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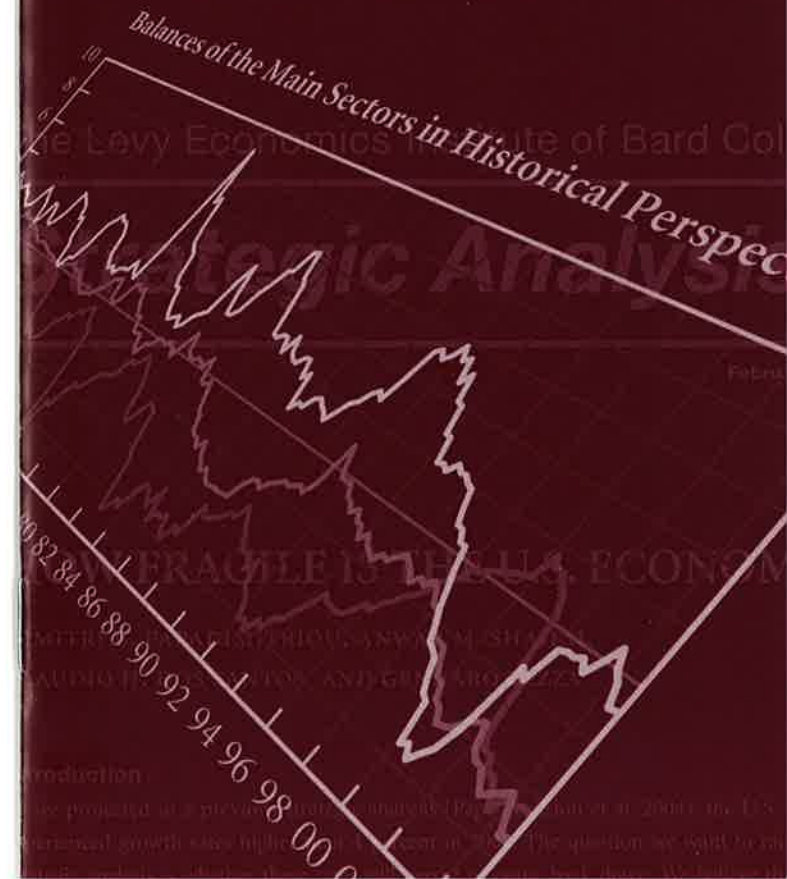
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- paths of the government deficit
- the private sector balance
- the current account balance

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Institute researchers in the

LIMEW project address two areas:

- the conceptual, methodological, and data problems involved in measuring economic well-being
- specific aspects of the level and distribution of well-being

The ultimate goal of this project is to provide LIMEW estimates for the United States and several other countries at regular intervals, and to relate the LIMEW's components to the changing economic and policy environment.

Future Research

Gender Equality and the Economy

Believing that policymaking must be informed by an understanding of the role of gender in the economy, the Institute will provide leadership in this field. Diane Elson, who holds positions at the University of Essex and the United Nations Development Fund for Women, directs the Program on Gender Equality and the Economy. The Institute has initiated a series of working papers and policy-oriented publications addressing the four areas of its gender research programs: public finance and gender equality; time use, unpaid work, and gender equality; gender dimensions of macroeconomic policy; and international trade and gender equality.



DIANE ELSON

Expansion of the Levy Institute Measure of Economic Well-Being

Aspects of well-being to be studied in the LIMEW include:

- racial disparities
- disparities among family types
- aging and well-being
- the role of housework in sustaining well-being

These research objectives are consistent with the primary goal of this project: to provide an alternative and more comprehensive view of economic well-being and deprivation than that based on official measures.

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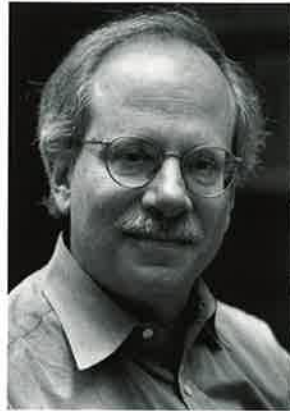
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Fundamental New Academic Research

In order to participate in important policy debates, the Institute must broaden its contribution to academic discourse. This requires funding for new research that will set the terms of the policy controversies of tomorrow.

Gender Equality and the Economy

Women now make up more than 40 percent of the paid workforce. Further research must be done to provide the business and government sectors with the data they need to analyze, prepare, and predict future trends regarding this important development.

Expansion of Current Programs

In order to better understand the global economy, the Institute's LIMEW reports must be extended beyond the U.S. economic system, and the LIMEW's focus on the strategic analysis of the macroeconomy must be expanded.

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- policymakers with balanced, in-depth analyses and opportunities for constructive debate
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