Max Millikan and Walt W. Rostow

CIS founding director Max Millikan, an economist who focused on the economic basis for development in emerging nations, was instrumental in establishing ties between early CIS researchers in development and U.S. policymakers. Professor Walt Rostow’s theory of the stages of economic growth in developing nations provided the fundamental basis for U.S. academic and policy discourse in the 1950s and 1960s. In 1964, after leaving CIS for Washington, he was appointed by President Johnson as the U.S. member of the Inter-American Committee on the Alliance for Progress.

Myron Weiner

A professor at MIT from 1961 until his death in 1999, Myron Weiner was CIS Director from 1987 to 1992. He was an internationally known authority on refugees and political change in developing countries, especially India. Professor Weiner authored or edited 32 books, including The Global Migration Crisis: Challenge to States and to Human Rights and The Child and the State in India: Child Labor and Education Policy in Comparative Perspective—a study that forced a change in Indian education policy and improved the lives of many Indian children.

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