Rockefeller fellows as Heralds of globalization: the circulation of elites, knowledge and practices of modernization (1920s-1970s)

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Plan

THE PROJECT

THE DATABASE

OUR QUESTIONS
Fig. 86.—Fellowships for twenty-three countries. Through its fellowship plan the Foundation provides for both men and women an opportunity for study in the United States and other countries to fit them for leadership and technical efficiency. These fellowships promise to be one of the most important means of promoting international co-operation in preventive medicine and medical education.
A way to study the history of globalization

• Longue durée
• Globalization through individuals
• Not only about ideologies, but also about the practices of globalization
• Not only about networks, but also about disconnections
Some Facts about the Project

• Swiss National Science Foundation Project
  • 1.4 M CHF
  • 2018-2022
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• Team members:
  • 3 Phds
  • 1 postdoctoral researcher
  • 1 database specialist
  • 5 associate members
Rockefeller Fellows as Heralds of Globalization
1920s-1970s

The project 'Rockefeller fellows as Heralds of Globalization' critically explores processes of globalization (or the lack thereof), using the Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship Program (1917-1975) as a point of entry. The program awarded over 10,000 fellowship (scientists and practitioners) from over 88 countries and a variety of disciplinary fields including natural and social sciences, medicine and humanities. They were trained with the intention to contribute to modernization processes in the respective home countries. The aim of this program was to build stable national government, a peaceful international system and to create open markets and prosperity for humanity.
II. La base de données
NAME: BIRAUD, Dr. Yves Marie (M.D., A.B., S.M., C.P.H.)

UNIVERSITÉ PARIS 1923

PRESENT POSITION: Pasteur Institute (Fellow)

PROSPECTIVE " Institute of Hygiene, Paris Faculty of Med.
also Special Investigator, Health Sec. of League
of Nations, Geneva. See card #2

STUDIES: p.h. adm. and vital statistics (working for CPH) in U.S.

1923 - 1924 Hop. Sch. Hyg. October 1923 to May 31, 1924

1st TRIMESTER
san. eng. - GOOD
statis. 1 - GOOD
statis. J. A - FAIR
p.h. adm. - EXCELLENT
afternoon lectures

2nd TRIMESTER
epidem. 1 - EXCELLENT
epidem. 2 - EXCELLENT
p.h. adm. - EXCELLENT

TB, special work - EXCELLENT
afternoon lectures

Source: cartes
The Rockefeller Foundation directory of fellowships and scholarships, 1917-1970

9'083 fellows

Fellowship recorder cards
13'641 fellows

Social Science Fellowship Database
934 fellows

RAC materials
20 new fellows found in the archives

Rockefeller Fellows and Fellowships Database
Total: 13'668 fellows
La structure de la base de données

Biographical info.
- Names (s)
- Birthdates
- Deceased dates
- Gender

Basic Fellowship Info.
- Grant type
- Granting division
- Grant’s special mention
- Rescinded, canceled/ lapsed
- Reasons for rescission, etc.

Career
- Position (s)
- Institution (section, subsection)
- Institution location, country
- Activity field
- Installation year
- Chronological order regarding the fellowship
- Sources

Education
- Degree (s)
- University/Institution(s)
- Dates
- Temporal order regarding the fellowship
- Sources

Fellowship Steps
- Beneficiary country
- Approval, beginning, and termination dates
- Renewal
- Number of visited countries
- Studies
- Affiliation at departure
  - Institution
  - Location
  - country
- Main host institution
  - Institution
  - Location
  - country

La structure de la base de données
Exemple : Yves-Marie Biraud
So.. The next steps..

• Quantitative analysis
• Missing values: nurses, fellows who changed their jobs.
• Other online sources
Merci de votre attention!
ANNEXE
Beneficiary countries of the fellowships

basemap from Natural Earth (CC0) - Rockefeller Fellows and Fellowships Database
Host Countries hosted more than 30 fellows

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