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The Lewis Model After 50 Years:
Assessing Sir Arthur Lewis’ Contribution to
Development Economics and Policy

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Sir Arthur Lewis was Stanley Jevons Professor of Political Economy at the University of Manchester from 1948 to 1958. In 1979 he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics for “pioneering research in economic development... with particular reference to the problems of developing countries”.

Lewis is widely acknowledged to be one of the founding fathers of development economics as an academic discipline and his writings established many of the fundamental principles of contemporary economic development analysis. His most influential contribution was the ‘Lewis Model’ which was published in the Manchester School, May 1954. In this seminal paper, Lewis discussed his concept of the ‘dual economy’ which he used to explain the pattern of growth in underdeveloped economies. In the same article, Lewis also developed a model for analysing the engagement of poor countries in the global trading economy.

The objective of this conference is to assess the contribution of Lewis’s work to development economics, and to consider its relevance to contemporary development policy issues.

Papers are invited on Lewis’s contribution to the theory of economic development in general, or to specific aspects of the development process, including, economic growth, inter-sectoral analyses, resource mobilisation, labour migration, trade patterns and international trade issues.

The Manchester School will publish a Special Issue in December 2004 to include papers presented at the conference.

Abstracts of papers should be submitted by 28th February 2004 to:

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