourth General Conference of Latin American Bishops was a moment of self-definition for the Latin American Church.

Coinciding with the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in the Americas, the conference attempted to evaluate the Church's past and map a strategy for the future. Despite a fierce challenge from a conservative minority supported by the Vatican, the bishops reaffirmed the 'preferential option for the poor' and pledged the Church to work for the promotion of women and develop a new relationship with indigenous and African-American culture.



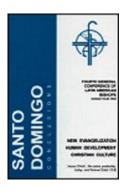
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SANTO DOMINGO CONCLUSIONS

Fourth General Conference of Latin American Bishops, October 12-28, 1992 New evangelisation, human development, Christian culture.

Santo Domingo Conclusions contain the conclusions of the conference and other key documents, including messages from Pope John Paul II to the indigenous people and to African-Americans. The tension and manipulation surrounding the conference are described in Santo Domingo and After by an eyewitness, two leading Latin American theologians and a bishop excluded from the conference by the Vatican.



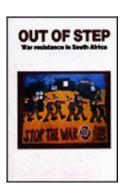
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OUT OF STEP War resistance in South Africa

This book is based on material researched, written and collected by many former End Conscription Campaign activists.

From the age of 18, every white South African male is called up for military service: the penalty for refusing is six years in jail. OUT OF STEP tells the story of the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) and the young men who, in growing numbers, are refusing to be conscripted. As South African military power and aggression grew in the 1970s, some young soldiers began to realise they were defending apartheid injustice. When resistance erupted in South Africa's black townships in 1984, conscripts found themselves face to face with fellow South Africans. Now it was civil war. The ECC and its young supporters brought a special brand of creative campaigning to the broad anti-apartheid struggle while walking a legal tightrope. The ranks of conscientious objectors swelled: so did popular support for the ECC.



The ECC was banned in 1988; by then, war resistance had come to stay.

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SOCIAL CONCERN

A simplified version of the encyclical Sollicitudo Rei Socialis of Pope John Paul II

By Mildred Nevile and John Harriott

What is genuine development for the world and individuals? This question is at the heart of Social Concern, written by John Paul II to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Paul VI's encyclical On the Development of Peoples.

The Pope's reflection faces the failure of earlier hopes for world development. The rich nations have grown richer and the poor poorer. Debt, homelessness and unemployment keep most of the world's people in sub-human conditions. At the same time the abundance enjoyed by a minority also prevents them from being truly human. The Pope reflects on the arms race, the environment, 'structures of sin' and the nature of

human. The Pope reflects on the arms race, the environment, 'structures of sin' and the nature of liberation, and calls for a response of human solidarity and a preferential love for the poor.

Pope John Paul's appeal comes across strongly in this simplified version by Mildred Nevile and John Harriott.

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CRIES OF FREEDOM Women in detention in South Africa

South African women have been a vital force in the mass struggle against apartheid, bringing renewed vigour to the tradition of resistance which flourished in the 1950s and has survived decades of repression.

This book looks at women's struggle, resistance and fight against apartheid. It is a slightly edited and updated version of the book which first appeared under the title A woman's place is in the struggle, not behind bars. It was produced in South Africa by the human rights groups DPSC and Descom (Detainees' Parents Support Committee and the Detainee Support Committee) in February 1988.



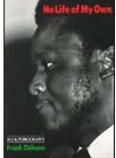
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NO LIFE OF MY OWN An autobiography

By Frank Chikane

This book gives a unique inside view of the struggle against apartheid in South Africa from the point of view of a key community leader. It takes the story from the most basic level, when the young Chikane is beaten for not calling young white policemen 'baas', to his trial for treason. It also combines personal and political – Frank's letters from prison and Kagiso Chikane's account of the cost to the family of their shared commitment stand alongside eloquent presentations of the antiapartheid case.

No Life of My Own also traces the struggle of black Christians to resist racism in the churches and produce a spirituality and theology to support the liberation struggle, a process reflected in Frank Chikane's rise to the leadership of the South African Council of Churches.





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TOUCHING GROUND, TAKING ROOT Theological and political reflections on the Philippine struggle By Ed de la Torre

'How should Christians live in a situation of injustice and oppression?'

Touching Ground, Taking Root is Ed de la Torre's attempt to answer that question. It traces his growing conviction, born out of his work as a priest in the Philippines in the last years of the Marcos dictatorship, that Christians can and should be fully involved in the popular movements pressing for fundamental economic and political change.



The strength of this book is that it does justice to the richness both of Christianity and of the revolutionary ideologies which influence the radical movement in the Philippines. Ed de la Torre's combination of both these strands in his own life enables him to give a unique insight into the relationship of church and society in the post-Marcos Philippines.

