

Report of the XV International Colloquium in Paris

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The choice of a desirable theme for an international conference involving interdisciplinary dialogues with people with diverse intellectual framework is never a simple matter. I appreciate the need for an open and critical programme. The "XV International Colloquium" which took place at "Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Paris Nord", in May 2018 dealt with "The Role of International Institutions and their Impact on Economic Theory and Policy". It was an opportunity to exchange views on financial instability, economic growth, poverty, income distribution, structural change, institutional and socioeconomic dynamics, environment and the search for a fair society. These issues are hard to deal with in the best of times, and enormous challenges in today's circumstances. The world nowadays have become truly global and many issues are unresolved or poorly resolved. What are the roots of turmoil, injustice and unhappiness? How do they spread? What should be done? We need suitable answers and proposals with great transparency, responsible personal and institutional role to play in search for better solutions to suffering. This requires the need to redesign national and international institutions.

I felt the Colloquium was very useful trying to provide some answers in the process of collective thinking on troubling phenomena, though at times there was a need for a more focused discussion in specific issues of common interest. I welcome and congratulate all efforts and believe that the participants in the event, independently of their political and ideological leanings are proud and captivated to carry on the thought and action towards an overall better world.