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This special report was compiled by the Centre for Socio-Economic Development (CSEND) from the Eighth Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), held in July, 1996, in Geneva. With the theme «Socio-Economic Foundations of a Just Society», the conference drew nearly 700 participants from throughout the world. Speakers and panelists, representing disciplines as diverse as sociology, economics, psychology, political science and anthropology, presented papers and stimulated discussions of conference issues.

Colleagues from around the world responded positively to our invitation and participated in the panels that CSEND initiated within the framework of the annual conference of SASE. We are thankful for their generous contribution.

More than 40 abstracts and papers from these panels are reprinted in this volume. The authors explored alternative ways of managing government in an age of social and economic pressure and limited resources. They examined issues regarding human rights, reported ways to bridge frontiers, and explored other topics relating to the theme of a «Just Society».

The diverse views and opinions presented here are the views of the authors, and not necessarily of CSEND. This volume is intended as an additional step towards our common effort in building just societies and bridging cultural boundaries.

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