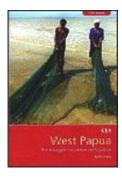
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WEST PAPUA The struggle for peace with justice By Neles Tebay

Since Indonesia assumed control of the territory of West Papua in 1963, indigenous Papuans have been denied a genuine opportunity for self-determination and have suffered the ongoing neglect of their socio-economic, cultural and human rights.

In this Comment, Neles Tebay, a Papuan priest and journalist, argues that Papuans and now facing a real threat to their survival. He outlines the past and present injustices suffered by indigenous Papuans, and describes the peace-building work that offers the only real hope for the Papuan people that they will not forever have to live as outsiders in their own land.



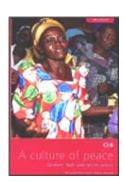
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A CULTURE OF PEACE Women, faith and reconciliation By Marigold Best and Pamela Hussey

Building a culture of peace is perhaps the biggest, the most complicated and the most important issue in the world today.

In this Comment, Marigold Best and Pamela Hussey put forward the voices and perspectives of women from around the world who are making powerful and innovative contributions to peace building. Together they provide compelling evidence that the full participation of women, enjoying equal rights with men, offers a real possibility of peace, reconciliation, and development.



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PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT ON THE EDGE

Environmental vulnerability in Latin America and the Caribbean

By J Timmons Roberts and Bradley C Parks

Five hundred years of exploitation have severely damaged the environment in Latin America and the Caribbean. Today, it is poor people who continue to suffer most from the consequences of this environmental damage and degradation.

In this Comment, J Timmons Roberts and Bradley C Parks examine the causes and consequences of such problems as deforestation, water contamination, and soil erosion. They argue that neoliberal structures of aid, trade, debt and investment are the underlying root causes of the region's 'environmental vulnerability' – whereby poor people are most vulnerable to the adverse consequences of the stresses that the modern world is placing on the environment.



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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE POST-APARTHEID MOMENT? Past hopes and possible futures for southern Africa By Peter Vale

When apartheid ended in the early 1990s, a wave of optimism swept over southern Africa. A decade on, Peter Vale, Nelson Mandela professor of politics at Rhodes University in South Africa, examines the dynamics that continue to shape the region – and looks ahead to where southern Africa might go from here. In doing so, he presents a challenge for the region and for those who care for its people – 'to claim a new future by looking beyond what is currently thought possible'.



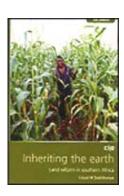


INHERITING THE EARTH Land reform in southern Africa

By Lloyd M Sachikonye

Land reform in southern Africa has so far failed to address the deeply rooted social, economic and political inequalities that persist over the ownership of and access to the land. As demands for the land continue to grow, the need to resolve the 'land question' is becoming ever more urgent.

In this Comment, Lloyd Sachikonye, a specialist in agrarian and labour studies from Zimbabwe, examines post-independence approaches to land reform and their impact on the people of southern Africa. He argues that the capacity of the land to give life to the people of the region can best be harnessed by incorporating land reform within national development strategies that strive for poverty reduction and social justice.



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TAMAR'S CRY

Re-reading an ancient text in the midst of an HIV/AIDS pandemic By Denise Ackermann

With about 70 per cent of all the people who are infected with HIV currently living in sub-Saharan Africa, it is vital to listen to the voices of those in the region. Denise Ackermann is one of those voices: she has written a powerful and thought-provoking paper focusing on the Christian response to the pandemic in which she argues that HIV/AIDS is a gendered pandemic exacerbated by poverty that requires a theological response.

After a brief comment on the HIV/AIDS pandemic in South Africa, Ackermann focuses on the biblical story of Tamar's rape in Samuel, using an approach that is meditative, literary and canonical with comments on the gendered nature of the pandemic. The remainder of her paper is devoted to theological reflections in the search for 'clues of resistance and hope'. Her original audience was South African, but her words are of relevance to us all.

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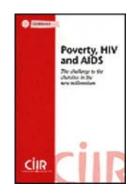
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POVERTY, HIV AND AIDS

The challenge to the churches in the new millennium By Christo Greyling

South Africa holds the largest number of people currently living with HIV and AIDS, with an estimated five million people infected, or nearly 20.1 per cent of the population. Greyling confronts the reader with the reality of HIV and AIDS in the South African context and explores the vicious relationship between poverty and HIV and AIDS.

He focuses on the challenge that HIV and AIDS poses to the churches – a challenge to change perceptions that may be judgemental of people infected and affected, but also an opportunity for the churches to play a role. He concludes by describing practical actions that can be taken. His original audience was South African, but his words are of relevance to us all.



Tamar's Cry

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A CULTURE OF LIFE

Women's theology and social liberations

By Tina Beattie

Feminist theology emerged in the 1960s and 1970s inspired by the women's movement and by the new spirit of openness in the Catholic church after the Second Vatican Council.

This Comment examines the development of feminist theology, looking both at universal arguments on the social status and role of women, and at perspectives arising from specific cultural, religious, economic and racial contexts. It presents the debates among opponents of feminism and within feminist theology, and identifies the challenges to feminist theology at the beginning of the new century.



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HIV/AIDS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

The threat to development

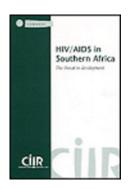
By Helen Jackson, Russell Kerkhoven, Diane Lindsey, Gladys Mutangadura, Fungayi Nhara

Southern Africa is thought to have two-thirds of the world's 30.6 million people living with HIV. More than seven per cent of people aged 15-49 in the region are HIV positive, and 7.8 million children under the age of 15 in sub-Saharan Africa have been orphaned as a result of AIDS. The authors argue that HIV/AIDS needs to be tackled as a development issue, not just as a health concern.

This Comment explores the scale of the epidemic, factors promoting it and the impact on development in the region. Includes an annotated bibliography.



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CONTAGION AND CURE

Tackling the crisis in global finance

By David Woodward

The financial crises of the late 1990s exposed deep flaws in the global financial system and in developed countries' policies towards international finance and development.

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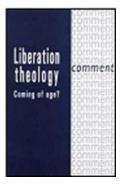


LIBERATION THEOLOGY Coming of age?

By Ian Linden

When liberation theology emerged in the turbulent 1960s it quickly established a radical concept of development, insisting on the need to change an unjust world. It mobilised countless thousands of poor people, re-shaping their social, moral and political awareness.

But liberation theology, associated with Marxism, also gathered enemies in the Vatican and national governments. Its practitioners were repressed – some met with violent death. Its enemies hoped that the 1989 ending of the Cold War would sound the death-knell for liberation theology.



This Comment examines the evolution of liberation theology and its role today. What value, if any, does it still possess? And what function does it have in work for justice and development?

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By Angie Knox

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Holding out the possibility of peace and democracy in El Salvador after 12 years of repression and civil war, the signing of United Nations-sponsored peace accords in January 1992 was greeted with widespread joy, hope and expectation.

Tracing the socioeconomic roots of the conflict, this Comment looks at the emergence of pressures for peace in the late 1980s and examines the nature and implementation of the peace accords. With sections on the Church, the popular movement, the economy and international relations, it provides a sharp analysis of the challenges of reconciliation and reconstruction.



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THE PHILIPPINES Politics and military power

In 1986 a military plot turned into a popular uprising against US-backed dictator Ferdinand Marcos. Many Filipinos hoped that the 'people-power' revolution would lead to radical change.

This Comment assesses the powerful role of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). It examines the influence of the United States on the AFP's development, traces the vast expansion of their size and power under Marcos, and considers the likely impact of the removal of US bases.

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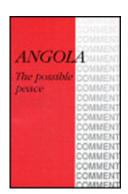
The possible peace

The Estoril Accord of May 1991 between the Angolan government and UNITA signalled the onset of peace in Angola, a country torn by war for almost 30 years. What kind of future does Angola now face? Can economic, social and political reconstruction be achieved after a long, devastating war?

This Comment addresses these questions. It examines the internal causes of the conflict and outside intervention, outlining the troubled path of negotiations. Finally, it assesses the prospects for a lasting peace with justice.

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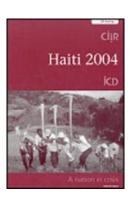
CIIR briefings and reports

HAITI 2004 A nation in crisisBy Annie Street

CIIR Briefing

The year 2004 – the 200th anniversary of the founding of independent Haiti – should have been a year of celebration for this troubled nation. Instead, unable to break free from the legacy of its difficult and violent past, Haiti is once again in the grip of a deep political, economic and social crisis.

In the face of widespread poverty, failed government and an under-performing economy, CIIR is concerned about the ability of the vast mass of Haitian people to simply survive in the country today. This CIIR briefing examines the background to that situation, outlines the grave humanitarian crisis facing the Haitian population, and makes recommendations for international action to assist Haiti to build a better future for its people.



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NEEDED BUT UNWANTED

Haitian immigrants and their descendants in the Dominican Republic By Bridget Wooding and Richard Moseley-Williams CIIR Briefing

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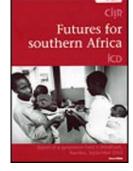
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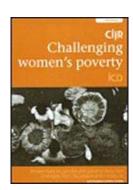
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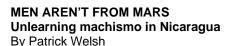
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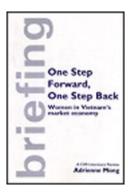
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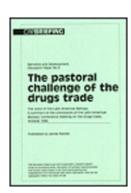
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